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TOR No:	2018-033
Title:	Nutrition Specialist
Grade:	GF
Division/VPU:	Health, Nutrition, and Population (GHNDR/GGHVP)
Duty Location:	Washington, D.C.
Appointment Type and Duration:	Two-year Term Appointment

BACKGROUND

The vision of the World Bank Group (WBG) is the eradication of extreme poverty by reducing the number of people living on less than US\$1.90 a day to 3 percent by 2030, and the promotion of shared prosperity by fostering income growth of the bottom 40 percent in each country. To achieve that vision, in 2013 the WBG Board of Governors approved a strategy for the organization that leverages the combined strength of the WBG institutions and their ability to partner with the public and private sectors to deliver customized development solutions backed by finance, world class knowledge and convening services.

Although global prevalence is declining, there are currently about 155 million stunted children in the world. Around 85% of these stunted children live in 37 countries, mostly in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). South Asia still has the highest number of stunted children in the world, but trends in that region are improving more rapidly than in SSA, where the limited rate of improvement combined with high population growth means the region will soon become home to the largest share of undernourished children. A demographic transition is underway in much of SSA, with declining fertility and child mortality, and SSA can potentially reap the demographic dividend. However, this dividend will not be realized unless these children are well nourished, growing up with full human potentials. Countries affected by stunting and other forms of malnutrition lose up to 11% of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in billions of dollars in waged employment and avoidable health care spending.

With early investments in high impact nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions, countries can significantly reduce their stunting rates. SSA is on the cusp of a transformation to rapid growth combined with opportunities for better outcomes in human development. The economic outlook for most of the region is positive and real GDP for the region grew by an estimated 4.7 percent in 2013. Revenues from this increased growth provides more fiscal space for investments in health and human capital.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Nutrition Specialist will directly support the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the health, nutrition, and population (HNP) portfolio focusing on nutrition components and operations and analytical and advisory service in close collaboration with Bank task teams and will be responsible for the following:

1. Support tasks teams in the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of analytical and advisory services and lending operations with a focus on nutrition.

2. Participate and contribute to the health/nutrition policy dialogue with Governments and other development partners.
3. Contribute, together with the relevant Country Management Unit and with the Government and development partners, to strategic discussions (e.g., Systematic Country Diagnostics and Country Partnership Framework) regarding development challenges in nutrition. Maintain strong partnerships and team spirit with country Task Teams.
4. Promote and seek opportunities for the Task Teams to work in collaboration with other Global Practices on innovative initiatives of mutual interest and of synergistic value to the country program to support multi-sectoral approaches for improving nutrition outcomes, and strengthen country systems.
5. Earn credibility with clients on the basis of intellectual rigor, a capacity to apply principles to specific challenges with tact, and willingness to learn and adapt in each context.
6. Bring technical expertise on nutrition to the creation and sharing of knowledge by initiating, joining and leading high-impact publications, including just-in-time briefs and reports to meet client demand and share lessons learned from best practices strategies and approaches, and new ideas to stimulate new ways of meeting long-standing challenges in nutrition.

REPORTING:

The Nutrition Specialist will report to the Practice Manager of Health Nutrition and Population and the Global Lead on Nutrition who manages the Japan Trust Fund for scaling-up nutrition.

Note:

The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving his/her own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. A Master's degree in Nutrition, Public Health, Economics, or related Social Sciences, and at least 5 years of relevant experience.
2. Strong track record in leading the design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of health and nutrition projects. Hands on experience in implementing nutrition projects as part of health sector or other sector investments is desirable.
3. Knowledge and experience in designing and implementing results-based financing mechanisms will be an asset.
4. Experience in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, and in particular fragile or low income contexts, is desirable.
5. Experience in managing trust funds, report-writing, etc will be an asset.
6. Proven analytical skills, and excellent English-language written and oral communications skills. French language will be an asset.
7. Experience in international development, and experience working in a multilateral institution as well as links with Ministries of Finance will be an asset.
8. Strong diplomatic and client-engagement skills, and proven success working both as a team member and as a team leader.
9. Proactive and result-focused work style with strong problem-solving capabilities and track record of high standards for work products and meeting deadlines.