



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Position:** Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition Technical Advisor, India  
(based in New Delhi)  
FHI 360 Global Health, Population & Nutrition

**Supervisor:** A&T India Program Director

### **PROJECT SUMMARY:**

Alive & Thrive (A&T) is an initiative to save lives, prevent illness, and ensure healthy growth and development. Good nutrition in the first 1,000 days, from pregnancy to 2 years of age, is critical to enable all children to lead healthier and more productive lives. A&T is scaling up improved maternal infant and young child feeding and nutrition (MIYCN) through large-scale programs in several countries in Asia and Africa through strategic technical support and the dissemination of innovations, tools, and lessons worldwide. A&T is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the governments of Canada and Ireland and managed by FHI 360.

Alive & Thrive's program in India will contribute to strengthening systems in India to deliver to women and children the nutrition they need for healthy lives.

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

The A&T/India based Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) Technical Advisor, in close collaboration with other A&T staff who support India (A&T India Country Director, HQ-based based MLE and SBC advisors), is expected to provide technical MIYCN leadership and support in provision of specialized technical assistance to the India program. She/he will engage in development, implementation, deliverables (outputs), reports, and documentation of impact (outcomes) of the A&T/India activities.

This position will support and share the high level technical assistance work of the A&T Country Director on technical and strategic matters and the position will also provide strategic technical assistance to the Ministry of Women and Child Development and other related line ministries and missions (e.g. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, National Rural Health Mission, and National Rural Livelihoods Mission), national level medical and other academic institutions, other foundation-supported mechanisms for strengthening MIYCN such as the World Bank Multi Donor Trust Fund, potential collaboration with the, UNICEF, USAID, CIFF, APPI (to leverage support from these institutions) and other development partners and technical support organizations at national level. This is a newly created position developed to help A&T/India apply its MIYCN technical and program advocacy, social behavior change, training, and monitoring approaches through capacity building with designated national and State level partners. This position will play a major role at the national level of technical support to inform the development of evidence based policies and plans. Drafting concept notes, checking technical quality and specifics of MIYCN interventions and approaches in documents, program plans and during implementation are priorities for this position. A substantial level of effort of



this position will go to support the A&T state teams in Bihar and UP and ensuring state learning rises to inform national dialogue on MIYCN and will also facilitate cross-state learning.

The position will also ensure that technical inputs from A&T's HQ team are fully incorporated into the program content of A&T/India. She/he will provide global level evidence-based nutrition technical leadership and quality assurance in India.

#### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

##### **Technical Quality Assurance of the India program, including Bihar and UP, and Diffusion states**

- Using the latest global technical recommendations (WHO, Lancet, UNICEF, other sources) and the Program Framework developed by A&T for improving nutrition behaviors at scale, and the approaches, examples and tools developed by A&T in phase 1 (see A&T website and FNB Supplement 2013), provide guidance on evidence-based technical interventions and comprehensive implementation strategies to ensure MIYCN results on a large scale in India.
- Provide technical input, leadership, and coordination for the design and implementation of all program components, particularly but not solely community-based elements (behavior change communications, capacity building, advocacy, monitoring and learning).
- Provide written technical inputs and review/correct and enhance the development, testing and application of MIYCN concept notes, program plan, tools, materials, advocacy, MLE and SBC approaches, messages, materials, and tools.
- Provide oversight to the same coordinated approach with delivery of program components at the state level in UP and Bihar, and diffusion states; and maintain close communication and coordination with state A&T Program Managers, consultants and staff.
- Help develop annual work plans and project reports, and ensure timely reporting and responses for information to HQ and to donors.
- Actively participate in, contribute to, and in some cases conduct or help facilitate technical content of major program development and implementation activities (strategic planning, program presentations, technical inputs for advocacy and policy meetings, workshops, training, assessments), as appropriate.
- Facilitate the planning, delivery and uptake of technical and strategic inputs provided by A&T consultants and staff visiting India for A&T objectives.
- In consultation with A&T/HQ and A&T/India Program Director, present program results, based on program experience, M&E and evaluation data, to the WCD, NRLM, MOHFW and other professional colleagues and organizations, both in country and internationally.
- Ensure that A&T procurement and branding requirements are met for all activities and final products including presentations, in consultation with A&T/HQ.
- Other duties as assigned.

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*The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, skills, efforts, or working conditions associated with a job.*

#### **REQUIRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**



**Education:**

- At least a Master's degree in one of the following or related fields: Public Health, Human Nutrition, International Health, Behavior Change Communications, Behavioral Science. MBBS, DrPH, PhD strongly preferred

**Experience:**

- 7-10 years of relevant experience required with at least 5 years in a senior technical leadership role providing technical input to a large scale international nutrition or public health project across multiple sectors in a developing country (preferably India)
- Extensive knowledge of infant and young child feeding and maternal nutrition
- Recent senior technical and program work experience in an Indian setting, (3-5 years in the last 10 years)
- Extensive field experience in designing, implementing, monitoring and reporting on technical assistance and capacity building in more than one component (e.g., advocacy, training, SBC) of a public health nutrition program
- Oversight and/or design or program implementation and/or operations research of community activities
- Familiarity with nutrition indicators especially MIYCN data collection, analysis, and reporting
- Familiarity with A&T and other maternal nutrition interventions and global MIYCN program experience
- Publications in peer reviewed journals preferred

**Special Requirements:** This job will require a criminal background check

**Skills:**

- Ability to work independently, assess priorities, and manage a variety of activities while communicating, connecting, and collaborating with HQ and field office staff, subcontractors, and a broad coalition of government and NGO partners
- Strong interpersonal and diplomacy skills
- Outstanding organizational skills
- Excellent problem-solving skills
- Excellent writing, editorial, and communication skills, including strong oral presentation skills
- Fluency in English (and preferably Hindi) required

**Additional Information:**

Equipment to be used: Computers, fax machine, telephones, calculators, and/or similar devices

Typical physical demands: Works in a typical office setting

Working conditions including Travel and Overtime: Travel to states of UP and Bihar and Diffusion states at least 25%. Possible travel in US and/or Asia

**To apply, please e-mail your cover letter and resume to [aliveandthrive.india@gmail.com](mailto:aliveandthrive.india@gmail.com) by August 18, 2017**