

*Service Delivery Improvement Intern *

Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Service Delivery Improvement Division, Flex Fund Program

The need for family planning is growing worldwide, both for spacing births and for limiting future births. Many women and couples would like to use family planning but lack access and information. In USAID's Service Delivery Improvement Division of the Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH), the Flexible Fund is a program in which PRH funds are used to support and strengthen US-based private and voluntary organizations (PVOs) and country-specific non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to expand family planning use in developing countries through community-based programming.

The goal of the Flexible Fund is to strengthen the role of PVO/NGOs in family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) worldwide. Its two main objectives are: to expand family planning use and reproductive health practices worldwide through the support of PVO/NGO partnerships and program integration; and to expand the participation of PVO/NGO in FP/RH programs worldwide. The Flexible Fund has three main strategies: stimulating and strengthening involvement of PVOs/NGOs in family planning; advancing the state-of-the-art practices among PVO/NGOs; and establishing evidence of PVO/NGO contributions to family planning.

The intern will work with the USAID/Washington management team for the Flex Fund Program, as well as with project staff at MACRO International, to assess the contribution of the Flex Fund grantees; assess the success of the Flex Fund and provide recommendations to enhance the outcomes of the Flex Fund. S/he will be managed by the Senior PVO/NGO Technical Advisor, and will work closely with the project management and technical teams.

Learning Objective

To gain a greater understanding about USAID's Flex Fund, project evaluation and outcomes, and prepare a report with recommendations for the Flex Fund.

Specific Activities

1. Document the contributions of Flexible Fund grantees to national level family planning programs.
2. Assess the extent to which the Flex Fund has served the family planning and reproductive health needs of marginalized populations.
3. Determine the extent to which Flexible Fund grantees increased the use of family planning services. **
4. * *Assess the extent to which the Flexible Fund been successful in partnering with Missions to support and expand community-based family planning programs. **
5. * *Identify the contributions the Flexible Fund has made to the pool of knowledge on community-based family planning. **
6. Determine the extent to which Flexible Fund programs have contributed to achieving GH/PRH Strategic Objectives.
7. Identify contributions made by the Flexible Fund for which no other GH/PRH program is positioned to make. Determine what is unique about the program design that enables the program to make these contributions.
8. Provide recommendations for improving the contributions of the Flexible Fund to achieve the PRH Strategic Objectives.
9. Assess the success of the Flexible Fund design in building family planning program capacity of PVOs and NGOs, and provide recommendation for improvements. **

Qualifications

The applicant will be enrolled in a graduate program (PhD student preferred) in the social sciences, public health or related fields. Qualified candidates will have a keen interest in program evaluation and international health, strong writing and oral communication skills and experience in the review and synthesis of published and unpublished materials. Additionally, the candidate will possess experience in the use of in-depth interview techniques, and in the analysis and reporting of qualitative data.

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