



WORLD BANK GROUP

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TOR No:	2025-035
Title:	Senior Health Economist/Specialist GG
Grade:	Health Nutrition Population Global Financing Facility Program
Division/VPU:	(HHNGF) People Vice Presidency (GGHVP)
Duty Location:	Washington, D.C
Appointment Type and Duration:	Two-year Term Appointment

BACKGROUND

The Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF) is a multi-stakeholder global partnership housed at the World Bank that is committed to ensuring all women, children and adolescents can survive and thrive. Launched in July 2015, the GFF supports 36 low and lower-middle income countries with catalytic financing and technical assistance to develop and implement prioritized national health plans to scale up access to affordable, quality care for women, children, and adolescents. The GFF also works with countries to maximize the use of domestic financing and external support for better, more sustainable health results. The GFF is focused on prioritizing and scaling up evidence-driven investments to improve reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition through targeted strengthening of primary health care systems – to save lives and as a critical first step toward accelerating progress on Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Through this partnership, the GFF aims to mobilize additional funding through the combination of grants from a dedicated multi-donor trust fund (the GFF Trust Fund), financing from International Development Association (IDA) and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), and the crowding in of additional domestic and external resources. To date, GFF has mobilized more than \$2.5 billion in trust fund resources. This approach and these resources have catalyzed high-impact investments for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition in the world’s most vulnerable countries. More information is available at: www.globalfinancingfacility.org. The Head of the GFF Secretariat, Luc Laviolette, is the hiring manager for this role.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Health Specialist/Economist will support GFF partner countries to strengthen health system reforms to accelerate progress on RMNCAH-N and primary health care (PHC) outcomes, while advancing the GFF’s strategy and model anchored in country ownership, aligned financing, and multi-stakeholder engagement.

- Contribute to the implementation of the GFF Strategy (2026–2030) and support country-led health reforms that improve outcomes for women, children, and adolescents in GFF partner countries.
- Support the operationalization of the GFF model in partner countries by strengthening country-led multi-stakeholder platforms, advocating for alignment of domestic and external resources, and providing technical assistance on health financing, health systems, and service delivery reforms. This includes support for evidence-based prioritization, situation analysis with strong integration of

gender & equity, development and implementation of Investment Cases, and regular progress reviews to track results tied to RMNCAH-N and inform course corrections.

- Work closely with World Bank country teams to embed GFF priorities and approaches in policy dialogue, analytical work, and lending operations, and to strengthen coordination between the GFF Secretariat, country teams, and government counterparts.
- Contribute to the development and communication of the GFF's value-add by advancing the knowledge and learning agenda, capturing evidence and lessons from partner countries, and demonstrating how country-led health reforms supported by the GFF strengthen health systems and improve outcomes for women, children, and adolescents.
- Help strengthen the GFF's partnerships with other organizations, to advance collaboration and strengthen alignment with country-led approaches.

Note:

The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving their own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Advanced degree in health economics, economics, public health, health policy, international development, or a related field.
- At least 8 years of relevant professional experience, with a strong record in supporting health system reform in low- and middle-income countries.
- Experience working and living in a GFF partner country is preferred, with a strong understanding of the political economy and operational realities in low- and middle-income settings.
- Familiarity with, and ideally direct exposure to, World Bank operations or similar multilateral development instruments.
- Proven track record of working with partners at the country level, including governments, donors, civil society, and private sector actors, to mobilize support country-led health priorities.
- Strong communication, negotiation, and partnership skills, with the ability to build trust and collaborate effectively with senior government officials, development partners, CSOs and multi-stakeholder platforms.
- Proven ability to work in multidisciplinary teams and intercultural environments.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English; ability to work in French is highly desirable.