

Chief of Party (COP)

Type – Full time

Location – Burkina Faso

Reporting – President and CEO

Introduction

Nascent Solutions, Inc., (Nascent) is seeking a professional for the role of **Chief of Party (COP)** to oversee a USAID program. The incumbent will preferably have experience within a developing country and expertise in managing agriculture, food security, nutrition, and/or resilience program (s) is required. The successful candidate will also provide oversight on all aspects of implementation and liaise with technical leads of other divisions to ensure that best practices are integrated in all interventions.

The goal of the anticipated five-year Resilient Education for Crisis-Affected Children activity in Burkina Faso is to increase primary education completion, particularly for displaced and host community learners who have been marginalized due to conflict and crisis conditions, with improved foundational skills and wellbeing, even in the face of shocks and stressors. A disproportionate number of Burkinabe primary school-aged children are unable to complete their primary school education, nor receive quality instruction, and therefore struggle to acquire foundational skills. Insecurity, displacement and climate risks further exacerbate poor education conditions for both host community and displaced learners. This activity has been designed to support the Government of Burkina Faso's Education Sector Plan (2017-2030).

This position is contingent upon donor approval and funding.

Company Details

Nascent Solutions, Inc. (Nascent) is Virginia-based 501(c) (3) non-profit, women-led international development organization founded in 2004 with a mission to harness the creative entrepreneurial skills of target beneficiaries, especially women and youth to strengthen their capacity to champion the development agenda of their communities for self-reliance. In the last 18 years, Nascent has mobilized resources and collaborated with government and partners in our host countries to implement programs which have impacted the lives of over 10 million people in several African countries including Cameroon, Liberia, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Zambia. For more details, visit: www.nascents.org

Key Personnel Position Requirements Chief of Party Role:

The COP shall be responsible for all reporting to USAID and is expected to play a lead role in realization of the project's results and interacting with key implementation actors and

other development partners.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Serve as the primary point of contact with USG agencies and the Government of Burkina Faso with regard to day-to-day implementation and management of the program.
- Ensure the smooth functioning and coordination of all project functions, including program development and implementation, project finances and administration, outreach and reporting, and program monitoring and evaluation.
- Ensure the technical quality and appropriateness of the technical services provided through the project and the quality of the results generated.
- Provide technical and management oversight on project personnel and be the representative to relevant donors, line ministries, other donors and multinationals, technical agencies, and other participating organizations as required.
- Ensure compliance with USG regulations and procedures, including compliance with Nascent Solutions' internal policies and guidelines.
- Ensure that all assistance provided under the contract is technically sound and appropriate for the needs to be addressed; and ensure the adequate management and supervision of the work of all experts/personnel provided under the agreement.
- Oversee the preparation and presentation of proposed implementation plans, progress reports, and other required donor deliverables.

External Representation and Communication

- Stay informed on global best practices and trends in gender to ensure that they are incorporated into the development of agency priorities and innovations.
- Oversee the production of communications and externally facing products, such as research papers, and participate in "communities of practice" to remain abreast of latest developments, standards, tools, and methodologies within the country.
- Represent the organization in relevant working groups, sector fora, conferences, high-level meetings, and gender cluster meetings and serve as the technical reviewer of proposal submissions.
- Assist in the development and management of external relationships with donors, partners, and other stakeholders, and contribute to the development of strategic partnerships with other organizations to expand Nascent's reach.

Experience:

- Minimum eight (8) years of work experience as a COP/Senior Program Manager or an equivalent position managing large (at least \$5 million), complex agriculture development
- Demonstrated effectiveness in strategic thinking and policy analysis and able to dialogue with local communities, host country governments, and the private sector.
- Demonstrated ability to be collaborative across projects, flexible, and creative.
- Strong communications and interpersonal skills with evidence of ability to productively interact with a wide range and levels of organizations (government, private sector, NGOs, research institutions). Education:
- Required minimum education is a Bachelor of Arts (BA)/Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in agriculture, international development, economics, or other relevant fields, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Language:

- The candidate must be professionally proficient and fluent in written and spoken English.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV, to recruitment@nascents.org. Please include “**Chief of Party (COP) – Burkina Faso**” in the email subject line. **Each CV must not exceed two pages, the Applicant must also submit three references for each person proposed and provide complete contact information, including his/her most recent supervisor’s name and contact information.** Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Closing date for applications is **December 20, 2022**. *Salary commensurate with experience.*

About Nascent Solutions

Nascent Solutions is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, national origin, marital status, religion, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, personal appearance, family responsibilities, or political affiliation. Nascent offers employees a competitive compensation package which may include health insurance, paid vacation, 401(k), and a professional development stipend.