

WSS NEWS

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STATISTICAL
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In Celebration of Back-to-School!

We want to guide them right and a WSS member has the perfect idea to do just that!
What could be better?

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Health Status	Boys (%)	Girls (%)
Excellent	50	58
Very Good	30	32
Good	22	15
Fair or Poor	5	5

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LECTURES AND SEMINARS

Mark your calendar for upcoming 2011 Morris Hansen Lecture!

Tentative Title: Total Survey Error: Design-Based/Model-Based Viewpoints and Missing Conceptual Components
Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2011
Place: USDA auditorium
Speakers: Robert Groves and Rod Little
Status: Further details will be available soon

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

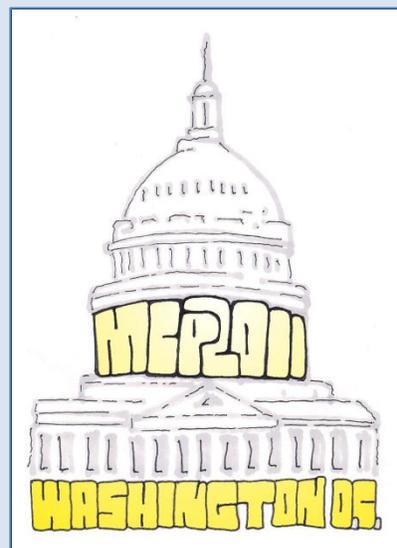
Event: The 7th International Conference on Multiple Comparison Procedures

Date: August 29 – September 01, 2011

Location: Hilton, Rockville MD

Description:

The 7th International Conference on Multiple Comparison Procedures will be held on August 29 - September 01, 2011 at the Hilton Rockville Hotel, MD. The main goal of the conference is to promote research and applications of multiple comparison procedures. The application areas of multiple comparison procedures are a rich and important source of cross-disciplinary statistical research. This conference will provide a forum for technical interactions among industry practitioners, research scientists from different subject matter areas and statisticians.



Keynote speakers:

- James O. Berger (Duke University, USA)
- Terry Speed (WEHI, Australia & UC Berkeley, USA)

Topics include:

- Bayesian Methods and Decision Theory
- Bioinformatics and Pharmacogenomics
- Multiple Endpoints Problems
- Adaptive and Sequential Designs
- Clinical Trial Applications
- Closed Testing and Partitioning Principles
- Screening and Selection
- Theory and Foundations (Error Rates, Estimation Procedures, etc.)

For more information, please check the web site www.mcp-conference.org, or contact either Sue-Jane Wang at Suejane.Wang@fda.hhs.gov, Jason Hsu at jch@stat.osu.edu or Frank Bretz at frank.bretz@novartis.com.

The conference is supported by *The International Society for Biopharmaceutical Statistics*

Event: **The SouthEast SAS® Users Group (SESUG) 19th Annual Conference is coming to your area.**

Date: **October 23-25th, 2011**

Location: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA

Description:

For the first time, the SESUG will hold their annual conference in the Washington D.C. area, making it very convenient for professionals in the DC Area to attend. The conference will be held October 23-25th, 2011 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. The conference schedule, academic sections, and events are planned to accommodate local users. Some examples include:

- Opening session on Monday morning rather than Sunday evening
- Internet connection availability in the conference area
- Two full days of content rather than a day and a half

SESUG is a regional user group that welcomes all SAS users with conference locations in the southeastern United States. SESUG is a great opportunity for significant SAS training and networking with other SAS professionals.

Registration:

Conference registration is now **open**. We hope you will join us in a great opportunity to enhance your SAS knowledge and network with other SAS users. More information can be found at the conference website: <http://www.sesug.org/SESUG2011/index.php>.

Event: **International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA), the Indian Bayesian Society and the Indian Chapter of ISBA**

Date: **January 6-10, 2013**

Location: Varanasi, India

Cost: \$400 USD if registered on or before September 10, 2012; additional 10% if registered after September 10, 2012

Description:

The conference is expected to cover a lot of Bayesian applications and some theories relating to

- Agricultural and Social Statistics
- Business Statistics and Econometrics
- Decision Theory and Decision Analysis
- Environmental and Spatial Statistics
- Image Analysis
- Markov Chain Monte Carlo Methods and their Advancements
- Methods for High or Infinite Dimensional Data
- Objective Bayesian Methods
- Official Statistics and Survey Sampling
- Risk Analysis and Reliability
- Survival Analysis, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, etc.

Deadlines:

Abstracts: **September 10, 2012** (for contributed papers)

Final Text: **October 10, 2012**

Tutorials **January 6-7, 2013** (tutorial cost: \$50.00 USD)

Information:

There are plans to publish the conference proceedings after peer review of contributions by eminent Bayesians.

For more information and to submit abstracts or register, visit <http://www.bhu.ac.in/isba/>.

KEYWORDS: Statistics, statistical modeling, analysis

Event: **Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research Conference**

Date: **January 10-12, 2012**

Location: Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC

Description:

The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) is planning a research conference to be held at the Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC, on **January 10-12, 2012**.

Schedule of Activities:

Activity	Date
Abstracts due	<i>passed</i>
Papers selected/Authors notified	<i>passed</i>
Advance program ready	September 2011
Conference registration open	October 3, 2011
Draft paper due to Organizers/Chairs	November 16, 2011
Final program ready	December 2011
Conference dates	January 10-12, 2012
Final paper due (FCSM Web site)	March 2012

POC:

To obtain conference information or to be included on the mailing list, contact:

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Email: fcsm@census.gov

Phone: 202-874-0464

For questions about abstracts contact:

Kevin Cecco, Program Chair

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Phone: 301-763-2308

Event: **2nd ACM SIGHIT International Health Informatics Symposium (IHI 2012)**

Date: **January 28-30, 2012**

Location: Miami, Florida

Website: <http://www.sighit.org/ihi2012> , <http://www.comp.hkbu.edu.hk/ihi2012/>

Description:

IHI 2012 is the main conference of the newly formed ACM Special Interest Group on Health Informatics (SIGHIT). IHI 2012 is ACM's premier community forum concerned with the application of computer science principles, information science principles, information technology, and communication technology to address problems in healthcare, public health, and everyday wellness. The conference highlights the most novel technical contributions in computing-oriented health informatics and the related social and ethical implications. IHI 2012 will feature keynotes, a multi-track technical program including papers, demonstrations, and panels. New additions to the IHI 2012 program include tutorials and a doctoral consortium.

IHI 2012 serves as a venue for the discussion of innovative technical contributions highlighting end-to-end applications, systems, and technologies, even if available only in prototype form (e.g., a system is not deployed in production mode and/or evaluation may be performed by giving examples). We strongly encourage authors to submit their original contributions describing their algorithmic contributions, methodological contributions, and well-founded conjectures based on an application-oriented context. A paper does not have to be comprehensive and can focus on a single aspect of design, development, evaluation, or deployment.

Contributions in the realm of social and behavioral issues might include empirical studies of health-related information use and needs, socio-technical studies on the implementation and use of health information technology, studies on health informatics in the context of community impact and implications, studies on public policies on leveraging health informatics infrastructure, among others.

Call for Papers:**ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS**

IHI 2012 has three tracks: analytics, systems, and human factors.

- The analytics track focuses on data analysis.
- The systems track focuses on building health informatics systems (e.g., architecture, framework, design, engineering, and application).
- The human factors track focuses on understanding users or context, interface design, and user studies of health informatics applications.

Abstract submission deadline: passed

Paper submission deadline: passed

Notification of acceptance: **September 1, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Camera-ready copy due: **September 30, 2011 11:59pm EST**

NON-REFEREED EXTENDED ABSTRACTS SUBMISSIONS

The non-refereed extended abstract track offers an opportunity for health informatics practitioners and researchers to present their work in progress in two ways:

(1) as a poster presentation at the IHI conference and;

(2) as an article in the SIGHIT Record, the newsletter of SIGHIT (<http://www.sighit.org/record/>).

Extended abstracts will not appear in the conference proceedings.

Although the non-refereed extended abstract submissions will not be formally reviewed, the IHI 2012 conference organizers will read all of the submissions to ensure every accepted submission is appropriate for IHI. The conference organizers will work on ensuring that poster sessions are well attended and have a vibrant discussion environment.

Extended abstract submission deadline: **September 8, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Notification of acceptance: **September 15, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Camera-ready copy due: **September 30, 2011 11:59pm EST**

TUTORIAL PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

Tutorials at IHI 2012 will be presented by domain experts to cover current topics directly relevant to the conference theme of computing-oriented health informatics (a list of IHI areas/topics can be found in the Call for Papers).

Tutorial proposals will be reviewed by the PC Co-Chairs and the Conference Leadership, based on the IHI attendees' likely interest in them, the breadth and depth of the topic(s), the planned materials to be used, and the expertise and credential of the instructor.

Tutorial proposal submission deadline: passed

Notification of acceptance: **September 1, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Camera-ready copy due: **September 30, 2011 11:59pm EST**

DEMOS SUBMISSIONS

A list of IHI areas/topics can be found in the Call for Papers. For demos running over the web, a back-up scenario should be described, in case connectivity is limited at the demo venue.

The notification for acceptance of demo papers is the same as that for regular papers. Accepted demo proposals will appear in the final proceedings and in ACM digital library.

Demo paper submission deadline: **passed**

Notification of acceptance: **September 1, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Camera-ready copy due: **September 30, 2011 11:59pm EST**

DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM SUBMISSIONS

The doctoral consortium is expected to offer a supportive learning opportunity for doctoral students in two ways:

- (1) as a poster presentation during a poster session of the IHI conference and
- (2) as an article in the SIGHIT Record, the newsletter of SIGHIT (<http://www.sighit.org/record/>).

Extended abstracts will not appear in the IHI conference proceedings. All extended abstract submissions for the doctoral consortium will be formally reviewed by the IHI Program

Committee to ensure every accepted submission is appropriate for IHI. The conference organizers will work on ensuring that the doctoral consortium is well attended and have a vibrant discussion environment.

Doctoral consortium submission deadline: **passed**

Notification of acceptance: **September 1, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Camera-ready copy due: **September 30, 2011 11:59pm EST**

PANEL PROPOSALS SUBMISSIONS

Panel proposals are expected to address new, exciting, and controversial issues on computing-oriented health informatics and appeal to IHI 2012 attendees with various health informatics-related expertises. The proposed panel should be provocative, insightful, and informative. A mix of industry, government, and academic panel members is encouraged.

Panel proposals will be reviewed by the PC Co-Chairs and the Conference Leadership, based on the IHI attendees' likely interest in them, the expertise of the chairs and the panelists, and the planned interactivity.

Panel proposal submission deadline: **passed**

Notification of acceptance: **September 1, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Camera-ready copy due: **September 30, 2011 11:59pm EST**

Event: **Fourth International Conference on Establishment Surveys**

Date: **June 11–14, 2012**

Hosts: Survey Methods for Businesses, Farms, and Institutions

Location: Sheraton Centre Montréal, Montréal, Québec, Canada

Description:

The ICES series of conferences serves an important role in the world of survey methodology. Few other conferences focus on methods and applications for establishment surveys.

The first three conferences held in 1993, 2000 and 2007 were successful, with more than 400 attendees per conference. The conferences covered a spectrum of survey methods for businesses, farms, and institutions. The fourth conference will continue along this path. Examples of potential topics include the following:

- Updating business registers
- Sample design challenges
- Questionnaire design for establishment surveys
- Collecting data electronically from establishment surveys
- Issues of multi-mode data collection
- Factors that affect establishment survey participation
- Generalized survey processing systems for establishment survey
- Measuring nonresponse bias
- Variance estimation
- Advances in disclosure protection
- Efficient use of administrative data in establishment surveys
- New directions in establishment surveys

The conference will include short courses, a keynote speaker, poster sessions, software demonstrations, and invited and contributed paper sessions. Online solicitation for contributed papers will occur **June 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011**.

Inquiries may be directed to ices4@amstat.org.

Invited Paper Session Proposals:

Deadline to submit a proposal for an invited paper session has *passed*.

The ICES-IV program committee has reviewed submitted proposals and notified session organizers in May 2011 to let them know whether their proposal has been accepted.

Invited sessions will have three 25-minute presentations, a 15-minute formal discussion in which a discussant draws out the main themes of the session and asks questions of the authors, and a 5–10-minute floor discussion.

Session Proposals:

Deadline for online submission of invited session proposals has *passed*.

If a session proposal is accepted, session presenters will be asked to upload an abstract to the conference system by **September 30, 2011**.

If a proposal is not accepted as an invited session, the organizer will be invited to resubmit the session as a topic-contributed session. The deadline for contributed papers (including topic-contributed sessions) is **August 31, 2011**. Information about the differences between the invited and contributed sessions and their formats is available at www.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2012.

Event: **International Conference on Methods for Surveying and Enumerating Hard-to-Reach Populations**

Date: **October 31–November 3, 2012**

Host: H2R|2012: Survey Methods for Hard-to-Reach Populations

Location: Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.

Description:

The H2R 2012 conference will bring together survey methodologists, sociologists, statisticians, demographers, ethnographers, and other professionals from around the world to present new and innovative techniques for surveying hard-to-reach populations. Addressing both the statistical and survey design aspects of including hard-to-reach groups, researchers will report findings from censuses, surveys, and other research related to the identification, definition, measurement, and methodologies for surveying and enumerating undercounted populations.

Identifying, Defining, and Measuring the Hard-to-Reach (H2R)

Defining H2R populations
Measuring undercounts for H2R groups
Improving measurement with administrative records
Sampling H2R populations

Techniques and Methodologies

Recruitment methods
Targeting the H2R
Use of social marketing and outreach campaigns
Overcoming language and literacy barriers
Use of community-based organizations
Dealing with complex living and housing

situations

Tracking and tracing H2R populations

H2R Subpopulations

Racial minorities
Immigrant populations
Indigenous populations
Highly mobile and migrant populations
Homeless and refugee populations
Sexual minorities
Populations affected by natural disasters
Populations in zones of armed conflict
Stigmatized populations
Cross-cultural similarities and differences in H2R populations
Linguistic and cultural minorities

Information: (website) www.amstat.org/meetings/h2r/2012

(email) H2R2012@amstat.org.

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Short Courses Sponsored by JPSM

Course and registration information for all JPSM-sponsored short courses listed below are available at www.jpsm.org/shortcourses.

Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Studies

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center

Registration and Payment Due by **September 16, 2011**

Introduction to Project Management for Surveys

OCTOBER 13-14, 2011 at the Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, Maryland

Registration and Payment Due by **September 29, 2011**

Focus Group from Start to Finish

OCTOBER 19-20, 2011 at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Washington DC

Registration and Payment Due by **October 5, 2011**

DESIGNING MIXED-MODE SURVEYS

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2011 at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, VA

Registration and Payment Due by **October 27, 2011**

Introduction to Survey Sampling

DECEMBER 19-20, 2011 at the Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center

Registration and Payment Due by **December 5, 2011**

WORKSHOPS Sponsored by American University:

Fall 2011 (October)

Philosophy of Information, October 3, 2011, Washington DC, USA

<http://www.american.edu/cas/economics/info-metrics/workshop/workshop-2011-fall.cfm>

Fall 2011 (November)

Information Theory and Shrinkage Estimation, November 12, 2011, Washington DC, USA

<http://www.american.edu/cas/economics/info-metrics/workshop/workshop-2011-november.cfm>

Spring 2012 (March)

Information and Econometrics of Networks, March 30-31, 2012, Washington DC, USA

<http://www.american.edu/cas/economics/info-metrics/workshop/workshop-2012-spring.cfm>

WSS Treasurer's Report

Jane Li 7-7-2011

Account Status

Account	April 2011	May 2011	June 2011
Bank of America	14,284.77	13,942.37	14,706.43
Gertrude Cox	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Hansen (excluding CD)	-10,052.58	-10,052.58	-10,052.58
Herriot	-1,722.48	-1,722.48	-1,722.48
Science Fair Fund	300	300	300
Shiskin	3,396.40	3,396.40	3,378.04
Bank of America – WSS General	19,363.43	19,021.03	19,803.45
Fund			
Hansen CDs	50,929.01	50,943.66	50,970.04
CDC Symposium	7.01	7.01	7.01
Total Assets	65,220.79	64,893.04	65,683.48

Recent Major Transactions

Withdrawals:

Short course printing: \$991
 Annual dinner: \$3,798.42
 Gertrude Cox award: \$1,000
 Poster competition: \$675
 Curtis Jacobs award: \$200

Deposits:

Dues through ASA: \$446(April)
 Local dues: \$236
 Annual dinner: \$1,091(checks)+352.21(123signup)
 Short course: \$1,230.03+\$223

EMPLOYMENT

Freddie Mac

Economic Research Professional

The Office of the Chief Economist is involved in activities that require a range skills. A senior financial analyst in this position will be called upon to perform data and statistical analyses that support analysis targeted for senior management, research and development processes as well as public policy and economic research.

In this role an analyst will be expected to assist with the development, implementation and interpretation of complex financial analysis projects for internal and external customers. Prepare forecast updates and analyze house price and delinquency statistics. Create and maintain models used for analysis. Participate in special projects. Respond to requests for ad hoc reports. In this capacity, the analyst must have strong programming skills, have an awareness of data integrity and data quality issues, and be solution oriented.

Basic Requirements:

A candidate should have at least a BS/BA in statistics, economics, finance, operations research, computer science or related fields.

Preferred Skills:

Experience with data analysis, statistical modeling, and/or financial valuation is important. Experience with specific programming languages, such as SAS, is highly desirable, but not required. Experience in UNIX and the ability to use software to create, modify, and access databases is desirable. Strong communication skills, both written and verbal, are very useful. Self-motivation, the ability to work independently, and the capacity to work as a team member are highly desirable

Freddie Mac is a shareholder-owned company with an important public mission: to make home possible for more of America's families. To do this, we need smart, creative people from diverse backgrounds who want to make a difference in other people's lives as well as their own. We demonstrate our commitment to employees by providing a comprehensive Total Rewards Program. Freddie Mac is an equal opportunity employer who firmly supports and recognizes the value of diversity.

If you are interested please apply for the position on the Freddie Mac web site:

https://www.freddiemac.com/psc/HPRD8/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_JOB_DTL&Action=A&JobOpeningId=207810&SiteId=2&PostingSeq=1

Save the Children

Save the Children is the leading independent organization for children in need, with programs in over 120 countries, including the United States. We aim to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives by improving their health, education and economic opportunities. In 2010, we improved the lives of over 64 million children in need in the United States and around the world. Our goal is to reach more than 74 million children annually by the year 2012. Join our dedicated and diverse staff committed to improving the well-being of children.

Save the Children provides an attractive benefits package including competitive salaries, a matching retirement plan, health and welfare benefits, life insurance, an employee assistance program, generous time off and much more.

We are an equal opportunity organization dedicated to our core values of Accountability, Ambition, Collaboration, Creativity and Integrity.

Contact: Careers: www.savethechildren.org

The following **full-time** employment opportunities are available.

Senior Specialist

The Senior Specialist for Family Planning (FP) and Emergency Obstetrics Care (EO) in emergencies will provide technical assistance in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of FP and Emergency Obstetrics funded projects in Pakistan and DRC; foster relationships with stakeholders; liaise with training institutes; document lessons learned; deploy to new emergencies and support countries with a high IDP and refugee population in start-up and scale up of FP and EO programs, supporting overall emergency health programs

Responsibilities

- Provide technical support: conduct baseline assessments; provide management oversight (incl. finance and grants) of DRC and other new countries with FP/EO programs; Prepare reports, review workplans; support capacity building initiatives
- Strategic and Operational Planning: Participate in agency/departmental/operational strategic planning process; support emergency health and nutrition strategic planning process
- Program and Innovation Documentation: Assist programs and stakeholders in documenting program innovation
- Program and Proposal development: Coordinate and support proposal development on emergency health and emergency FP/EO
- Emergency Response: Deploy to new emergencies; Scale up and initiate FP and EO service delivery, support overall Emergency health response
- Other duties as identified by Save the Children

Requirements

- Registered Nurse; Midwife or related medical training required; 5-7 years experience with program management, emphasis on technical design; implementation and monitoring of reproductive health and health programs in emergencies
- Fluent in French
- Proven experience in family planning programming in developing countries
- Previous experience and skills in emergency obstetrics care and EO programming
- Proven report writing experience; community mobilization; experience and knowledge of health information systems
- Demonstrated ability and experience in capacity building, trainings, competency-based training
- Excellent organizational skills
- Able to work as a team and independently; Strong written and verbal communication skills; strong interpersonal skills; strong change management and decision making skills
- Experience working in insecure areas and emergency settings

Specialist

The Specialist will provide technical support and direction to field offices in the expanding area of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Emergency Preparedness. Extensive travel is required, to provide capacity building for staff, support start up programs, and develop proposals. This role is designed to support the Emergency Preparedness process at the Country Office level

Responsibilities

- Advocacy, policy and technical support: Provide technical support to both Home Office and country offices in the areas of public policy, and advocacy and support international humanitarian response team on issues related to DRR and CCA.
- Proposal development, Monitoring and Evaluation: Support country offices in proposal writing and design of DRR and CCA projects
- Knowledge management: Support the on-going knowledge management projects around DRR; Prepare reports and lessons learned documents
- Coordination and collaboration: Participate in working groups; Represent Save the Children at key external events and forums Internationally and within the USA
- Support finance and grants manager on DRR and CCA grants: Ensure accountability to donors, manage proposals; work with finance team on forecasting
- Emergency preparedness support: Support Operational and administrative systems
- Emergency response: Respond to emergencies

Requirements

- 5- 7 years DRR or Emergency/Development related experience
- 3 years Policy and Advocacy experience
- 3 years in proposal development
- 5-7 years NGO experience
- Masters degree in Education, Livelihoods, International Relations, Risk audit
- Proven experience in training
- Cross cultural skills
- Working knowledge of international mechanisms on DRR and CCA
- Strong ability to absorb and contribute to theoretical models, and frameworks on DRR
- Excellent English writing skills
- Ability to travel 40% of the time and be away for up to 3 months at a time.
- Ability to speak French and Spanish preferred

Specialist

The Specialist for Monitoring and Evaluation will provide technical input to the monitoring and evaluation work of the department of health and nutrition (DHN) and department of humanitarian response (DHR) The Specialist will specifically support Family Planning (FP) and Emergency Obstetric Care in emergencies, in establishing health data collection systems, lead baseline facility-based assessments in Pakistan and the DRC, establish a data base; collaborate with the Department of Health and Nutrition, Department of Humanitarian Response and Country Offices; Coordinate with partner agencies, and travel 40% of the time; Conduct real time evaluation of Emergency Response.

Responsibilities

- Establish Monitoring and Evaluation systems in Pakistan and DRC for family planning and emergency obstetric care; review and adapt clinical registers and data collection tools for FP and emergency obstetrics at country level including in new emergencies; data analysis, donor reporting required; provide progress reports; review M&E plans ; establish agency wide M&E tools and database for FP and Emergency Obstetrics and Emergency Health
- Participate in agency and departmental strategic planning to achieve health and nutrition goals; participate in real time emergency program evaluations; deploy to new emergencies and set up M&E for Emergency Health and Nutrition systems that include FP and Emergency Obstetrics
- Participation and Representation: Share lessons learned with stakeholders
- Technical working group participation
- Training and Capacity building: Actively participate in capacity building initiatives at country level; mentor M&E teams; design and update global training matrix; roll-out M&E systems for FP and Emergency Obstetrics in new emergencies with emphasis on data translation and other duties as needed
- Travel to Emergency and non-emergency settings

Requirements

- Bachelors degree, Masters in epidemiology; clinical background, nurse, midwife preferred;
- Fluent in French and English
- Minimum 5 years field experience in maternal, newborn and family planning program monitoring and evaluation in developing countries
- Experience with data collection systems (health information systems) at health facilities in developing countries, at 3 years' experience analyzing health data
- Experienced and skilled in using software such as STATA, SAS, Epi INFO and SPSS
- Proven experience in leading and conducting household (population based) surveys in the field, in a minimum of 3-4 countries
- Strong knowledge of EP and Emergency Obstetric indicators and data collection tools
- Strong qualitative and quantitative M&E skills
- Excellent organizational and time management skills; strong written and verbal skills
- Strong team player, interpersonal and cross cultural skills
- Experience working in insecure areas, non-emergency and emergency settings

Program Officer

The Program Officer (PO) will support management of day-to-day operations of and technical assistance to program activities for Save the Children MCHIP programs worldwide. Working closely with the MCHIP Deputy Director, the Newborn Health Team Leader and technical staff in headquarters and country offices, the PO will provide programmatic oversight for the design, development, and implementation of SC's MCHIP programs. The PO will also ensure regular communication and strong collaboration between SC and MCHIP partners, with donor representatives, as well as with SNL, DHN and SC support functions, including finance and grants management.

Responsibilities

Country Program Management

Support the design and management of MCHIP country and global/regional programs that are led by SC or have substantial technical involvement by SC staff. Ensure high quality programs through regular monitoring and oversight of assigned country programs and represent SC's programs technically to both internal and external audiences. Specific responsibilities include:

- Ensure necessary program planning, development and implementation/management activities function smoothly and efficiently.
- Developing internal processes and systems for monitoring and tracking MCHIP programs.
- Working closely with the MCHIP Grants & Finance Manager to develop budgets, track spending, and ensure timely financial reporting; and facilitating regular country program review meetings at headquarters.
- Participate in monitoring and evaluation of activities for countries assigned and assist in results reporting.
- Participating in the review of core workplan activities as they relate to country programs.
- Ensure compliance with SC and MCHIP operational policies and regulations.
- Travel to country offices as needed (approx 10% – 20%).

Program Documentation & Knowledge Management

- In collaboration with SPO and existing PO, develop and maintain SC/MCHIP internal knowledge management systems.
- This entails the generation, documentation, and sharing of knowledge on newborn activities, SC/MCHIP programming, lessons learned, etc.
- Support process for input into SC MCHIP quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports, including necessary results pathway indicators.

Coordination and Partnership

- Maintain up-to-date knowledge of SC's MCHIP portfolio and represent SC to MCHIP partner agency and USAID, both in Washington and in the field;
- Foster program relationships between partner MCHIP staff, SNL and DHN programs. Coordinate efforts on work in overlapping countries and on complementary technical programming;
- Work in close collaboration with the SC MCHIP technical and program team, SC MCHIP Finance and Grants Manager, and SC support functions to ensure smooth implementation of SC MCHIP programs.
- Develop and maintain relationships with SC International counterparts and relevant country offices.

Program/Proposal Development

- Establish and maintain contacts with donor officials, key technical agency and Area/Country Office counterparts regarding new or ongoing programs.
- In collaboration with MCHIP Deputy Director and other SC and DHN staff, coordinate and develop SC's response to new MCHIP country program descriptions.

Requirements

- Masters degree in public health or related field.
- Minimum 5 years experience managing international health programs.
- Experience in the design, development, and monitoring of international health programs.
- Experience in developing program budgets and tracking against activities.
- Strong programming, management and technical skills, specifically with MNCH in developing countries.
- Excellent presentation skills and verbal and written communications skills.
- Excellent skills in facilitation, team building and coordination.
- Knowledge of USAID and other donor programming priorities and technical requirements, including grants, sub-grant agreements and technical assistance support.
- Ability to travel up to 10 - 20% of the time to developing countries.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Strong detail orientation.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and prioritize multiple tasks.
- Demonstrates ability to balance focus on task with attention to relationships; identifies and cultivates relationships with key stakeholders internally, cross functionally; and externally establishes and promotes trust to facilitate collaboration and information sharing.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to develop and maintain relationships with key groups (internal and external) to the organization.
- Ability to interact with established networks of senior level international health professionals, donors, and other partners .
- Fluency in French required.



Senior Statistician/Econometrician – Job 6607

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) is a leading professional services firm specializing in all aspects of education and other social policy issues. AIR is seeking a Senior Statistician with expertise in econometric modeling to play a leading role in our educational value-added analysis team. This team analyzes longitudinal microdata to assess system and educator impact on student outcomes including test scores, attendance, graduation, attitudinal measures, and others. Estimates are used for research, evaluation, and performance management on the part of states and school districts. The position is located at our corporate offices in Washington, D.C.

Responsibilities:

The ideal candidate will have: 1) expertise in fixed and random effects models, seemingly unrelated regression, survival analysis, time series, and robust variance estimation; 2) understanding of the statistical models and assumptions currently used in value added models (VAM); 3) ability to review/critique the assumptions of these models and specify effects of changing assumptions; 4) ability to develop and implement VAM, including understanding of programming requirements. We seek statisticians/econometricians with the skills to refine existing models or develop new models as necessary.

The successful candidate will bring the ability to articulate the policy implications of technical decisions regarding use of alternative VAM approaches, and will be able to communicate findings from highly technical work clearly and accurately to non-technical audiences. Especially where the work relates to performance management, the candidate must be able to identify and discuss intended and unintended incentives and consequences, including costs of policies derived from specific analyses. The ideal candidate will possess strong writing skills and have the ability to discuss findings in public forums.

Qualifications:

Qualified candidates will have a Ph.D. in mathematical statistics, economics with a focus on econometrics, or other related substantive area in the quantitative social sciences plus at least 5-10 years of related experience. Experience with workforce or compensation issues is a plus, but not required.

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