

**USAID EMERGING PANDEMIC THREATS 2 (EPT 2) PROGRAM  
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (P&R) PROJECT**

**ONE HEALTH TECHNICAL ADVISOR – VIETNAM**

**Duty Station: Hanoi, Vietnam**

DAI is recruiting for a One Health Technical Advisor - Vietnam for its Preparedness and Response (P&R) Project, which Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI) implements as part of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Emerging Pandemic Threats Program 2 (EPT2).

**Overall Objectives and Description of the Position**

**The Preparedness and Response (P&R) Project**, a component of the USAID Emerging Pandemic Threats 2 (EPT 2) program, supports the strengthening of National One Health Platforms (NOHPs). NOHPs are defined as the mechanisms for multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral collaboration at the convergence of human, animal, and environmental/wildlife health. NOHPs provide the basis for ensuring that core capacities are in place for preparedness, and for promptly detecting, reporting, and responding to emerging pandemic threats. At a minimum, a NOHP is composed of public health, animal health, and environment/wildlife ministry representatives. As appropriate, the NOHP or the coordinating agencies and mechanisms also include additional ministries (e.g. trade, tourism, education, or finance), parastatal organizations (e.g. national laboratories, research institutes, etc.), representatives of universities, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. Multilateral and bilateral stakeholders and partners, such as WHO, FAO, OIE, CDC, may also participate. The P&R project also supports the role of the NOHPs in National Preparedness and Response Planning.

The P&R One Health Technical Advisor (OHTA) – Vietnam will have a combination of technical, managerial, and operational responsibilities, depending upon circumstances and need to support the operationalization of the NOHP equivalent and related emergency preparedness and response planning. The incumbent will also have responsibility for coordination of P&R project activities in Vietnam. In this capacity, the incumbent will serve as the P&R project focal point for USAID, EPT 2 partners and stakeholders both within and outside of the country.

**Illustrative Tasks/Responsibilities**

- Oversee and facilitate the planning, implementation, and reporting of P&R activities in the country.
- Liaise with relevant government officials and partners, including the USAID Mission/Office, on a continuous basis to ensure awareness, coordination, buy-in, and cooperation for the successful planning and implementation of P&R activities.
- Represent P&R in the country and coordinate with focal persons for other EPT 2 partners (PREDICT 2 and One Health Workforce [OHW], FAO, WHO, USCDC).
- Provide managerial, administrative, and logistical support and identify needs to facilitate travel and implementation of activities.
- Provide on-site technical and organizational development support to the existing coordination agencies/mechanisms to strengthen multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary collaboration on disease outbreaks in coordination with appropriate international health agencies (e.g. WHO, FAO, OIE, US CDC) and key stakeholders.
- Assist with the identification of technical assistance needs to improve the management capacity and efficiency of the NOHP equivalent in Vietnam.
- Identify opportunities to promote the convening of appropriate technical, capacity building, and coordinating meetings to promote multidisciplinary discussions and assessments of human and animal health data related to emerging zoonotic diseases (EZDs)/EIDs and the results of disease outbreak investigation.
- Collaborate with senior P&R technical, organizational development and operations (OPS) leadership and staff, including at regional P&R offices, to plan activities that will facilitate the assessment of strengths and capacities, and to address gaps identified in the NOHP equivalent.
- Contribute to the analysis of public health, animal health, wildlife and environmental services to identify vertical and horizontal linkages useful to support EZD/EID field investigations, and work collaboratively to maximize efficiencies and cooperation.
- Communicate regularly within the project, and with appropriate government counterparts to create activity maps, update and refine activity maps to identify new needs, and highlight success stories that can be shared to inform stakeholders nationally and regionally.
- Identify and share best practices and tools to inform data-based decision making in a timely manner and build capacity within the NOHP equivalent.
- Identify opportunities to collaborate with other EPT 2 projects on activities aligned with project objectives and country priorities.
- Collaborate with other project staff (as appropriate) to prepare reports, develop materials to respond to information requests and otherwise fulfill project information sharing responsibilities.
- Respond to requests for information from USAID, other USG representatives, EPT 2 partners and representatives of government;
- Follow all applicable USAID and DAI rules and regulations.

### **Profile/Qualifications**

- Completion of an accredited degree in one (or more) of the following areas: veterinary medicine, medicine, epidemiology, public health, and/or preventive medicine or related disciplines depending on the needs of the country. Candidate should have at least one the following degrees: MD, DVM, Ph.D. preferred, or Master's Degree.
- A minimum of 3 - 5 years of progressive work experience in public health with prior management/organizational experience regarding outbreak preparedness and response planning and systems – experience with field investigation of disease outbreaks or epidemics and data analysis skills preferred.
- Understand and be able to apply the principles of public health, epidemiology, disease prevention and control strategies to support and strengthen disease surveillance and response systems and implementation of International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and/or the Performance of Veterinary Services (PVS) Tool.
- Ability to apply the principles of the scientific process to properly interpret findings useful for disease prevention, disease control and to determine risk; ability to understand data-based decision making strategies.
- Experience with mentoring and sustainable capacity building. Ability and interest to work with management and organizational development experts to assess organizational effectiveness and to identify areas in need of strengthening.
- Professional, technical, and/or management skills required for collaborative implementation of P&R project activities, including providing and/or identifying technical assistance and subject matter expertise to support coordination agency/mechanism performance.
- Practical experience working effectively in an advisory capacity with government health agencies, multilateral health agencies, and national and international nongovernmental organizations.
- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate effectively (speaking and writing) in English. Native speaker fluency in Vietnamese required.
- Excellent relationship management skills with the ability to liaise, consult, and interact professionally with technical and managerial staff, mid- and senior-level government officials, and direct supervisor—as well as with external agencies, service providers, and client/project (USAID, P&R technical and operations staff).
- Ability to employ critical thinking skills and work independently to solve problems and contribute to achievement of deliverables.
- Familiarity with USAID rules and regulations preferred.
- Vietnamese national required.

**Interested candidates are invited to send your application letter stating how they meet the qualifications and skills and a detailed CV to:**  
**PRPreruitment@DAI.com, with 'Preparedness and Response OHTA/CC' in the subject line.**

**Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.**