

**Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity - Program Officer, FL-0343-02
Senior Conflict Advisor (Center for Resilience), PD# 40658**

- **Agency: U.S. Agency for International Development**
- **Organization: Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS)**
- **Location of Position: Washington, DC**
- **Open Period: February 17, 2021 - March 10, 2021**
- **Appointment Type: This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment that is not-to-exceed five (5) years**
- **Salary: (USD) \$116,786 - \$171,504 (annually)**
- **Number of Vacancies: 1**

Introduction: This position is located in the Center for Resilience (CR) of USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS). RFS's mission is to partner to advance inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, and access to water and sanitation to accelerate and protect progress on the Journey to Self-Reliance. RFS oversees four high-level, integrated efforts in support of this mission: (1) Feed the Future, guided by the Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS), (2) the USAID Multi-Sector Nutrition Strategy, (3) the U.S. Global Water Strategy, and (4) efforts to increase resilience in areas of recurrent humanitarian crisis. To deliver on this work, RFS partners with other Federal Departments and Agencies, USAID Bureaus and Missions, universities, civil society, and other public- and private-sector actors. The Center for Resilience (CR) leads the Agency's resilience work. Through technical assistance, training, and curated learning products, the Center supports USAID Missions' programming, policy, and partnership work in resilient livelihoods and markets, and resilient communities and systems, including, natural resources and disaster risk management, social protection and climate adaptation. The Center manages global research and analysis investments to generate resilience-related innovations and evidence for wide application. Through strategic engagement and partnership, the Center influences global resilience investments and agendas. The Center houses the secretariat for the Agency's Resilience Leadership Council, responsible for strategic alignment of USAID's multi-sectoral resilience programming.

The incumbent will: 1) serve as an expert and advisor on conflict in providing technical guidance and thought leadership in support of RFS goals that advance inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, access to water and climate adaptation in fragile contexts; 2) support the design, implementation and evaluation of resilience-integrated water and food security programming to improve USAID's understanding of the complex relationship between food and water security, climate adaptation, conflict and fragility dynamics; and 3) represent RFS and the Center for Resilience as required within USAID and with other USG Agencies and development partners, related to strengthening resilience and food and water security in fragile contexts.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

PROGRAM AND POLICY LIAISON 50%

Provides expert advice and guidance on resilience focused policy and programming with a strategic focus on conflict and fragility dynamics. Serves as a conflict liaison to RFS Centers and offices, other bureaus, and missions to further integrate the work of the Center for Resilience, especially regarding food security, conflict, water security, climate change, natural resource management and related integrated programming. Provides strategic, technical and programmatic guidance to USAID centrally funded activities related to strengthening resilience approaches in fragile contexts in technical priority areas such as agriculture-led growth, nutrition, water and climate adaptation.

Serves as the Center's lead on conflict sensitive programming, policy and analytics within the context of RFS technical priorities and supports the development of relevant evidence-based approaches and strategic research activities and policies. Enhances and coordinates effective working relationships across sector lines, identifying important areas of interaction and impact between conflict-related resilience and food security program areas. Provides guidance on Center's activities and helps prepare all necessary documentation for reporting such as Operational Plans, Progress Reports, and Congressional Budget Justifications as needed. Serve as the Contracting/Agreement Officer's Representative (COR/AOR) for grants/contracts for the Center's activities when required.

PROGRAM EVALUATION AND FIELD SUPPORT 50%

The incumbent actively engages with other USAID bureaus as a lead interlocutor on conflict-sensitive programming and evaluation efforts that support RFS goals to advance inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, water and climate adaptation in fragile contexts. Provides technical and thought leadership to Missions in the identification of opportunities to integrate analysis and research findings into implementable interventions that strengthen resilience and food and water security in fragile contexts. Collaborates with other bureaus and offices in program development, implementation and field support that advances common goals in the area of resilience and food security in fragile and conflict affected areas. Provides technical advice, guidance, and support to Missions, and other key stakeholders on technical issues regarding the design, implementation, management, and evaluation of conflict sensitive programs in the context of resilience, risk management and food and water security. Advances a learning agenda that improves USAID's understanding of the complex relationships between food and water security programming and conflict and fragility dynamics. Directs or participates in geographic and technical bureau reviews of proposed development assistance projects and programs, policy, and technical input that, by applying a conflict sensitive lens and expertise, further advance RFS goals in inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, water and climate adaptation.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level FSL-03 of this position. Examples of specialized experience include:
 - **Serving as a technical advisor or expert with significant experience working in the field of international development, food security, resilience, conflict and/or fragile contexts;**
 - **Experience developing, designing, implementing and evaluating conflict-sensitive programming or relevant resilience and food security programming; and**
 - **Experience supporting, or working in, field missions/projects overseas in a role that advanced resilience focused policy and programming with a strategic focus on conflict and fragility**
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a Secret-level security clearance.

Interested candidates should submit a:

- Resume/CV
- A short written statement of interest

Please submit your application package to RFSjobs@usaid.gov . **Please use the subject line "FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: Program Officer, FL-0343-02 (Center for Resilience), PD# 40658. Application submissions are required by 11:59 pm (EST), March 10, 2021. Packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line—or incomplete packages—will not receive consideration.**

This notice may be used to fill additional vacancies, as the workforce needs of the Bureau may change.

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Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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