DATA IMPACT COORDINATOR POSTING

Summary

The Sri Lanka Ministry of Health (MOH) and Vital Strategies (VS), an international public health NGO, are seeking a consultant to serve as Project Coordinator for a multi-year initiative to improve the use of data to inform decisions on critical public health policies in the Sri Lanka.

Background Information

Funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Australian government, the Data for Health (D4H) initiative will equip public health leaders with tools to collect and use data to prioritize health challenges, develop policies, deploy resources, and measure success. With better data and training in data use, governments in 20 locations across Latin America, Asia, and Africa will be able to turn insights from data into public policy, and direct resources to specific targeted issues affecting public health.

See http://www.bloomberg.org/program/public-health/data-health/ for more details.

The Initiative has three areas of focus: (1) promoting the strategic use of data in setting public health policies and planning and evaluating public health programs, (2) strengthening civil registration and vital statistics systems, and (3) introducing new methods for collecting information on behavioral risk factors. VS, an international public health NGO, is leading the initiative's first area of focus (the strategic use of data) and is collaborating with the MOH to engage a consultant who will coordinate the initiative's efforts to improve data use practices in the Sri Lanka.

General Responsibilities

The Coordinator will support the successful implementation of a program of capacity building and technical assistance activities that been mutually agreed upon by the MOH and VS. The Coordinator will help ensure that these activities:
- Meet the data use challenges as defined by the MOH,
- Maintain high standards of quality;
- Extend over a significant portion of the MOH; and
- Become sustainable at the end of the initiative.

Specific Duties

Under the guidance of the MOH and VS, the Data Impact Coordinator will complete tasks in three broad domains:

Planning:

- Develop detailed activity plans for implementing capacity building and/or technical assistance programs
- Identify and engage with potential collaborators critical to program success

Execution:

- Manage the implementation of all program interventions
- Conduct analyses and assessments of selected data and data use practices
- Conduct targeted activities and create material to enhance data-use capabilities of MOH staff
- Serve as initiative's primary point of contact to all MOH staff participating in program interventions

Monitoring and Reporting:

- Provide regular feedback to MOH and VS on program execution & results
- Produce standard reports as defined by MOH and VS

Qualifications

- Post-graduate degree in public health, epidemiology, public policy, or related field
- Strong data analysis and data visualization skills
- Previous experience with project management and policy
- Previous experience managing a complex, multi-party project
- Proficiency in English
- Strong organizational and communications skills
- Willingness and ability to travel in-country and internationally

Location and Duration of Consultancy

The Coordinator will have a base of operations at the MOH. The initial consulting contract will be for 12 months, with an option for subsequent renewal(s).

Expressions of interest

Send a current Resume or CV (with telephone and email) with a letter stating interest, an English language writing sample, and relevant experiences and contact information for two references to hr@vitalstrategies.org.