Chief of Party, USAID Programming Approach Guidance through Evidence and Research (PAGER)

About BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

The BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH) at BRAC University was established in 2004 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with the goal of addressing the unmet public health challenges faced by the developing world. The School was founded by the late Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, also the founder of BRAC, the world's largest NGO, which reaches over 100 million people in Bangladesh and operates in 11 countries across Africa and Asia. BRAC JPGSPH is committed to advancing public health by providing unique, real-world, community-focused learning experiences that address critical and emerging global health challenges. The School aims to create public health leaders and innovative solutions through its interdisciplinary approach, integrating Education, Training, Research, and Advocacy. The school focuses on tackling diverse health issues that affect disadvantaged communities, particularly in resource-limited settings. As a leading institution for higher education and development research in Bangladesh, BRAC JPGSPH plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of public health both locally and globally.

To know more about BRAC JPGSPH, please visit our webpage: **https://bracjpgsph.org**

About the Position

BRAC JPGSPH is seeking qualified candidates for the Chief of Party (COP) position in anticipation of USAID Programming Approach Guidance through Evidence and Research Activity (PAGER). We are currently inviting expressions of interest for this role, which is expected to start in 2025 and last for five years.

The anticipated activity will examine existing evidence and identify solutions to bottlenecks that affect the quality, equity, and performance of the health system at all levels. The activity will also build in-country capacity on training, research, performance monitoring, and assessment. It will improve the monitoring, evaluation, research, and learning skills of relevant GOB health workers and local researchers.

The Chief of Party will oversee all aspects of program implementation, providing vision to the program and ensuring that objectives are met on time and within budget. Reporting to the USAID Mission and the Dean of BRAC JPGSPH, this position will be based in Dhaka, with regular travel in Bangladesh.

This position is subject to project award and funding.

Primary Responsibilities
- Provide strategic and technical leadership to the program and the team.
- Bring dynamic and creative leadership to cultivate innovation in rigorous program implementation and donor deliverables.
- Serve as the principal liaison with USAID, as well as with key government officials, other donors and implementers, private sector entities, research institutions, and civil society partners.

- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with research partners, health officials, and other stakeholders, ensuring that these relationships are managed effectively.
- Ensure inclusion and safeguarding across all stakeholders, including program staff, health officials, and patients.
- Develop annual work plans in collaboration with staff and stakeholders, and oversee work plan implementation.
- Ensure program activities are implemented on schedule and within budget.
- Supervise, manage, and mentor program staff, including accountability for hiring a diverse and qualified staff and building a strong team.
- Oversee monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of program activities, including identifying key indicators and regularly using data to inform programmatic improvements.
- Manage team to implement effective implementation research, knowledge translation, and local capacity strengthening practices and ensure there are routine feedback mechanisms in place for continuous quality improvement in program implementation.
- Coordinate with implementing partners and country counterparts to represent the activity's work externally and advocate for additional investments in health systems research.
- Any other duties to undertake as assigned.

Qualifications and Experience

- All nationalities are welcome to apply.
- Advanced degree (PhD or MA) in a relevant field such as international development, non-profit management, etc.
- 10+ years of experience working in leading programs focused on health systems implementation research and/or health systems strengthening technical assistance in the South Asian context (strong understanding of Bangladeshi context preferred).
- Successful track record of supervising, designing, managing, and implementing complex USAID-funded projects, with a deep understanding of FAR and AIDAR requirements.
- Demonstrated expertise in organizational development/institutional strengthening of research institutions, government and non-government community-based organizations.
- Ability to establish strong working relationships with senior government officials, community officials, media, civil society, private sector leaders, international donors, and other stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to track and manage budgets and plan both strategically and creatively to meet program objectives.
- Exceptional leadership and communication skills to manage across teams in challenging contexts.

- Strong interpersonal skills to work cooperatively with teams, local counterparts, donors, and other stakeholders to achieve results.
- Fluency in English is required, fluency in Bangla is highly preferred.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit a resume and expression of interest to recruitment.sph@bracu.ac.bd by **December 31, 2024.** Please mention in the subject line of your email: **Application for the position of Chief of Party, PAGER.**

Due to the high volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

BRAC JPGSPH values a diverse workforce and is an equal opportunity employer. Personnel are chosen on the basis of ability without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

Please note that your submitted CV may be shared with external partners on this project.