

Social Connectedness Fellowship Program

Partnership Proposal: SeeChange

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Partner Organization: SeeChange Initiative supports vulnerabilised communities to build their resiliency and autonomy in order to respond effectively to health crises in their communities. Through its CommunityFirst approach (annex : SeeChange deck), SeeChange helps bring forward adaptive CommunityFirst solutions to health crises that are desired, designed and owned by the communities themselves.

Location of Fellow: Remote

Description of Proposed Project:

Since April 2020, SeeChange has worked in-depth with 12 vulnerabilized communities in eight countries in Latin America, Canada and East Africa to develop a series of CommunityFirst Solutions for COVID-19 to support them during the pandemic, in the context of other intersecting crises. As our engagement with these communities deepened, we started laying down the structural foundations of our CommunityFirst framework which leverages a range of people-focused practices and tools building upon communities' strengths and skills for the impactful design and implementation of humanitarian health initiatives.

'Traditional' results-based programming focuses on demonstrating accountability and success, rather than on the change and impact that are grounded in the realities of practices of the communities in crisis. This project seeks to explore the individual and community perspectives, with strong considerations of the local contexts, to inform the development of culturally-sensitive, people-focused M&E tools and practices that SeeChange will incorporate in its CommunityFirst framework.

Key responsibilities include

- Support the development of qualitative tools, focused on emphasizing individual and community voices to measure outcomes and impact of the humanitarian health initiatives in vulnerabilised communities
- Contribute to the M&E planning and implementation of specific CommunityFirst initiatives in Latin America
- Conduct data analysis on CommunityFirst initiatives' long-term impact

on community outcomes.

Helpful skills include:

- Experience in research (data collection and analysis)
- Strong understanding of M&E practices and tool development
- Strong communication skills
- Understanding of project management in humanitarian setting
- Proficiency in Spanish is an asset

Educational assets:

- Graduate of social sciences with strong interest in socio-cultural anthropology

Key Deliverables:

- The drafting of a 25-30 page report, to be published by SCSC, which may include:
 - Data analysis on CommunityFirst initiatives' long-term impact on community outcomes.
- 1 Blog post to be posted on the SCSC website & SeeChange
- Support M&E tool development, planning and implementation in one CommunityFirst Initiative in Latin America

Goals:

This research will further SeeChange's mission and work by contributing to the foundation of the CommunityFirst framework. This is a crucial step in establishing the structural foundation for communities wishing to lead and measure the success of their own humanitarian responses.

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