OPM/NP/HE - Health Economist - Nutrition Financing Consultant

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Salary: Competitive  Hours: 37.50
Location: Oxford  Benefits: Competitive
Level: Senior Consulting  Job Type: Permanent

Oxford Policy Management (OPM) is seeking to recruit a full-time staff Health Economist - Nutrition Financing position at the level of ‘Consultant’ or ‘Senior Consultant’ to join our Nutrition Portfolio.

At OPM, we only have four levels of staff. Assistant consultants typically join straight out of post-graduate training. Consultants join with work experience, some management experience, are able to work independently and have a good understanding of the consultancy market place. Senior Consultants are able to take on large management and business strategy responsibilities and Principal Consultants are thought leaders in their area of specialization.

If you were working for us, here are some of the things you would have done last week:

- Debated various approaches to nutrition planning and budgeting in Tajikistan
- Presented the results of analysing budget allocations towards nutrition-sensitive programmes by governments in 30 countries
- Written-up a briefing note on nutrition financing vis a vis the experience with financing for malaria and HIV/AIDS
- Estimated the costs and cost-effectiveness of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and Community Based Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) in Northern Nigeria
- Joined a ‘catch-up conference call’ with colleagues in academic institutions that OPM regularly collaborates with
- A lunch time walk through Christchurch Meadows with a colleagues from OPM’s Water and Social Protection teams to brainstorm on the challenges of costing and budgeting for nutrition-sensitive programmes

The consultant’s responsibilities will be centred on the following tasks and functions:

- Develop technical and financial proposals for tenders related to nutrition and food security projects – initially with oversight and support by the senior consultants and later independently
- Undertake a broad range of technical work on OPM Nutrition Portfolio consultancy assignments
- Manage projects to a high-level of quality, professionalism and rigour

- Contribute to the Nutrition Portfolio’s intellectual capital development initiatives including capacity building, publications, innovation and developing technical resources to be used across the company

- Foster good relations with clients, including partner government ministries

- Take a proactive approach to personal and career development by keeping abreast of latest developments within the portfolio and technical areas, and taking opportunities to attend internal and external courses as appropriate.

- Ensure Nutrition Portfolio projects are delivered to maximise OPM’s social (i.e. non-profit) impact objectives

Successful applicants must have:

- A post-graduate level of education in a relevant discipline (economics, public health, nutrition, epidemiology, health economics, development economics or other appropriate social science discipline)

- Demonstrated experience in costing, financing or budgeting for nutrition programmes / interventions / policies,

- Experience in sectoral planning in the nutrition and food security sector

- The ability to be both a team player and to use their own initiative to prioritise work and handle various demands appropriately

- The ability to communicate effectively with colleagues and clients both verbally and in writing

- The ability to be flexible and take on new challenges

- Experience working in developing countries and / or transitional economies

Preferred:

- Experience of consultancy assignments

- Experience of developing project proposals, preparing project budgets over £100,000 GBP

- Experience of project management, including the management of large project teams

- Ability to work in at least one relevant foreign language.

This is a permanent position that is ideally full-time and based in our offices in Oxford, UK. The role will involve overseas travel to ensure effective design and implementation of projects.

OPM offers a competitive salary, a generous contribution pension scheme and holiday entitlement.

How to apply
If all of this resonates, and you’re someone with integrity, intelligence, and a strong drive to get better, we’d love to hear from you!

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More about Oxford Policy Management and the Nutrition Portfolio

OPM is one of the world’s leading international policy development and management consultancies. We enable strategic decision-makers in the public and private sector to identify and implement sustainable solutions for reducing social and economic disadvantage in low- and middle-income countries.

Supported by a multinational team of just under 300 specialists on three continents, our success is based on a unique combination of high-quality analysis and 30 years’ practical experience of facilitating positive change in over 120 countries worldwide. The fields in which we operate range from health, nutrition, education and the extractive industries through to public sector finance and administration, social welfare, and national statistical systems and impact evaluation.

The Nutrition Portfolio at OPM was launched in 2014. While the portfolio is young, OPM has worked on a number of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive projects over the years. This portfolio marks our commitment to building up our professional and technical expertise in the nutrition sector. Given the multi-sectoral determinants of malnutrition, the Portfolio is very well placed within OPM’s Social Policy Programme to work closely with OPM’s specialist portfolios in Health, Education, Water and Social Protection.

OPM’s Nutrition Portfolio has extensive experience in the design and implementation of monitoring and evaluation systems, operations research, cost-effectiveness analysis, costing of nutrition programmes and policies and mixed methods impact evaluations – involving experimental and quasi-experimental methods. To learn more about the projects we are involved in, check out: http://www.opml.co.uk/policy-expertise/health/nutrition-food-security/projects.

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