



Global Health Fellows Program II

Technical Advisor III: Senior Livestock Technical Advisor

Technical Assistance Group, Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development

Location: Washington, DC

Assignment: Two year fellowship

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The Global Health Fellows Program (**GHFP-II**) is a five year cooperative agreement implemented and managed by the Public Health Institute in partnership with Global Health Corps, GlobeMed, Management Systems International and PYXERA Global. GHFP-II is supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

GHFP-II's goal is to improve the effectiveness of USAID health programs by addressing the Agency's immediate and emerging human capacity needs. The program seeks to accomplish this goal first through the recruitment, placement and support of diverse health professionals at the junior, mid and senior levels. These program participants include fellows, interns, corporate volunteers and Foreign Service National professionals. The program then provides substantial performance management and career development support to participants, including annual working planning assistance, and ensures that professional development opportunities are available.

Looking to the future, GHFP-II also seeks to establish a pool of highly-qualified global health professionals that will ensure the Agency's ongoing technical leadership and effectiveness. This objective is supported by an extensive outreach program that brings global health opportunities and specialized career advice to a diverse range of interested individuals, with a particular focus on those underrepresented in the field of global health.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) is the office within USAID responsible for facilitating and coordinating US Government emergency assistance overseas. As part of USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), OFDA provides humanitarian assistance to save lives, alleviate human suffering, and reduce the social and economic impact of humanitarian emergencies worldwide. Within OFDA, the Technical Assistance Group (TAG) of the Preparedness, Strategic Planning and Mitigation Team provides technical oversight and support in a variety of humanitarian sectors.

INTRODUCTION:

The Senior Livestock Technical Advisor (Senior Advisor) will be part of TAG's Agriculture and Food Security Team, which includes experts in agriculture, health, vulnerable populations, and shelter and settlements, and provides a multidisciplinary approach to disaster response and risk reduction. The Senior Advisor will receive day to day guidance from the Division Director, Preparedness, Strategic Planning and Mitigation.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The primary responsibilities of the Senior Advisor Include:

- Providing expert advice to USAID and OFDA staff based in Washington, DC or in field offices for livestock interventions during a disaster response. Following outbreaks of zoonotic diseases, s/he will provide assessments and recommendations for response in both the livestock and health sectors to OFDA staff.
- Working with the OFDA Pharmacist to elaborate a compendium for treating livestock in disaster environments and streamline the approval process for purchase of veterinary commodities and pharmaceuticals by non-governmental organization (NGO) partners. This may involve travel for certification of international pharmaceutical and veterinary commodity wholesalers.
- Accurately conveying the technical and policy positions of USAID/OFDA through interactions with NGO partners, other donor agencies, the international humanitarian community, and other USAID staff working in the livestock or animal health sectors; attending meetings and other events as appropriate.
- Reviewing and commenting on proposals submitted by NGO and United Nations' partners for humanitarian response and disaster risk reduction in livestock sector, and in human health sector in response to zoonotic disease outbreaks.
- In collaboration with USAID/Washington and regional field office staff, leading the development of programmatic strategies and guidance related to humanitarian programming in the livestock sector.
- Analyzing emergency outbreak livestock diseases, as well as zoonotic diseases, as they occur and providing guidance to OFDA on program priorities and technical recommendations for managing the diseases and mitigating economic impact on vulnerable populations.
- Participating in assessment teams, Disaster Assistance Response Teams, Response Management Teams, and other office duties as requested.
- Communicating with appropriate Bureau for Global Health staff regarding activities related to disaster responses to zoonotic diseases, to ensure coordination of activities.
- Providing "in-service" brownbag presentations to USAID and OFDA staff on current livestock related topics.
- Serving as a disciplinary expert in the capacity of advocacy related to livestock at technical meetings.
- Completing one page livestock disease information sheets for OFDA use to guide program decision making and activities on a variety of common diseases in target areas.

Training and Professional Development:

- Keeping abreast of the latest development and literature in livestock diseases, emergency livestock interventions and treatments in disaster situations.
- Deepening knowledge of the animal health sector, zoonotic disease management and the livelihood aspects of humanitarian livestock activities.
- Participating in interagency working groups and professional meetings in humanitarian assistance.
- Participate in professional continuing education and skills training within the purview of GHFP-II.

International travel approximately 30%.

Other tasks or responsibilities may be assigned based on (a) organizational and programming need and/or (b) the Technical Advisor's own interests.

REQUIRED SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE:

- Master's degree in animal science, or veterinary degree and currently licensed to practice in the US.
- Minimum ten (10) years' experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating agriculture, veterinary and livestock, and animal health sector programs in developing countries, with at least three to five years' experience in an international or resource challenged setting.
- Experience with international livestock systems (from both a veterinary and a livelihoods perspective).
- Excellent understanding of current issues in international environmental health programs.
- Comprehension of guiding concepts of emergency livestock interventions in developing countries and ability to represent the humanitarian perspective.
- High degree of judgment, ingenuity and originality to interpret strategy, to analyze, develop and present work results, and to monitor and evaluate implementation of programs.
- Demonstrated flexibility and openness in responding to changing work priorities and environments.
- Strong written and oral communications skills, including the ability to write technical documents and give state-of-the-art presentations to colleagues in and outside of USAID.
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- Strong interpersonal skills and experience in working effectively in an independent capacity and as a member of a team.
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft office packages.
- Ability to travel internationally.
- **US Citizenship required.**

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

Salary will be based on commensurate experience and earnings history. The Public Health Institute offers a comprehensive benefits package including professional development programs.

TO APPLY:

All applicants are required to apply for this position through GHFP's online recruitment system at <https://www.ghfp.net/recruitment/>, which allows you to store your CV, profile and bio data form in our database. A separate cover letter describing your qualifications and experience, interest and familiarity with issues relating to this position, and how this position relates to your career goals is required for each application. **All online applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm Eastern Time May 19, 2014.**

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