

Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP)

Type – Full time

Location – Cameroon

Reporting – Deputy Chief of Party (COP)

Position – Contingent of Funding

Introduction

Nascent Solutions, Inc., (Nascent) is seeking a professional for the role of **Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP)** to provide oversight to the FY2023 United States Department Agriculture (USDA) McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition program. The incumbent will collaborate with management and technical staff to ensure effective implementation of all program components.

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

Role: Deputy Chief of Party

The DCOP will work closely with and report to the Chief of Party (COP) to provide technical oversight on all program components, 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 to USG agencies, national governments, partners, and other stakeholders.
- Coordinate activities in support of resource mobilization for Nascent's country program.

- Develop workplans and coordinate the development, implementation, and timely reporting of the program activities as well as quarterly and semi-annual reports.
- Liaise with the coordinators to overseeing the implementation and monitoring of field-level activities providers, consultants, regional partners, and staff.
- Support field procurement processes by setting deadlines to ensure on-time delivery of project outputs.
- Develop the scopes of work for service providers and implementing partners, evaluating technical deliverables,
- Support technical staff to generate lessons learned from the various program and M&E teams.
- Work with the technical teams to identify methods of incorporating data into ongoing and future programming.
- Follow up with staff and partners to ensure the effectiveness of the sustainability strategy.
- Work with the Filed coordinators to ensure coordination among stakeholders and partners at all levels.

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 relationships with donors, partners, and other stakeholders, and contribute to the development of strategic partnerships to expand Nascent’s reach.

Experience:

- Minimum five (5) years of work experience in Senior Program Management position
- Demonstrated ability to manage multi-million-dollar development programs including US Government grants.
- Good understanding of USG policies, rules and regulations
- Demonstrated ability to oversee planning, coordination, and day-to-day implementation of technical activities in partnership with the technical team and 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).
- In-country or regional Experience is highly desired

Education:

A Minimum of a master’s degree in social sciences including education, agriculture,

international development, economics, or other relevant fields, or combination of education and experiences.

Language:

- The candidate must be 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 **“Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP) – 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.** 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.