

Senior Policy Advisor, Maternal & Child Nutrition (MCN)

Nutrition Centre of Expertise, Global Health Center

Full Time Temporary, 18 Months

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. As followers of Jesus, World Vision is dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. World Vision serves all people regardless of religions, race, ethnicity or gender. We offer an exciting environment where people help make a difference in the lives of children around the world!

World Vision's **NUTRITION CENTER OF EXPERTISE** (NCOE) is a location-based team of professionals with particular expertise in nutrition. As the center for nutrition knowledge, research and development, the NCOE seeks to establish and maintain "world-class" leadership for nutrition advocacy and programming throughout the World Vision partnership.

The Senior Policy Advisor, MCN is a member of a dynamic team of nutrition advocacy and programming experts helping to make a difference in the lives of mothers and children around the world. Led by the Nutrition Director (Nutrition Center of Expertise Lead) the NCOE is part of the Global Health Center.

With over 15 years experience in nutrition programming World Vision recognizes the critical role of policy and advocacy at the global, national and community levels to bring about sustainable solutions to maternal and child malnutrition. The Senior Policy Advisor, MCN will strengthen the NCOE's academic and programming expertise through the following policy/advocacy activities:

A. **World Vision's Child Health Campaign** - In 2009, World Vision initiated a global Child Health Campaign, 'Child Health Now'. The campaign aims to generate concrete policy commitments which will contribute toward the reduction of maternal and child mortality through policy focused advocacy and public mobilization. The Senior Policy Advisor, MCN will undertake research and write policy products for the Child Health Campaign. Research will center on identifying and developing policy recommendations to prevent maternal and child mortality focusing on WV's evidence-based nutrition programming.

The Senior Policy Advisor, MCN, will also work closely with other health and nutrition policy advisors in regional and national offices, along with partner institutions, to support the international dimensions of the WV Child Health Now Campaign.

B. **Nutrition Policy Dialogue** - While global networks for sharing and promoting nutrition knowledge and evidence-based programming are expanding, there exists little coordination around nutrition advocacy/policy. The Senior Policy Advisor for MCN will seek to develop those networks and engage in policy dialogue with the relevant government and other international institutions and networks, to influence policy and programming that prevents maternal and child mortality through evidenced-based nutrition programming.

C. **NCOE Advocacy/policy Framework, Action Plans and Tools** - Assist in development of the NCOE strategic direction and increase partnership capacity in nutrition advocacy/policy.

D. **Emergency/Food Security policy response** - provide recommendations & work with WVI on developing emergency and food & nutrition security & advocacy response – focusing on child rights to adequate nutrition.

The Senior Policy Advisor for MCN will work closely with other members of the NCOE and WVI policy advocacy teams to develop research projects and present resulting reports and other communications pieces (op eds, statements, letters) that highlight the situation of maternal and child's nutrition and health in areas where World Vision works. Strong collaboration with World Vision Canada's Nutrition Team, the Global Health Team and other internal partners will also be essential to ensure alignment with program

and field based priorities. Finally, the Senior Advisor will support the international dimensions of the World Vision Child Health Campaign by working closely with other health and nutrition policy advisors in other World Vision national offices.

The qualified candidate will have a minimum of three to five years experience in the international nutrition and health policy field. Overseas experience in nutrition policy and advocacy and/or programming will be a strong asset. Applicants should have a Master's level degree in a related field (Nutrition, International Development, Political Science, Epidemiology, Public Health or a Health/Nutrition related discipline with experience in nutrition policy) and the ability to consider child health and child rights from a biblical and faith-based perspective. Strong research, analytical, writing and oral communication skills and a willingness to travel internationally are essential. Bilingualism in French would be preferred.

**Interested applicants are asked to complete an on-line application via our website:
www.worldvision.ca/careers.**

World Vision is committed to the protection of children, all offers of employment will be conditional upon the successful completion of reference checks and a Police background check. Qualified candidates must be able to demonstrate a commitment to the core values and mission of the World Vision partnership. We thank applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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