

Chief of Party (COP)

Type – Full time

Location – Yaoundé - Cameroon

Reporting – President and CEO

Position – Contingent on Funding

Introduction

Nascent Solutions, Inc., (Nascent) is seeking a qualified, and dynamic professional for serves as **Chief of Party (COP)** for the FY2023 United States Department Agriculture (USDA) McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition program in Cameroon. The incumbent will provide managerial and technical oversight on all aspects of the program.

The principal objectives of the McGovern-Dole Program are to carry out: 1) preschool and school food for education programs in foreign countries to improve food security, reduce the incidence of hunger, and improve literacy and primary education, particularly with respect to girls; and 2) maternal, infant, and child nutrition programs for pregnant women, nursing mothers, infants, and children who are five years of age or younger.

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 19 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

Position Duties and Responsibilities

- Serve as the primary point of contact with US Embassy and USG agencies in Yaoundé and the Government of Cameroon on the day-to-day implementation and management of the program.
- Ensure the smooth functioning and coordination of all project components , 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 align adequately with the USDA and GoC strategies.
- Oversee the development 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 relationships with donors, partners, and other stakeholders, and contribute to the development of strategic partnerships to expand Nascent’s reach.

Experience:

- Minimum eight (8) years of experience in Senior Manager or an equivalent position large (at least \$15 million), complex development programs t
- Demonstrated understanding of USG policies, rules and regulations
- Demonstrated effectiveness in strategic thinking and policy analysis and able to dialogue with local communities, host country governments, and the private sector.
- Demonstrated facilitate collaboration among stakeholders and partners .
- 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).
- Previous in-country or regional experience is highly desirable.

Education:

- Required minimum education is a master’s degree the social sciences, Agriculture, international development, economics, or other relevant fields, or combination of education and experience.

Language:

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

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV, to recruitment@nascents.org. Please include “**Chief of Party (COP) – Cameroon**” in the email subject line. **Each CV must not exceed 3 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 **April 10, 2023**. *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.