



Job Title: Senior AT Advisor (Independent Consultant)

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Organization Overview

The Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc. (CHAI) is a global health organization committed to our mission of saving lives and reducing the burden of disease in low-and middle-income countries. We work at the invitation of governments to support them and the private sector to create and sustain high-quality health systems. CHAI was founded in 2002 in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic with the goal of dramatically reducing the price of life-saving drugs and increasing access to these medicines in the countries with the highest burden of the disease. Over the following two decades, CHAI has expanded its focus. Today, along with HIV, we work in conjunction with our partners to prevent and treat infectious diseases such as COVID-19, malaria, tuberculosis, and hepatitis. Our work has also expanded into cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and other non-communicable diseases, and we work to accelerate the rollout of lifesaving vaccines, reduce maternal and child mortality, combat chronic malnutrition, and increase access to assistive technology.

CHAI Liberia Overview

In 2006, CHAI was the first international NGO to help Liberia's government rebuild after a decade-long civil war in Liberia had killed an estimated 270,000 people, decimated the nation's health infrastructure and hindered the country's ability to deliver vital health and social services. CHAI has since supported the MOH in strengthening supply chain management, health workforce, health financing, and provided technical assistance across various vertical programs including HIV, maternal and neonatal health, sexual and reproductive health, malaria, cancer, essential medicines and oxygen access, and assistive technology.

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Assistive technology (AT), or assistive devices, is an umbrella term covering products and services that enhance functioning, such as mobility, hearing aids, and eyeglasses. An estimated 2.5 billion people worldwide need at least one form of AT, including 240 million disabled children. However, one billion people are denied access to AT, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, where access can be as low as 3% of the need. AT is particularly important for children with disabilities during their early years as this period is critical for maximizing their development.

CHAI Liberia is currently implementing projects to increase access to AT through support from the LEGO Foundation and the Global Disability Innovation Hub (GDI Hub). We are seeking an experienced expert to support the team for a minimum of three (3) months.

Scope of Work

- 1) Adopt WHO Assistive Product Standards (by end of September 2024):
 - Identify and select at least 5 adult or pediatric products (from national APL) across mobility, vision, and/or hearing for adaptation
 - Collaborate with MOH and specialists to adapt WHO standards for Liberia
 - Develop a 2-pager outlining best practices in the adaptation process for future learning.
- 2) Virtual participation in in-country validation of APS (September-October 2024):
 - Participate in virtual meetings with country team to validate adapted APS
 - Incorporate any edits and finalize adapted APS
- 3) Integration of adapted APS into catalytic procurement and rapid AT quantification tool (September-October 2024):
 - Provide AT expertise to finalize catalytic procurement list for CHAI Liberia
 - Ensure alignment of adapted APS (e.g. product descriptions) with rapid AT quantification tool
- 4) Additional Responsibilities (September-November 2024):



- Provide AT expertise to ensure quality of CHAI catalytic procurement of assistive devices
- Provide AT expertise to backstop the development of rapid AT quantification tool and centralized assistive products database
- Provide HIS expertise to backstop the integration of AT/disability data elements into revised HIS forms and ledgers
- Provide expertise to ensure strategic integration of program activities into existing MOH and partner priorities
- Support reporting as needed e.g. donor quarterly report, global CHAI calls

Expected Outputs

- Adapted WHO assistive product standards for Liberia
- Integrated rapid AT quantification tool with adapted APS
- Integrated AT/disability data elements into HIS
- Project activities communicated to donors and CHAI global team

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent plus 10 years work experience with increasing levels of responsibility and leadership or Advanced Degree (Master in Public Health or Master in Business Administration preferred) or equivalent plus 8 years work experience with increasing levels of responsibility and leadership.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated strong problem solving, analytical and quantitative skills, including expert proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and internet applications
- Self-initiated and ability to work independently and effectively with minimal supervision
- Experience with procurement and supply management processes, systems, standards, and tools
- In-depth understanding of routine health information systems and reporting
- Prior experience working in the areas of AT is required, with significant knowledge of global AT priorities and best practices, policy and enabling environment, and stakeholder relationships
- Prior experience working in Liberia is required

Qualified individuals should send their application and CV to chai.liberia@gmail.com, with the subject line "**Application for AT Senior Advisor 2024**". Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and only selected candidates will be contacted.