

Director, Food, Department of Humanitarian Response

Location: Rome, or Washington D.C

Save the Children US

Summary

The purpose of this position is to provide leadership and oversight to the food programming and logistics functions of Save the Children US. The incumbent will coordinate with cross-functional units dealing with commodity management, logistics, and emergency food aid programs so that they are most effective. S/he will also, on behalf of SC members and SCI, consolidate and build a strategic relationship with the World Food Program. The function is also responsible to ensure rapid provision of technical assistance to emergencies in the area of food programming and logistics. The selected candidate may live in Washington D.C or Rome, Italy (no international living allowances will be provided)

Responsibilities:

Ensure that World Food Program, USAID Food for Peace, and other food resources are properly managed and accounted for.

Develop and provide oversight of food aid programs funded by WFP. Communicate and collaborate with SC members, SC International, and County Offices on “account management” of the World Food Program

Maintain close contacts with senior officials with that UN organization, as well as closely follow policies and practices, and regularly report to the Save the Children membership, as well as SC International and the field.

Coordinate commodity management, logistics, and emergency food aid programs and staff

Balance on-going oversight of grants, commodity accounting, and other day-to-day activities with sudden deployments in response to humanitarian crises.

Work with other directors in the Humanitarian Response department and Save the Children International to position SC as top tier leader in humanitarian affairs.

Collaborate with other Department of Humanitarian Response colleagues, International Program Leadership, other SC US departments for effective organizational results

Requirements:

12 years humanitarian experience, a combination of field and headquarters positions

4 years responsibility for high level relationship building with UN, government donor, or similar entity

5 years management responsibility for headquarters team

5 years involvement in logistics and food aid programming, with at least 2 working with World Food Programme resources

Master's degree in related field

Strong understanding of international donor arena and relationships.

Ability to work collaboratively across departments and in teams.

Good representation skills

Tolerance of ambiguity and demonstrated ability to optimistically work for positive change in an environment of rapid organizational change

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Save the Children provides an attractive benefits package including competitive salaries, a matching retirement plan, health and welfare benefits, life insurance, an employee assistance program, generous time off and much more. We are an equal opportunity organization dedicated to our core values of Accountability, Ambition, Collaboration, Creativity and Integrity.