

Senior Advisor, Policy & Partnerships, Violence Against Children

Location: [Europe & the Middle East] [Switzerland] [Location: Geneva or New York where WVI is registered to operate.]

Category: Advocacy

Job Type: Fixed term, Full-time

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PURPOSE OF POSITION:

The position will lead World Vision external advocacy and play a critical role in our five year global advocacy campaign to end violence against children. They will be responsible for positioning child protection as a prominent priority within the global development agenda, advocating for policy changes at the multilateral level, developing policy briefings and collaborating with internal & external stakeholders to support change at the global, regional and national levels. The role will also ensure World Vision's evidence base is utilised to position the organisation and influence external policy and funding outcomes.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Advocacy with multilateral institutions:

- Facilitate and directly engage with key multilateral fora through relationship building and lobbying with global institutions and partnerships (eg. UN agencies, World Bank, ambassadors, government officials, etc).
- Ensure and support the engagement with key stakeholders and multilateral partners in Global Capitals (Brussels, Geneva, New York and Addis).
- Negotiate/debate/ compromise with UN leading technical experts in the field of violence against children to achieve policy change.
- Liase, and advocate with emerging global VAC Partnership to support establishment of multistakeholder global platform and safeguard CSOs interests.

Policy Development and Research:

- Ensure World Vision policy positions and strategies for engaging with global institutions related to ending VAC are developed and promoted. Constantly monitor and analyse external policy environment, to inform and develop World Vision policy positions. Ensure that World Vision key programmatic work is underpinning policy positions and ensuring policy elements are leveraged. Support development of research agenda related to VAC and oversee specific areas of research. Develop World Vision public policy positions on ending VAC and support policy development in National Offices. Liaise with internal and external experts (e.g. academics, think-tanks).?????

Representing World Vision in the existing VAC related forums and networks including participating in the leadership of coalitions as required. Leading representation in the NGO group for Global Partnership to end VAC. Strengthening cross sectoral networks of key stakeholders (peer, government, multilateral and academic).

Support to National, Regional and Support (NO/ROs/SOs):

- Provide policy support to national and regional offices to connect & leverage global, regional and national opportunities. Support National Offices and Support Offices in advocacy to influence government policy and develop their national plans of action to end VAC.
- Support the policy analysis and representational needs of Regional Offices and national entities in connection to global VAC moments and key events.

Identifying and positioning World Vision for grant opportunities: Liaising and building relationships with foundations and other non-traditional donors.

In collaboration with GAM and other departments identifying opportunities and supporting proposals development.

Support senior leaders in effective advocacy on child protection as needed.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Masters Degree in social work, international relations, international development or law, human rights law.

- Ability to write to a publishable standard.
- Strong analytical and research skills and proven ability to convert complex information into succinct, targeted briefings and other applied documents.
- At least 10 years experience in leading child protection work either within government, regional or multilateral institutions or in a peer NGO.
- Track record in influencing policy and leading coalitions.
- Extensive global networks within VAC space.

Preferred:

- Effective in written and verbal communication in English and preferably French.
- Understanding of social marketing and external communications.
- Experience in working with the media / other communications vehicles to change attitudes.

Working Environment / Conditions:

- The position requires ability and willingness to travel domestically and internationally up to 30% of the time.