Project Officer WASH Project



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Project Location : Kalika Municipality chitwan, Nepal
Service type : Health Improvement (HEAL) Project

Type of Contract: Yearly contract for one year

Post Level: Mid-level management

Reports to: Community Development Programme Manager

Supervisory role: 3-5 people

Organisation Background:

Human Development and Community Services (HDCS) is a faith-based NGO working in three main sectors of health, education, and community development since 1991. Currently, it manages various projects across Nepal especially in rural areas and provides services through hospitals, health camps, public health programs, disaster preparedness and response, school development programs, teacher training, educational daycare centers for children with special needs and community radio stations. The organization is implementing **Health Improvement Project (HEAL)** in Chitwan.

HDCS is committed to attract and retain the best employees from all ethnicities, gender and backgrounds in its vision to transform the communities by creating hope for the disadvantaged people.

About project:

HDCS is working closely with ward office, water user groups, schools, farmers and students to improve water management, WASH practices and contribute in good health of children and their families we work with through **Health Improvement Project (HEAL)**. This project will work on WASH-related awareness raising through interaction with school students, teachers and community leaders. It will reinforce the messages of the previous projects in schools and further develop WASH promotion in communities through various local groups. There will be skill development of user groups, strengthen water resource management, improve facilities already existing in the schools and communities. Menstrual hygiene awareness and promotion among the girls will be an integral part of the project.

In addition to this, Health camps will be held in each ward, which will give treatment, advice and referrals in local level, as well as reinforcing the WASH messages through community mobilisation.

Responsibilities:

Project officer will be primarily responsible for overall project implementation in the areas of health and WASH related activities. Coordination with different stakeholders, other projects, WASH groups, mother groups, student, health post, hospitals and government unit as per the scope of the project.

The WASH officer should lead and guide WASH meetings, conduct WASH trainings to carry out overall activities such as community mobilization/organization, team motivation, increasing capacity of the community to plan the sustainable and community friendly scheme, carry out monitoring and supervision. Furthermore, s/he should conduct gende sensitivity awareness raising activities.

Deliverables:

- Develop and plan for training events and materials
- Support and facilitate regular WASH meetings in schools for teachers, students' community groups and get support of parents to keep their children safe and clean.
- Carry out WASH related health and hygiene promotion program at school, community such as promote use of clean latrine, wash hands with soap, maintain clean environment in school and communities.
- Ensure that water source and supply system are kept clean and well maintained
- Identify and form relevant maintenance teams in schools and facilitate knowledge transfer for proper maintenance
- Initiate and support community stakeholders to prepare and execute community action plan (CAP)
- Timely activity and financial reporting to line manager
- Monitor and evaluate project to ensure outcomes are achieved

Requirements:

- At least a bachelor's degree or above with specialization in the fields of public health, engineering, Environmental Science, Natural resource management or other relevant field.
- Minimum 3 years of relevant work experience.
- Equipped with result-based management skill with dynamic team player capacity.
- Self-motivated and comfortable working in rural situation.
- Strong analytical problem-solving ability and creativity to bring new systems to the project.
- Experience in WASH system development and manage effectively with minority people group.
- Learning attitude and willingness to develop technical expertise.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills in English and Nepal.