



## Job Brief

### Principal Technical Advisor, Data Impact Program

**Location:** This is a full-time position based in either our U.S. office where a hybrid, 2-day-per-week office schedule is in place and expected. We are also open to hire in either Canada/ Australia or France. We offer highly competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits.

**Salary:** The U.S. salary range for this position is \$150,000 to \$160,000 USD. For other locations, salary ranges will be based on the local market, for Canada 135,000 CAD - 145,000 CAD, for Australia 145,570 AUD – 157,350 AUD and for France 95,000 EUR – 100,000 EUR.

### APPLICATION LINK:

[Position Description \(taleo.net\)](#)

Are you seeking an opportunity to bring your professional expertise to a global organization focused on re-imagining public health?

Vital Strategies is an international public health organization. Our programs strengthen public health systems and address the world's leading causes of illness, injury, and death. We currently work in 73 countries, supporting data-driven decision making in government, advancing evidence-based public health policies, and mounting strategic communication campaigns. Vital Strategies' priorities are driven by the greatest potential to improve and save lives. They include non-communicable disease prevention, tobacco control, road safety, obesity prevention, overdose prevention, environmental health, vital statistics systems building and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis treatment research. Our programs are primarily concentrated in low- and middle-income countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Pacific; the Overdose Prevention Program is our first initiative in the U.S. Please visit our website at [About Us - Vital Strategies](#) to find out more about our work.

### About the Data Impact Program for Health Initiative:

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Data for Health Initiative aims to enhance public health data collection and use in low- and middle-income countries. The goal of the initiative is to ensure that a billion more people live in countries where data are maximally used to steer public policy and program decisions. Under the Initiative, Vital Strategies, in partnership with other global public health organizations, is implementing a multi-year program to provide support to numerous countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Pacific in improving public health data systems, such as civil registration and vital statistics and cancer registries and enhancing the use of data for decision making.

As part of the Data for Health Initiative, the [Data Impact Program](#) (DIP) provides technical assistance to government public health agencies and national statistics institutes to support capacity development in the domain of data use, i.e., analysis,



presentation, dissemination and translation of data into policy. The Program's objective is to help governments systematically strengthen the use of data in policy development and other key decision areas – to prevent data from being collected but then “left on the shelf” (or on a computer). In each country, the specific activity plan is determined collaboratively with government partners, reflecting government priorities, and requested areas of support.

### **Job Purpose:**

The Principal Technical Advisor (PTA) is a senior technical leadership position reporting to the Program Director. The PTA will lead and develop technical content to support best practices in data analysis, synthesis, presentation, and dissemination of data for decision-making and provide technical assistance to national ministries of health and other key stakeholders. The PTA will also have program management responsibilities, overseeing implementation of the DIP in at least five countries either directly or through the management of other staff. The PTA will communicate frequently with government and global partners and be responsible for cross-cutting activities– e.g., donor reporting, network collaboration, etc.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Serve as a senior technical lead and seasoned public health professional; provide direct technical assistance to government partners and oversee the development of global technical assistance strategies and products.
- Design and provide technical assistance to government agency leadership and staff on data-driven planning, management, and policymaking to develop their capacity to conduct policy-relevant data analysis based on existing vital statistics and survey data.
- Conduct assessments of how public health data is used by policymakers, program planners, communications officers, and other stakeholders in national ministries of health.
- Provide technical input on the design and development of digital tools to inform public health decision-making.
- Develop tools, technical materials, and curricula; and provide technical assistance that reflect best practices and evidence for building policy-relevant analytic capacity for decision-making impact in ministries of health.
- Advice on policies, procedures, and institutional structures to promote exemplary institutional data use, collaborative development of technical assistance workplans; consultation to government leadership; trainings for staff; etc.
- Budget for and monitor spending on work plan implementation.
- Lead country-specific activities and provide guidance and supervision to staff in assigned countries.



- Establish and maintain strong collaborative working relationships with government partners.
- Provide technical guidance to partners and colleagues who deliver trainings.
- Provide supervision and managerial oversight to team members and overseeing the planning, budgeting, implementation, and financial management of the Program for select countries.
- Serve on the DIP leadership team to design and direct the program in existing and new countries.
- Ensure technical relevance and accuracy of DIP reporting for the region.
- If required, the PTA may be tasked to work on other projects in Vital Strategies, for up to 10% of their time.

### **Qualifications:**

#### *Education and Degree -*

- Minimum of a master's degree in a relevant field (ex. public health, epidemiology, public policy, health economics)
- PhD is strongly preferred.

#### *Skills and Abilities -*

- Strong written and oral communication skill
- Proficient in oral and written English, proficiency in French will be an advantage.
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to build strong, ongoing, impactful relationships at all organizational levels and across a diverse range of cultural, generational, ethnic, racial, educational, and social backgrounds.
- Demonstrated commitment to valuing diversity and contributing to an inclusive working and learning environment.

### **Experience Required:**

- Minimum of 15 years of experience in public health practice
- Demonstrated experience and expertise in the analysis of routine health data.
- Experience working in low- and middle-income countries and on projects with strong data components.
- Prior experience working in or with government ministries that focus on public health.



- Experience in team management and staff supervision; strong interpersonal skills

**Working Conditions and Physical Requirements:**

- International travel, up to 30% of the time