



THE FUTURE OF LEARNING

Sierra Leone Program Manager

About Imagine Worldwide

All children have immense potential, but hundreds of millions don't have access to the learning they need. Imagine Worldwide believes that every child should be empowered with the basic right to literacy and numeracy. We provide an innovative education technology solution to the global literacy/numeracy learning crisis. Our model is massively scalable, and evidence-based, and can deliver foundational learning to millions of the most marginalized children.

Imagine Worldwide partners with governments, organizations, and communities to provide child-directed, tablet-based learning that is accessible, effective, and affordable. We are a California-based (United States) nonprofit organization operating across seven Sub-Saharan African countries. Learn more on our [website](#).

Candidate Profile

The Program Manager will play an instrumental role in carrying out Imagine's mission, to test and scale tablet-based learning solutions that enable children to become literate and numerate. The successful candidate will play a key role in coordinating projects in multiple locations to ensure effective and efficient delivery of all projects together with our implementing partners. The Program Manager will join a highly committed and collaborative team that is working together to empower every child, everywhere to achieve their full potential. The position offers an international, flexible, learning environment to enhance individual career development and growth.

Key Responsibilities

The Program Manager will work closely with Imagine's Head of Programs and local implementing partners to ensure timely execution of all project activities in sub-Saharan Africa. The Program Manager's responsibilities will include — but will not be limited to — the following:

Ensure high-quality project implementation:

- Engage regularly with implementation partners to track progress and oversee

implementation, including check-in meetings, progress reports, site-visits, and any other relevant activities

- Collaborate with Program & Systems Managers to improve tools, systems, processes, and methodologies to support implementation, and monitoring, ensure provision of adequate technical support, capacity building, and guidance to the team and partner staff to implement program plans, tools and strategies
- Oversee and manage quality data collection to facilitate effective monitoring of program activities against set program quality benchmarks
- Regularly review monitoring data and share results with relevant stakeholders and teams to identify successes and make decisions about adapting activities and approaches to achieve results
- Work with the program and research teams to conduct and supervise program assessments, surveys, and impact evaluations

Provide project leadership to ensure accountability and learning:

- Own the process capturing key lessons and findings to inform evidence-based program design and implementation
- Oversee implementation of strong accountability and beneficiary / community feedback mechanisms, including quality assurance of established processes
- Coordinate learning processes and documents, including periodically organizing learning summits for reflections on program performance, dissemination of M&E findings, and driving partnerships and donor engagement
- Collaborate with program and communications teams to collect, document, and disseminate impact stories
- Build team and partner staff capacity to enhance program accountability through guidance, training and resources

Provide leadership for stakeholder management:

- Coordinate and manage all relationships with local community leaders, schools, parents, local education authorities, and other project stakeholders and partners
- Engage regularly with local implementing partners to track project progress and solve problems creatively
- Support dissemination of project outcomes with local stakeholders and share any feedback with Imagine's team
- Represent the work in local meetings and forums relevant to the progress of the project in various sites

Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess the following competencies, experiences, and qualities:

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Project Management, Business Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation or related social science field. A minimum of 5 years experience managing multi-site and multi partner projects. Experience in managing an implementation with a significant technology component with international organizations is required. Additional work experience is welcome.

Specific skills (required)

Exceptional project management skills and proven experience that includes:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English
- Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills
- Ability to work effectively in multicultural environments and teams
- Strong organization skills and superior attention to detail
- Experience in managing multi-site and multi partner projects at international level
- Ability to positively influence partners decisions and actions
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Good knowledge of computer hardware and software
- Ability to proactively manage and resolve conflicts

Additional project management skills (preferred)

- Experience and knowledge of procurement procedures and practices in international development
- Experience in managing donor funded projects

Qualities

- Passion for Imagine's mission and vision
- Demonstrated commitment to equity in educational access and outcomes
- Passion for project management
- Demonstrated ability to think independently and solve problems
- Collaborative team player; clear and proactive communicator
- Flexible, adaptable, and able to work in a fast-paced, changing environment

Compensation & Benefits

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Location

The Program Manager must be based in Freetown, Sierra Leone, with regional travel to other field sites (e.g.) as required. The Program Manager will frequently collaborate and coordinate with local staff from our Implementation Partner organizations.

How to Apply

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Kristen Stipe at careers@imagineworldwide.org. In the subject line of your email, please write “Your Name: Sierra Leone Program Manager.” Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Details on Imagine’s operations, leadership and funders can be found at imagineworldwide.org.

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Imagine Worldwide is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status.