

# National Director, WV Democratic Republic of Congo

Location: [Africa] [Democratic Republic of the Congo]

Town/City: Kinshasa

Category: Field Operations

Job Type: Fixed term, Full-time

**\*Please submit your CV in English.**

## COUNTRY CONTEXT:

World Vision Democratic Republic of Congo (WVDRC) has operations in 13 of DRC's 26 provinces. WVDRC began in the 1980s as an emergency relief organization growing into one of the largest INGO present in DRC, working across transformational development, humanitarian response and advocacy ministries for the well-being of children and their families. While rich in natural resources and wealth, decades of exploitation and poor governance in the DRC have led to protracted and violent conflicts over political power and natural resources. This has left 72% of 89.5 million Congolese living in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 a day.

By 2025 WV DRC and partners will contribute to the sustainable well-being of 44.1 million children through programming and advocacy work. Direct programming will reach almost 10 million children of which 7.9 million are considered Most Vulnerable Children.

The average annual budget in the last five years has been USD \$72 million with USD \$45 million in cash funding and the balance in Gifts In Kind. The total workforce is an average of 550 annually. Key sectors of focus are Education, Child Protection, WASH, Resilience & Livelihoods, Health & Nutrition and Emergency Response. Long term development and emergency programs are implemented throughout the 13 provinces where WV is present and they are divided in 3 main regions or 'zones', Eastern, Western and Southern Zones. Major donors include private individual donors, USAID, UN (WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR), FCDO, GAC, EU governments.

## PURPOSE OF POSITION:

- To provide overall strategic and operational leadership for World Vision DRC.
- Strategically lead, develop and direct the implementation of all aspects of World Vision Ministry in DRC as an effective member of the Partnership in line with Twin Citizenship principles to ensure high Ministry quality and high impact on the

field; Be accountable for all of the above.

- Ensure that WV's ministry is directly contributing to the sustained well-being of children and the fulfillment of their rights within families and communities.
- Represent WV to all donors, project partners, other WV Partnership offices and divisions, local Government, Church representatives and non-governmental organizations serving according to given Power of Attorney.

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### ***Spiritual Leadership:***

- Ensure that WVDRC has high quality Christian Commitment strategy and operations plan and they are appropriate for country context.
- Model a high standard of personal Christian leadership, Ministry and integrity through lifestyle and work relationships, and provide spiritual guidance to staff on the Vision, Mission and WV Core Values.
- Participate and lead regular devotional meetings.

### ***Ministry Performance:***

- Ensure high quality and high impact on the field by leading in a way that WVDRC programs are achieving expected annual targets on sustainable basis in line with strategic priorities.
- Ensure adequate resources are acquired and managed to meet and enable quality program implementation.
- Ensure the highest standards of quality and accountability through compliance with World Vision policies and standards and international standards for emergency response, disaster mitigation, rehabilitation and development.
- Ensure adequate oversight over project proposals, reports, integrated audits, and ministry evaluations to assure that impact and accountability patterns are met.
- Ensure accountability for the implementation of effective ministry to all key stakeholders. Ensure adequate oversight towards relevant, timely and accurate flow of management and operational reports according to program objectives and standards.

***Strategy, Operating Plan and Long- and Short- Term Targets:***

- Ensure that there is documented Country strategy, Ministry strategies and operating plans, and the latter have been derived from overall strategy and have clear and measurable short-term and long-term targets; Ensure that Ministry strategies are aligned with Partnership Strategic priorities and Our Promise.
- Ensure that there are clear strategies for People and Culture, Communications and other main functions, and they are based on the office strategy and operational plan and include main priority areas identified in respective Regional and Partnership Strategy. Facilitate and be accountable for strategies execution and monitoring.
- Support Senior Leadership Team to make consistent and progressive steps towards organizational and programmatic consistency and sustainability; effectively communicate workplans and priorities derived from the organizational strategies by partnering with Senior Leadership Team to ensure synchronized accountabilities, objectives and associated budgets.
- Enhance organizational excellence by establishing operational benchmarks, timeframes, targets for accountability, KPIs and resources needed to achieve strategic goals, proactively driving improvements if necessary.
- Enhance sustainable programming supported by stable, long term financing to develop sustainable funding base and to pursue new and innovative funding sources to meet WV Lesotho's strategic priorities.
- Play a leading role in developing and managing effective partnerships and networks with both existing and new key partners.

***Organizational Leadership:***

- Promote WV's Vision, Mission, Core Values and key Partnership Standards and Practices among staff and partners and ensure they are the core foundation of the office strategies and work.
- Promote a leadership and management style that enables the integration of operations across DRC.
- Ensure that capable staff is available to implement office strategy and operational plans.
- Supervise Senior Leadership Team, all policies, organizational planning and development, ensure clarity around roles, motivate Senior Leadership Team and facilitate effective team dynamics.
- Review and approve Senior Leadership Team succession plans; ensure that proper capacity is in place and succession plan is updated and executed.
- Lead and Manage in a way that facilitates the high performance culture, open trustworthy relationships and integrity; Promote culture of learning and development, employee engagement and good stewardship of human capital in the office.

- Ensure implementation and compliance to Partnership Performance Management Standards and Principles, while seek to implement Performance Management guidelines on reasonable level; Champion Senior Leadership Team in proper implementation of Performance Evaluations on annual level.
- Support initiatives for staff care and well-being.
- Respect, value and promote gender, age, religious and ethnic diversity.
- Ensure high standards in the management of the human, financial, capital and technical resources of the organization. It also includes inspiring and maintaining high standards of work and clear accountability to stakeholders.
- Visit projects frequently to encourage, build relationships, and support WV programs.

#### ***Advocacy and Representation:***

- Represent WV DRC, engage and build strategic alliances with the Government of individual countries, boards, major donor agencies, WV Partnership, non-governmental agencies, churches and media.
- Develop and implement appropriate advocacy strategies to raise awareness of- and advocate for change in- key issues within the specific context.
- Lead and facilitate strategies for the promotion of justice that look for the change of unfair structures that oppress those in need; Ensure that WV is positioned as a leading NGO in promoting the well-being and rights of children within the country context to deserve public and stakeholders' confidence and trust.
- Strengthen awareness of World Vision's program both within and outside of the WV Partnership.
- Ensure that WV Brand is respected within all operational areas and none of office operations or staff conduct harm it.
- Provide leadership, strategic direction and support to the team for developing and implementing excellent donor experience and acquisition of Ministry funds; Identify new opportunities and forge alliances that lead to optimization of all resources.

#### ***Financial Management and Financial and Operational Audit Compliance:***

- Ensure efficient and effective organizational practices, that would result in successful financial and operational audit scores.
- Oversee action planning and execution to resolve audit findings in an agreed and timely manner; oversee appropriate reporting of audit results and actions.

- Oversee strong financial compliance through timeliness and completeness of financial reports.
- Oversee strong operational compliance through timeliness and completeness of program/project reports.
- Provide direction and focus for integrating private and public funds to maximize results and respond to community needs in most effective and efficient way.
- Manage overall financial integrity of the program to WV Support Offices, Donors, the Government and other stakeholders.
- Provide overall strategic leadership and initiative for identifying and securing financial resources to support the program.

***Safety and Security, Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness:***

- Develop and maintain capacity to respond to natural and man-made emergencies.
- Oversee regular review of security and safety plans and protocols (security manual, evacuation plan, Disaster Preparedness Plan, and risk assessments at national and AP levels) and ensure understanding and compliance by all staff and visitors.
- Oversee relief efforts, as and when they arise and work in partnership with response teams. Build in-country relief response capacity to ensure adequate disaster management and response.
- Liaise with other international organizations to collect information about the security environment and, where appropriate, discuss joint responses to security threats.

***Compliance and Country Legal Environment:***

- Ensure that the country office comply with local legal requirements and standards.
- Represent WV country office in courts, if required.
- Ensure and oversee proper mechanisms for Child Protection and other WVI Standards and Principles implementation.
- Ensure that the entity functions in a complementary, cohesive manner where the principles of interdependence and twin citizenship guide the contribution made to the Partnership and the use of WV Partnership resources.
- Ensure business continuity through an integrated risk management approach, including security, financial, operational and reputation risks by developing contingency plans and scenarios; and take ownership of the action plans.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

- Masters degree in international development, Social Science or related field is required.
- Significant executive experience in handling complex humanitarian emergencies and country/national multi-sectoral programs preferably in a fragile context.
- French language proficiency is essential.
- Previous National/Country Director experience is required.
- Minimum 3 years executive leadership experience in a large international organization.
- Requires at least 15 years' experience in International NGO leadership.
- Proven experience in overseeing large Government grants, major private donors and/or complex multi-sectorial development and humanitarian programs.
- Requires prior experience in country strategy development, donor engagement, risk management and organizational development.
- Proven track record of fundraising across multiple type of donors ( ie; governments, private organizations, etc..)
- Experience in leading a multi-cultural senior leadership team.
- Strong networking, representation and communication skills with ability to express ideas and concepts clearly and persuasively with senior internal and external stakeholders.
- Ability to cope under significant pressure in extreme hardship contexts.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with all levels of staff, donors, the Advisory Council and other stakeholders.
- Understands and values equity, diversity and inclusion to achieve organizational goals.
- High level of emotional intelligence.
- Must be a collaborator and team builder committed to the transfer of skills and competencies.
- Responsible steward of resources and assets.

- Innovator and calculated risk taker.

***Work Environment/Travel:***

- The position requires ability and willingness to travel domestically and internationally up to 40 % of the time.