

Position: Integrated Nutrition Facilitator

Environment and Rural development Center (ENRUDEC) has made a partnership with Helen Keller International to implement USAID Integrated Nutrition Activity in Banke district. USAID Integrated Nutrition's primary goal is to improve the nutrition status of women, adolescents, and children in Nepal's underserved and marginalized communities. The activity will tackle the direct and underlying determinants of malnutrition in Nepal while strengthening the national and local enabling environment to implement multisectoral nutrition programs through four synergistic intermediate results. Success will be measured by improvements in nutrition status indicators among women of reproductive age, adolescents, and children.

Position Overview

Under the direct supervision of the Municipal Nutrition Officer and with technical guidance from the Program Coordinator, the Integrated Nutrition Facilitator plays a crucial role in the implementation of field level activities with quality. Key responsibilities of Nutrition Facilitator is to implement planned activities and support to health facilities, HMGs, FCHVs for quality implementation of field level activities, strengthening of HMGs. The Integrated Nutrition Facilitator will consistently collaborate with community level government and non-government stakeholders, development partners, and private sector actors in the ward level to enhance synergy in implementation and outcomes at the local government level.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Mapping the underserved and marginalized communities, households with the support of ward and municipality of government structure and develop integrated plan to reach the underserved communities for nutritional interventions.
- Support to Municipal Officer to conduct an orientation on USAID Integrated Nutrition for health facility in-charges, school teachers, FCHVs, community volunteers, and other local level service providers to facilitate collaboration at the local level
- Support and conduct interpersonal communication at health mothers' group meetings through interactive, experiential events promoting local foods and hygiene, and key life events targeting women in their first 1,000 days, as well as decision-makers (husbands, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law) in vulnerable communities
- Support to strengthen the capacity of and mobilize FCHVs, ward-level service providers, and ECDC teachers for MUAC screening, counseling, referral and follow-up at community platforms (GMP, EPI, ECDC, HMG) of children with wasting
- Conduct community level sensitization events for WASH (e.g. hand washing, water testing, water treatment options, toilet use)
- Support and engage to local influencers such as social/religious leaders, community champions/celebrities, and traditional healers, to address harmful gender and social norms and improve health, nutrition, and WASH in their communities

- Conduct community sensitization events about early marriage and childbearing by mobilizing child clubs, engaging community influencers and school teachers, organizing joint sessions with adolescents and parents, sharing stories from champions, and forming or mobilizing watchdog groups and networks
- Identify and mobilize **ideal couples or champions** to be recognized as role models for changing social, cultural, and gender norms in their communities among vulnerable groups
- Support to Municipal Officer to organize SHN review meetings at municipalities/wards to strengthen adolescent IFA supplementation
- Map and conduct integrated nutrition counseling visits for households with underserved 1000 days families using appropriate materials
- Ensure FCHVs have access to essential materials, update their registers (including new pregnant women, malnourished children, etc.), and provide counseling on nutrition and health services during mothers' group meetings and household visits.
- Participate and support in ward-level NFSSC meetings as per MSNP III guidelines, health facility and different community level meetings, events and advocate to integrate nutritional interventions focusing to underserved community
- Assist Municipal Nutrition Officers in organizing co-creation workshops and collaborating with health, agriculture, wash, social protection, nutrition, livestock stakeholders too implement action plan.
- Share good practices, learnings, and success stories with municipal and ward-level stakeholders.

Coordination and Advocacy

- Advocate for improved services, including Vitamin A programs, family planning services, and maternal, child, and adolescent nutrition services.
- Support Municipal Nutrition Officer to Organize Co-creation workshops at the municipal and health institution levels and coordinate regularly with health stakeholders to ensure quality implementation of action plans developed during meetings such as health institution management committees.
- Present good practices, learnings, and success stories in meetings with municipal and ward-level stakeholders on nutrition, health, water and sanitation, and livelihoods.
- Support and advocate for campaigns like Nutrition friendly local Governance (NFLG) Open Defecation-Free initiatives, water purification, and nutrition-friendly wards and municipalities.
- Participate and support seven step planning process with local governments to secure budget allocation for nutrition-related activities such as food demonstrations, celebration of key life events, street dramas, job aids, and information materials printing and distribution.

Follow-Up and Monitoring

- Conduct follow-ups on activities like meetings at health institutions, agriculture service centers, livestock service centers, and rural model farmer networks as per the suggestions from technical officers.

- Fill out monitoring checklists monthly, such as household checklists, rural model farmer checklists, and FCHV checklists.
- Promote the "Nutrition related SBC program and Apps" at community level.
- Implement activities in line with program guidelines and targets and submit monthly progress reports.

Reporting and Documentation

- Submit progress reports to the Municipal Nutrition Officer within the assigned timeframe.
- Share success stories and learnings with the Municipal Nutrition Officer.
- Carry out other program-related activities as assigned by the supervisor

. Education and experience :

- Recognized institution-certified ANM (Auxiliary Nurse Midwife), JT/JTA or Staff Nurse background or plus two level education.
- At least two years of experience in health/nutrition
- Strong community mobilization and coordination skills.
- Ability to work independently.
- Proficiency in Nepali language with reporting skills in English; preference for candidates with knowledge of local languages.
- Priority will be given to **local candidates from the same local level.**

The Municipal Nutrition Facilitator should demonstrate respect for all individuals regardless of religion, ethnicity, caste, class, or gender, with a high comfort level working in a diverse environment and a demonstrated commitment to high professional ethical standards and comply the ENRUDEC, Helen Keller and USAID rule and regulations.