



Chief of Party Colombo, Sri Lanka

*Hiring for this position is contingent upon funding

ABOUT US:

Founded in 1992, IWPR is an independent not-for profit organisation that works with media and civil society to promote positive change in conflict zones, closed societies, and countries in transition around the world. It has coordinating offices in the United States and the Netherlands, and a global headquarters in London. IWPR supports local reporters, citizen journalists and civil society activists in countries in conflict, crisis and transition around the world. It trains, mentors and provides platforms for professional and citizen reporters; builds up the institutional capacity of media and civic groups; and works with partners to remove barriers to free expression, robust public debate and citizen engagement. IWPR works on the ground in more than 20 countries.

BACKGROUND:

The overall goal of the MEND activity is to improve citizen access to balanced, reliable, and objective news in Sri Lanka. This project will support Sri Lanka's efforts to solidify recent advances in media freedom and democratic governance. This will require working with media, journalists and editors, media-related commissions and agencies, and relevant organizations that support media, access to information, and media freedom.

The activity's primary objectives include:

- 1) Improved media governance and enabling environment;
- 2) Improved media capacity to provide balanced, informed, unbiased, and ethical reporting on key policy and public interest issues; and
- 3) Media serves as a forum for important national dialogues.

SUMMARY:

The COP will be the direct link with the AOR and other relevant stakeholders and accountable for achieving project results.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide overall leadership management and general technical direction of the entire program. Ensure an integrated vision among different components and a focus on achieving results. Identify issues and risks related to program implementation in a timely manner, and suggest appropriate adjustments. Act as a key liaison between IWPR Sri Lanka and all other counterparts and implementing partners involved with the program. Assist in planning and organizing the annual work plan and preparing the project budget. Ensure resources for project implementation are available. Oversee total compliance with USAID regulations in all aspects of the program.

REQUIREMENTS:

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- Minimum of 10 years of demonstrated USG experience managing complex media programs that have included components supporting media advocacy, media capacity building, and media development in a post-conflict environment.
- Minimum four years of experience in similar role on cooperative agreements for civil society/media with USAID projects.
- Experience implementing complex and multifaceted projects is required, with demonstrated skill in organizing resources and establishing priorities.
- Leadership skills and a professional reputation.
- Strong interpersonal skills and written and oral presentation skills to fulfill the diverse technical and managerial requirements of the program description.
- Exceptional communication and collaboration skills
- Proven track record of interacting with other projects, high level host country governments, and international agencies.
- Proven track record of working effectively with media, civil society, and government counterparts.
- Exhibit effective personnel management, coordination, and decision-making skills along with an ability to troubleshoot.

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