Project Director, Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health (RMNH)

PCI is seeking a dynamic, visionary leader to serve as Project Director for the USAID Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health (RMNH) program focused on accelerating reductions in newborn morbidity and mortality worldwide. The Project Director’s primary responsibility will be to catalyze increased coverage of underutilized and emerging newborn health interventions in multiple priority countries through global technical leadership, coordination and collaboration with implementing partners, and strategic oversight of all activities to cost-effectively achieve project objectives.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide overall vision and leadership for the project
- Cultivate and strengthen relationships with key RMNH stakeholders such as USAID and current USAID implementing partners, global and regional networks, other bilateral development agencies, multi-lateral development agencies, United Nations agencies, universities, foundations, and corporate philanthropies
- Develop/strengthen alliances with peer organizations, academic and other institutions in coordination and collaboration with technical colleagues
- Ensure the quality design and implementation of creative and strategic approaches that focus on evidence, learning, advocacy and catalytic efforts to increase use of underutilized interventions and commodities.
- Supervise personnel and recruit, hire and develop new staff, as needed, assuring adherence to PCI and US Government regulations and laws.
- Assure financial controls, budget execution, and timely and adequate monitoring and reporting processes.
- Provide oversight for program monitoring and evaluation
- Define the project management structure, communication mechanisms, and coordination with local partners from multiple countries.
- Work with the technical and program implementation staff to ensure optimal programmatic quality.
- Fulfill all reporting obligations in a timely, quality manner.
- Adhere to PCI and USAID budgetary guidelines and maintain financial records of all project expenditures in fulfillment of the projects reporting requirements.
- Ensure appropriate program representation and participation in strategic events, conferences and workshops

Required Qualifications:

- Senior manager with an advanced degree in health sciences
- Reputation as an experienced, credible and strategic leader within the international
development sector, with particular experience in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia

- Minimum 10 years of experience leading, managing and implementing international projects in developing countries
- Experience convening and managing large and diverse groups of stakeholders/partners
- In depth experience in newborn health, specifically the prevention and management of preterm birth and low birth weight complications
- Familiarity and sensitivity to gender issues
- Experience with interventions proven to improve the survival of preterm newborns such as: prophylactic antenatal corticosteroids for women in premature labor, antibiotics for premature rupture of the membrane, Kangaroo Mother Care, optimal feeding, prevention and case management of sepsis and pneumonia, and delayed cord clamping.
- Strong networking, advocacy and multi-stakeholder engagement skills and experience.
- Experience in financial management and administration of multi-country USAID programs.
- Development philosophy in keeping with PCI’s mission, vision, core values and approach to integrated, community-driven programming
- Experience working and networking with international stakeholders, such as USAID, other bilateral development agencies, multi-lateral development agencies, United Nations agencies, foundations, and corporate philanthropies
- Experience leading multi-lingual, multi-cultural teams
- Excellent capacity building, team building/management, and coordination skills.
- Comprehensive understanding of ongoing RMNH issues and integrated, community-driven health and development
- Strong management, interpersonal, communication and facilitation skills, as well as the ability to network and communicate with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Strong financial management experience with knowledge of USAID contracting and reporting requirements
- Able to deliver results within established timeframes while managing multiple priorities. Must be flexible and adaptable
- Excellent analytical and self-motivation skills; excellent advocacy and persuasion skills; able to think critically
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, including excellent publishing and presentation skills and experience
- Strong English writing and other communication skills.

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