SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR

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

Vital Strategies is looking for a qualified candidate for the position of Senior Technical Advisor. This position contributes to the development of the Tobacco Control Program Team’s strategy and work plans for tobacco control at the national and subnational levels. The position is based in Beijing and the incumbent will report to the Deputy Director – Tobacco Control of the Vital China Office.

Specific Duties

• Liaise with China CDC Tobacco Control Office and serve as the focal point for collaborations with provincial and local government agencies/public institutions in the health sector at the subnational level, contribute to the monitoring of grants, and provide expert technical assistance for effective program planning, implementation and evaluation;

• Engage in the management of the technical aspects of tobacco control grants at the Vital China Office;

• Gather and share intelligence on developments relevant to tobacco control legislation and other health policy areas through strategic liaison with selected stakeholders;

• Develop policy-relevant profiles and status reports and maintain up to date information related to tobacco control legislation and developments of other policy areas in China;

• Provide advanced technical support to the Deputy Director – Tobacco Control of the Vital China Office and Director of the Tobacco Control Department at the Union in supplying data, reports, analyses, and other information as requested;

• Assist the Deputy Director – Tobacco Control of The Vital China Office in exploring opportunities to develop new tobacco control strategic partners and grants;

• Liaise with donor, the Tobacco Control Department at the Union, and Bloomberg partners in China on the grants program activities and other tobacco control efforts;

• Assist the Deputy Director – Tobacco Control of the Vital China Office in maintaining and facilitating partnership with tobacco control organizations at both international and local levels;
• Conduct regular calls with tobacco control partners and the Bloomberg Initiative;
• Conduct in-person visits to monitor the technical progress of tobacco control grants;
• Draft routine grant reports and updates for approval by the Union China Office and the Union Grants Team;
• Other duties as assigned.

Qualities and Qualifications

• Master’s degree in public health or related field with a minimum of fifteen years of relevant work experience preferably in the health sector and in a government setting; or PhD degree with a minimum of five years of relevant work experience
• Prior work experience in non-communicable diseases or tobacco control is a plus
• Strong proficiency in both spoken and written Chinese and English
• Up to 30% of domestic and international travel will be required
• Competent compensation commensurate with education and experience will be provided

How to Apply

Please send CV and a cover letter, including salary expectations to chinarecruitment@vitalstrategies.org indicating the position applied for in the subject line. Closing date for applications is October 11, 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.