CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Regional Advocacy Manager – East Africa

Deadline: 13th October 2021

It’s hard to believe that today 844 million people do not have clean water and 2.3 billion do not have a decent toilet – around one in three of the world’s population. Every two minutes, a child under five dies from diarrheal diseases caused by poor water and sanitation. We started because no NGO like us existed. We will end when no organisation like us is needed. In the meantime, we are making great progress – since 1981, we have reached 25 million people with clean water and, since 2004, 24 million people with sanitation. WaterAid works through supporting local organisations and government authorities to design and demonstrate appropriate and sustainable WASH programmes. WaterAid also seeks to influence policy change through government and other key sector actors to secure and protect the rights of poor people to safe, affordable water and sanitation services.

WaterAid is looking for a **Regional Advocacy Manager (RAM)** to play a vital role in our mission to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere. The purpose of the role is to anchor and co-ordinate WaterAid’s work at the regional level. The RAM will develop key relationships with stakeholders to influence the implementation of SDGs as pertains to the WASH sector. The job holder will work with country programmes and regional team in East Africa, build on their national and regional level experiences, link policy and practice to ensure linked up advocacy and influencing with key regional, governmental and non-governmental institutions and networks. The role will also pursue the human rights aspects of WASH and build a network for influencing the WASH sector for improved, equitable and sustainable WASH services to the poor, marginalized and excluded in East Africa. The job holder will ensure that the East Africa programme of work draws lessons from best practice across the region and in particular WaterAid’s experiences.

**To be successful, you will need to have:** -

- Post-graduate / Masters’ Degree in Development Studies, Law, Public policy / Administration or equivalent.
- Experience delivering successful high impact advocacy strategies and campaigns above country level in East Africa and support Country programmes to deliver same.
Experience collaborating with key decision-makers in official bilateral or multilateral donor organizations and strong track record of building effective relationships with high level decision-makers.

A record of working with research and academic institutions to deliver relevant evidence capable of influencing policy making processes.

Experience working in collaboration with and/or managing civil society networks, or a regional institution or regional programme in East Africa.

Sound knowledge of political and socio–economic development issues and challenges in East Africa.

Experience of working in East Africa at senior management levels in related sectors – WASH/environment/health/education.

We are looking for people who share a commitment to our vision. We are looking for people with an appreciation and respect for different people and ideas, and the energy and expertise to help tackle the most important challenges. In return, you can expect to get inspiration from the change you help make happen, a sense of belonging and the feeling of being part of a global community. You will also experience stimulation and fulfilment, the chance to grow, and space to be yourself at your best. This is our pledge to you.

By 2030, we want everyone everywhere to have clean water, sanitation and hygiene. We need you to help us make it happen. If you bring your expertise, passion and professionalism, we will give you a lot back.

If you are interested in the position and have the right skills and attributes, please complete our job application form found here: https://www.wateraid.org/tz/media/14876 and send it to EArecruitments@wateraid.org stating RAM in the subject line. Find the job description here: https://www.wateraid.org/tz/media/14871

Your application should reach us by 13th October 2021.

Only candidates shortlisted for interviewing will be contacted within two weeks of the closing date for applications. No recruitment agencies please.

WaterAid is committed to ensuring that wherever we work in the world there is no tolerance for the abuse of power, privilege or trust. WaterAid reinforces a culture of zero tolerance towards any form of inappropriate behaviour, abuse, harassment, or exploitation of any kind. The safeguarding of our beneficiaries, staff, volunteers and anyone working on our behalf, is our top priority, and we take our responsibilities extremely seriously. All staff and volunteers are required to share in this commitment through our Global Code of Conduct. We will conduct the most appropriate preemployment references and checks to ensure high standards are maintained.

WaterAid is an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.