Director, Digital Health Solutions, Technology Solutions

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Job Description

PATH is an international nonprofit organization focused on transforming global health through innovation in order to ensure increased access and equity. We take an entrepreneurial approach to developing and delivering high-impact, low-cost solutions, from lifesaving vaccines, drugs, diagnositics and devices to collaborative programs with communities. Through our work in more than 70 countries, PATH and our partners empower people to achieve their full potential.

Global health has emerged as an important factor in ensuring social, political, economic equity around the world. Access to and demand for healthcare around the world has gone through a rapid transformation in the last decade. Technology, and in particular information technology, plays an increasingly important role in enabling global health solutions and achieving more equity in access to these solutions. It is a trend that is expected to accelerate in the next decade. Despite substantial promise, however, deployment of information systems and digital health tools in global health faces many challenges, including non-standardized architecture and a fragmented technology landscape.

PATH's Digital Health Solutions Group, housed in the Technology Solutions Program, aims to strengthen health system performance through the design and deployment of effective, scalable, and sustainable digital health solutions. PATH's vision for digital health technologies is shaped by the belief that the next generation of all global health solutions will be not only enabled but also driven by information systems. These systems will be critical to all aspects of healthcare in resource-limited environments, including prevention & education, product interventions, supply chains, and monitoring & evaluation. In addition, strong health information systems and tools will be required in the development of all such solutions, in terms of managing data, understanding markets, engaging in clinical trials, and in ensuring innovation gets to scale. These systems will facilitate storage and sharing of epidemiological and treatment data, plus global and country level logistics information that is updated -- easy to access and reliable. The systems themselves will need to be based on inter-operable, standardized, and flexible architecture.

PATH is committed to building a robust digital health platform that enables its vision in global health. The Digital Health Solutions Group is expected to lead the global health community through this exciting period of transformation and growth in digital health in parts of the world that need it the most.

The Director of Digital Health Group must be a global thought leader that leads the group through this phase of rapid growth and builds it into a strong industry-leading platform. This individual must be a visionary backed by substantial experience and credibility in the fields of information technology and global health. This position reports directly to the Global Program Leader of Technology Solutions, with strong collaboration with senior leadership across the organization. Areas of responsibility include:

- Develop and direct the overall strategy and implementation for digital health solution design, architecture, standards, and product development for global-common and country-specific solutions [both supporting internal demands across PATH's broad program areas, as well as building a platform

for externally-driven projects and activities to support governments, industry, NGOS and other players in this work.

- Be a global thought leader who establishes PATH as a significant player in the area of appropriate digital health solutions for low resource settings, including by authoring papers, delivering speeches, negotiating with governments, convening think tanks, and maintaining or building linkages with global stakeholders and partners (e.g., World Health Organization, World Bank, mHealth Alliance, Grameen Foundation, Asia eHealth Informatics Network (AeHIN), the GAVI Alliance, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, VillageReach, John Snow Inc., Vodafone, Qualcomm, etc.).
- Lead fundraising and business development efforts for the group, working with donors and partners globally, to build a strong platform for digital health.
- Build a strong digital health platform for PATH by continuing to expand the portfolio of global projects.
- Lead, and manage a world-class team distributed across the Americas, Europe, Asia, & Africa.
- Foster strategic linkages between digital health solutions and other PATH programs, including:
  - With PATH's internal IT team and global and country programs to integrate best practices and capabilities in HMIS to achieve effective, scalable, and sustainable global health solutions.
  - With PATH's policy/advocacy work, which has a strong health systems strengthening focus.
  - With PATH's senior leadership, contributing Health Management Information Systems' (HMIS') knowledge and experience to organizational discussions and helping build digital health as an important PATH platform.

Required Skills

- Demonstrated leadership experience in taking a new information technology or health initiative to scale, including building a team, developing a vision and a strategy, working with a diverse set of stakeholders to execute the strategy.
- Credibility as a thought leader in the digital health space (e.g., mHealth; eHealth; HMIS; social media; etc.), backed by specific technical expertise in the adoption and use of management information systems.
- Strong knowledge of HMIS architecture and commercial standards and best practices.
- Experience in the planning, design, development/acquisition, and deployment of HMIS solutions; experience in country-based digital health strategy, planning, and implementation.
- A positive, solution-oriented, and resourceful leader willing to entertain and invest in innovation while able to prioritize ideas with "legs".
- Ability to develop and maintain strong relationships with partners and donors, including a proven ability to obtain funding.
- Desirable: Experience in policy and advocacy initiatives related to health information systems.
- Demonstrated track record of taking a small group of people who are geographically dispersed and developing them into a fully functioning team with clear roles and accountability structures.
- Demonstrated expertise in positively managing professional, technical staff with an approach that is responsive to diverse work styles and cultures.
- Available to travel nationally and internationally 35-50 % percent, including visits to PATH's global offices.
- Excellent written and verbal presentation skills; Fluency in English and a second language desirable.

Required Experience

Masters or Doctoral degree in management or business administration, management information systems, or related field plus 15 years' experience in a blend of commercial and non-commercial settings in the related field. Experience working with donors and other key stakeholders in HMIS, eHealth or mHealth strategy essential. Experience working in developing country settings highly desirable.
PATH is dedicated to diversity and is an equal opportunity employer.
Must have legal authorization to work in the US.

Job Location

Seattle, Washington, United States