

POSITION PROFILE

1. Identification	
Position Title:	Technical Advisor Nutrition- BRIGHT Project, Global Technical Services - Maternity Leave replacement, up to 12 months
Reports to/Position Title:	Practice Area Director – Maternal and Neonatal Health and Nutrition, Program Services
Location:	Preferred based Tanzania (Tabora or Dar es Salaam), Canada based will also be considered
Date Prepared:	26 April 2022
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2. Introduction:
<p>The Building Rights for Improved Girls' Health in Tanzania (BRIGHT) Project targets all 8 councils of Tabora region and is implemented by Nutrition International (NI) in partnership with the Government of Tanzania as well as Engender Health (EH), and Young and Alive Initiative (YAI) The BRIGHT project is an innovative collaboration with the aim of improving the health and well-being and advancing the rights of adolescent girls in Tanzania. The BRIGHT project is being implemented over a seven-year period and is mid-way through the project. It is funded by the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada (GAC).</p> <p>Using youth-centered, feminist and rights-based approaches, the BRIGHT project is integrating adolescent sexual and reproductive health (SHR) and nutrition care practices and interventions. It is designed to provide adolescent girls and pregnant adolescents an integrated and youth responsive package of SHR and nutrition services, including family planning/contraception; gender-based violence (SGBV) prevention and protective services; antenatal, postnatal and post abortion care; nutrition support and counselling and the promotion of life skills.</p>
3. Overall, Purpose/Broad Function:
<p>The Technical Advisor (Nutrition) provides technical leadership, guidance and support to the project staff and implementing partners to support the effective integration of nutrition and sexual reproductive health services for adolescents. The position provides guidance on the planning, implementation and monitoring of gender and youth responsive nutrition interventions and services. The Project Director reports directly to the Country Director, Tanzania and will also work closely with the Global Portfolio Director for Complex Nutrition Projects, who provides a high-level oversight of the project.</p> <p>Under the supervision of Practice Area Director, Maternal and Neonatal Health and Nutrition (MNHN) based in Canada, the BRIGHT Technical Advisor (Nutrition) is responsible for coordinating the access to Nutrition International expertise and external experts for priority activities. This position helps assure that NI-led and supported activities and reporting under the BRIGHT Project are technically sound and strategic. The Technical Advisor (Nutrition) will be the nutrition technical focal point for the BRIGHT Project.</p> <p>The Technical Advisor (Nutrition) is expected to work closely with NI's BRIGHT Project Director, all relevant Senior Technical Advisors, NI's Regional Advisor-Adolescent and Women's Health and Nutrition, NI's Regional and Head Office Gender and Equality Advisors, as well as the Tanzania based</p>

BRIGHT Project Nutrition and MEAL Officers, and Country Director to support the quality implementation of NI-led and supported activities

4. Key Duties and responsibilities:

Project Implementation, Management and Monitoring

- Provide gender sensitive nutrition technical assistance to strengthen the NI-led work as guided by senior technical advisors.
- Coordinate and monitor provision of technical advice by NI or other external experts to project staff in support of the implementation of NI-led work as per BRIGHT annual work plans and budget.
- Assess and monitor the project team's nutrition technical capacity and resource needs, and foster development opportunities through technical updates, trainings, information sharing and coaching.
- Provide technical assistance in program monitoring and implementation of adolescent, maternal health, and nutrition services.
- Provide support to the BRIGHT Project team for the subcontracting and management of local and international consultants, by supporting the Project team to identify and select consultants, define scope of work, develop Terms of Reference, and verify and review consultant reports and deliverables.
- Support BRIGHT's Project Director and team in the systematic collection, analysis and synthesis of information to inform program improvements
- Work closely with BRIGHT's Project Director and project team to analyze maternal nutrition activities, findings, results and lessons, and help synthesize and review donor reports and other key project documents.
- For nutrition technical issues, troubleshoot and recommend corrective action drawing on internal NI expertise from senior technical staff in HQ, and Regional Offices, as necessary.

Technical support to research planning and management

- Establish and support BRIGHT-specific research and/or technical coordination team consisting of relevant senior technical staff in HQ and NI's Africa Regional Office, and relevant partners to support the planning, design, and implementation of identified gender and youth responsive nutrition and sexual reproductive health research, as well as health economic studies under BRIGHT.
- Develop, maintain, and implement a plan/s developed by the BRIGHT research/technical coordination team, organize regular meetings and document decisions to inform the Research and Project workplans
- Support the design, implementation, knowledge translation and dissemination of results from the research studies under BRIGHT in conjunction with the relevant members of the research coordination team.

Knowledge Translation

- Contribute, as delegated, to knowledge translation documents such as policy briefs, summary briefs, blogs, and case studies on topics that include, but are not limited to, formative research, behavior change intervention strategies, supply chain management, health management information systems, nutrition policies, gender equality and gender equity issues related to health in nutrition.

- Contribute, as delegated, to peer-reviewed publications and/or other documentation to disseminate lessons learned and key findings arising from BRIGHT including all research activities.
- Together with the BRIGHT Project team, identify lessons learned, good practices and other programming experiences that can be documented to provide guidance for integration of gender and youth responsive nutrition and sexual reproductive health services and successful implementation.
- Coordinate the quality assurance/technical review of all knowledge products produced by the BRIGHT Project among relevant members of NI technical staff. . equity issues related to health in nutrition.
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- Coordinate the quality assurance/technical review of all knowledge products produced by the BRIGHT Project among relevant members of NI technical staff.

External Profile: as delegated, and in close coordination with other units, disseminate NI's work in this project, this may include (a) representation at external meetings; (b) publications and presentations; (c) policy advocacy.

The preferred location for this position is Tanzania (Tabora or Dar es Salaam), Consideration may be given to Canada base but as this position will be working closely with NI staff and partners based in Tanzania there is a requirement to be available for meetings and direct communication for a minimum of 3 hours

6. Education/Professional Designations/Experience:

Education

- Postgraduate level degree, masters/doctorate, from a recognized university in nutrition or public health (with emphasis on nutrition). Other relevant discipline will be considered with significant relevant experience.

Experience

- At least 5 years of experience in programs relating to adolescent health and nutrition, and/or maternal health and nutrition, and/or SRH and nutrition in low- and middle- income countries or low resource settings, including at least 2 years of field experience.
- Experience and sound understanding of health systems.
- Experience and sound understanding of girls' and women's health and equity issues
- Successful completion of work assignments in at least one developing country or resource setting.
- Work experience in Africa is essential.
- Experience with managing or conducting research is an asset.
- Experience with gender responsive (nutrition or public health) program design and implementation is an asset.

7. Language Skills:

- Superior communications skills (verbal and written). Fluent written and spoken English essential.

8. Travel Requirements:

- International travel between Ottawa and Tanzania and domestic travel within Tanzania may be required to provide technical advisory services. Duty travel is typically for 1-3 weeks and usually for not more than 40 days per year.

9. Other Specific Skill Requirements:

- Demonstrated international development experience
- Excellent interpersonal skills, tact and discretion
- Ability to work in cross disciplinary and cross-cultural teams, including at a distance
- Strong critical thinking skills and attention to details
- Ability to communicate to a variety of audiences orally and in writing, including the general public (e.g. blogs), country-level decision-makers (e.g. evidence briefs) and scientific (e.g. publishable manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals)
- Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with colleagues to achieve team goals.
- Proven organizational ability and excellent time-management skills.
- Strong project management skills.

NOTE: This job description can and will be amended as required from time to time at Nutrition International's discretion in accordance with its operational requirements.

Deadline for Submission: 12th November 2024

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