

Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP)

Type – Full time

Location – Burkina Faso

Reporting – Chief of Party (COP)

Introduction

Nascent Solutions, Inc., (Nascent) is seeking a professional for the role of **Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP)** to assist with overseeing 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

Role: Deputy Chief of Party

The DCOP will work closely with and report to the Chief of Party (COP) to provide technical oversight for the activity, support the COP in the activity management and donor relations, and serve as the technical and program point of contact in the absence of the COP.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Contribute to the overall strategic direction, management, and technical oversight on the project implementation to achieve desired results.
- Provide support to the program and present work regionally to USG agencies, national governments, partners, and other stakeholders.
- Coordinate activities in support of resource mobilization for Nascent's country program.
- Coordinate the development, implementation, and timely reporting of the program activities; develop workplans and quarterly and semi-annual reports.
- Assist Field Coordinators in overseeing the programmatic implementation and monitoring of field-level activities in coordination with providers, consultants, regional partners, and staff.
- Support field procurement award processes to ensure that activity deliverables are achieved, including drafting scopes of work for service providers and implementing partners, evaluating technical deliverables, and setting deadlines to ensure on-time delivery of project outputs.
- Assist in gathering lessons learned from the various program M&E teams and propose methods to incorporate data into future programming to ensure continuous improvement in project design.
- Follow up on Nascent's sustainability strategy and enhance buy-in of project stakeholders through the development of models that render Nascent's strategy more attractive and of added value to their partners.
- Assist with coordinating processes and pipeline of regional-level activity development.

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.
- Assist with overseeing 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.
- Co-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 five (5) years of work experience as a Deputy COP/Senior Program Manager or an equivalent position managing large (at least \$5 million), complex development programs, preferably within a developing country. Experience working in agriculture, food security, nutrition, and/or resilience is required.
- Demonstrated ability to oversee planning, coordination, and day to day implementation of technical activities in partnership with the technical team and the COP.

- 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 “**Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP) – 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.** 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.