



Senior Technical Advisor, Data Impact Program

Vital Strategies

Vital Strategies, headquartered in New York City, is an international public health organization. Our programs strengthen public health systems and address the world's leading causes of illness, injury and death. We currently work in 73 countries, supporting data-driven decision making in government, advancing evidence-based public health policies and mounting strategic communication campaigns. Vital Strategies' priorities are driven by the greatest potential to improve and save lives. They include non-communicable disease prevention, cardiovascular health promotion, tobacco control, road safety, obesity prevention, epidemic prevention, environmental health, vital statistics systems building and Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis treatment research. Our programs are concentrated in low- and middle-income countries and cities in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. Please visit our website at www.vitalstrategies.org to find out more about our work.

The Position

The Senior Technical Advisor (STA) will provide technical assistance to national ministries of health and other key stakeholders in selected countries participating in the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Data for Health Initiative. In collaboration with Ministry stakeholders, the STA will tailor the technical assistance package to the needs and priorities of each country. Major areas of technical assistance include: developing technical capacity of ministry staff to conduct policy-relevant data analysis based on existing vital statistics and survey data and advising on policies, procedures, and institutional structures to promote exemplary institutional data use. Technical assistance activities will include assessment and workplan development, consultation to ministry leadership, trainings for staff, etc. In addition, the STA will provide expertise in designing technical assistance tools to be used across the initiative and will be the technical lead for the Data to Policy (D2P) Program, an important sub-component of DIP, which includes a curriculum for health and economic impact analysis to evaluate alternative policy proposals and present recommendations in a policy brief to decision-makers. Significant on-site engagement will be required. The STA will report to the Director of DIP and must be based either in New York City or Singapore.

Core Responsibilities

- Conduct assessments of how public health data are used by policymakers, program planners, communications officers, and other stakeholders in national ministries of health
- Develop workplans for data use strengthening in collaboration with ministries of health in assigned countries to strengthen the process of translating data into policy
- Design and provide technical assistance on data-driven planning and management
- Provide specialized technical assistance on building analytic and planning capacity in ministries of health
- Develop templates of data dissemination products, including reports
- Provide consultation and coaching to ministry leadership and staff
- Establish work schedules and assignments for staff
- Coordinate the Data to Policy program
- Working with partners and other technical and country leads to ensure a methodologically sound curriculum, consistent with adult learning best practices, and that can be adapted to different settings
- Develop and deliver trainings in health and economic impact analysis and policy development and



collaborate with country leads to provide mentoring for policy brief development

- Monitor and report on D2P activities
- Participate in other Vital Strategies activities as needed

Qualities and Qualifications

- Doctoral degree in public health, or medical degree, with 5 or more years of experience in public health practice; OR Master's degree in public health with 10-15 or more years of experience in public health practice
- Qualification or experience in health economics will be an advantage
- Experience with adult-based learning
- Experience with curriculum development, preferably for in-service training
- Experience working with the government health sector
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Proficient in oral and written English, proficiency in other languages will be an advantage
- Ability to travel internationally, up to 30% of time
- Position is to be located in New York or Singapore. Individual must have valid work authorization to work in the U.S. or Singapore

How to Apply

Please send CV and a cover letter, including salary expectations, to hr@vitalstrategies.org indicating the position applied for in the subject line. Closing date for applications is **August 19, 2019**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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