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Description

Join AIR as a Research and Evaluation Director-Nutrition & Health with our [International Development Division \(IDD\)](#) and make a difference, improving the quality of life for individuals and communities in low and middle-income countries. AIR's IDD work spans the globe with projects in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Central, and Latin America, and the Middle East.

AIR is currently seeking a Research and Evaluation Director for multisectoral nutrition programming for the anticipated USAID-funded Enhancing Nutrition Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning in the Health Sector (NuMERAL) activity. This new activity will be managed by the Bureau for Global Health's Office of Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition. This activity will fill evidence gaps to improve nutrition outcomes for activities implemented through health systems and associated interventions aiming to improve the nutrition, health, and general well-being of individuals and populations. The activity will also ensure that local entities are strategically engaged to design, implement, disseminate, and use such evidence to strengthen policies and programs aiming to improve human nutrition. **This position is contingent upon an award.**

Our IDD team is committed and engaged because we drive positive change in the following areas:

- Agriculture, food, and nutrition
- Early childhood development and education
- Refugees and migration
- Social protection
- Water, sanitation, and infrastructure
- Women's empowerment
- Workforce development

Use your experience, knowledge, and education to help us deliver on our mission: to contribute to a better, more equitable world.

About AIR:

Established in 1946, with headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, AIR is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit institution that conducts behavioral and social science research and delivers technical assistance to solve some of the most urgent challenges in the U.S. and around the world. We advance evidence in the areas of education, health, the workforce, human services, and international development to create a better, more equitable world.

AIR's commitment to diversity goes beyond legal compliance to its full integration in our strategy, operations, and work environment. At AIR, we define diversity broadly,

Research and Evaluation Director – Nutrition & Health

Hiring organization

American Institutes for Research (AIR)

Employment Type

Full-time

Industry

Agriculture & Research

Job Location

Kenya

considering everyone's unique life and community experiences. We believe that embracing diverse perspectives, abilities/disabilities, racial/ethnic and cultural backgrounds, styles, ages, genders, gender identities and expressions, education backgrounds, and life stories drives innovation and employee engagement.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities for the position include:

The Research Director will lead monitoring, evaluation, and research related to multisectoral nutrition programming.

- Project management of a portfolio of research and evaluations
- Develop conceptual frameworks that guide the work under NuMERAL.
- Manage and analyze large-scale data files for research.
- Apply appropriate quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods techniques to collect and analyze data.
- Develop monitoring, evaluation, and learning indicators
- Close coordination with thought partners in low-and middle-income countries
- Prepare technical reports and journal articles and present findings to clients, professional associations, and the public.
- Mentor research and evaluation analysts, share approaches to solving concrete problems, and provide feedback on the work of others.
- Thought leadership in nutrition mainstreaming in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health (RMNCAH) policies and services
- Manage or lead projects or tasks.

Qualifications

Education, Knowledge, and Experience:

- A Ph.D. (preferred) or MSc (required) in nutrition, public health, public policy, economics or related social science field, with expertise in monitoring, evaluation and learning
- At least 3 years experience required with a PH.D. and 7 years required with Masters.
- Prior experience with monitoring, evaluation, and learning projects with USAID
- Prior project management experience
- Prior experience engaging with universities and research firms in low-and middle-income countries
- Prior experience in nutrition and health research and/or programming
- Able to apply advanced monitoring, evaluation, and learning and/or research methods, and able to communicate effectively about these methods to non-technical audiences.
- Highly proficient in STATA, R, or SPSS.
- Knowledge or experience with the analysis of large-scale data, and the design of experiments and quasi-experiments.

Skills:

- Strong quantitative and mixed-methods research and evaluation skills
- Preference for knowledge of French or Spanish in addition to English

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