



JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Regional Nutrition Social and Behavior Change Advisor - Alive & Thrive Southeast Asia.

LOCATION: Southeast Asia.

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Background

Alive & Thrive (A&T) is an initiative that began in 2008 aimed at saving lives, preventing illness, and ensuring healthy growth and development. Good nutrition in the first 1,000 days, from conception to two years of age, is critical to enable all children to lead healthier and more productive lives. A&T is scaling up improved infant and young child feeding and maternal nutrition through large-scale programs in several countries in Asia and Africa and through strategic technical support and the dissemination of innovations, tools, and lessons worldwide. A&T is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the governments of Canada and Ireland. A&T Generation 2 (2017-2021), is in its third phase, with the goal to further cultivate sustainability of projects and processes that generate positive maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN) social and behavior change.

In Southeast Asia (SEA), A&T provides strategic technical assistance to seven countries (Viet Nam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and the Philippines) to support policy and system reforms to create an enabling and supportive environment for MIYCN. To achieve this, A&T SEA works in close collaboration with UNICEF, Save the Children and other partners in these countries to identify and execute an agreed upon work-plan that focuses primarily on Breastmilk Substitutes Code strengthening, maternity protection and breastfeeding-friendly health systems. A&T SEA also supports early essential newborn care initiatives to improve early initiation of breastfeeding practices in hospitals by establishing centers of excellence for breastfeeding in Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar. To improve the access to human breastmilk for at-risk infants (pre-term, low-birth-weight, sick infants), A&T SEA provides strategic technical assistance to setting up human milk banks and related services in Viet Nam and Myanmar, and to establishing a regional network in the SEA region.

In addition to the above, A&T SEA is also mandated to provide technical assistance for social and behavior change communications (SBCC) to some member countries of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement. The aim is to increase uptake of proven tools and approaches for national-level advocacy, and development of multi-sectoral SBCC strategies and country plans for scaling up MIYCN. A&T is currently providing such support to Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, and the Philippines in the SEA region.

Job Summary / Responsibilities

The Regional Nutrition Social and Behavior Change Advisor will lead and guide the development, execution and coordination of technical assistance, capacity building and support to governments and partners to improve MIYCN behaviors in SEA using evidence-based tools and approaches. This position is based in the Southeast Asia region (Thailand, Viet Nam, Philippines, Myanmar, Laos or Cambodia preferred).

Accountabilities

1. Technical support: Provide technical directions and coordinate support to governments and partners in developing and implementing proven SBBC approaches and activities, including those developed by A&T.
2. Evidence generation: Support development and updating of situation analyses, including gathering and reviewing studies, policies and materials, stakeholder and opinion leader assessments. Manage the development and implementation of formative assessments and innovative approaches to increase learning around MIYCN behaviors in collaboration with governments, partners and contractors.
3. Strategic Communication: Collaborate with governments, partners and colleagues to plan, develop, and produce tools and communication vehicles to enhance capacities, policies and systems leading to improved MIYCN behaviors in the region, and support related program objectives.
4. Documentation and dissemination: Contribute to the documentation, dissemination, and reporting of A&T activities, experiences, and results for partner and donor updates, publications, social media, and relevant communication channels.
5. Measurement, learning and evaluation: Support measurement, learning, and evaluation activities, including monitoring implementation of country and regional workplans and application of A&T tools, as well as contribute to the design, implementation and use of project evaluations.
6. Representation and engagement: Represent A&T in meetings, workshops, working groups, and networks with external stakeholders including governments, civil society organizations, and other partners. Increase the visibility of A&T within the SBCC sector at the country, regional and global level in collaboration with regional colleagues and the Knowledge Leadership and Learning team at A&T Headquarter.

Problem Solving & Impact

- Decisions and actions have a significant impact on the long-term success of the program with management and division operations.
- Problems encountered are complex and highly varied, and non-recurring requiring creative approaches to resolve them.
- Exercises own judgment to set goals and determine strategies to achieve results that align with organizational goals.

Travel Requirements

- 20-40% depending on where this position is based.

Qualifications

- Master's degree in Communications, Marketing, Social or Behavioral Sciences, Public Relations, Public Health, or related fields.
- 10+ years of, advocacy, or communications experience in the developing world context.
- Demonstrated experience in marketing and communications within public health arena, preferably in nutrition.
- Fluent in behavior change theory and approaches, including human centered design.
- Demonstrated experience using innovative and technology-based approaches for behavior change.
- Articulate, professional and able to communicate in a clear, positive manner with clients and staff.

- Must be able to read, write and speak fluent English; fluent in host country language as appropriate.
- Prior work experience in a non-governmental organization (NGO) preferred.

Applied Knowledge & Skills

- Working knowledge of concepts, practices, and procedures to provide technical support and supervision for studies and assessments.
- Demonstrated expertise in applying findings and results from qualitative assessments for the development of communications strategies and tools.
- Comprehensive knowledge of concepts, practices, and procedures related to communications.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent and demonstrated project management skills.
- Excellent and demonstrated public relations, interpersonal relations, public speaking, and diplomacy skills required.
- Strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to take initiative and focus on results.
- Ability to influence, motivates, negotiates and collaborates well with others.
- Must be able to read, write and speak fluent English

Please submit a cover letter and resume to ntmien@fhi360.org.

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