

JOB PROFILE

How to Apply for this Job



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Background on Tearfund

Who we are: We are a Christian organisation partnering with the local church wherever possible to see change in the lives of those in greatest economic need. We believe poverty is caused by broken relationships with God, others, the environment and ourselves, and working to see those relationships restored is key to how we work. We want to see change that is economic, material, environmental and spiritual. See: Tearfund's [Theory of Mission](#)

Our vision: To see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives and reaching their God-given potential

Our mission: We follow Jesus where the need is greatest, responding to crisis and partnering with local churches to bring restoration to those living in poverty

Our values: We aspire to be courageous, truthful, compassionate, servant-hearted and Christ-centred

Relevant scriptures include: 2 Cor. 5:8-11, James 3:18, Romans 8:18-25, Philippians 4:7, John 10:10, Luke 4:16-21 and Micah 6:8

Tearfund's Application Process

All applications need to be completed online using our online registration form. As you progress through your application, please ensure that you save each section.

If after reading through this Job Profile, you have any questions or want to find out more about our recruitment process, please do not hesitate to contact recruitment@tearfund.org.

In this Job Profile pack we've included a full Job Description as well as a Person Specification. Please ensure that your application clearly shows how your skills and experience meet the requirements for this post.

Job Profile

Job Title	Regional Influencing Lead - Model 1
Group	International Group
Team	Southern & East Africa
Location	Kenya, Tanzania or Zambia
Responsible to	Regional Director

Part 1 – Job Description

1. Main Purpose of the Job

The Influencing Lead is responsible for leading, managing, representing and setting the overall direction of Tearfund's strategy, networking, advocacy and influencing work, in Tearfund's Country Operating Model 1 countries in the region. Influencing long term change in Zambia, Kenya and Tanzania is a key function of this role. The Influencing Lead is responsible for Tearfund's work of envisioning and strengthening the Church, advocating with national authorities, participation in Integral Mission and influencing change in churches, government, society and countries in line with Tearfund's vision, strategy, corporate priority areas and policies and procedures.

Position in organisation

- Grade: 2
- Reports to: Regional Director
- Manages: Tearfund's country office (depending on geographical remit of the role) and any staff as required
- Works closely with: Country Directors, Advocacy & Influencing Teams, Human Resources Business Partner, Finance Regional Lead and other Regional staff, Thematic Support Team, Operations & Assurance, Strategy and Impact Group, HaRT.
- Line management or coordination of influencing programme managers and CCT officers across the region
- Works closely with regional advocacy and influencing roles, and thematic roles, within the region to deliver results for projects within the countries covered by this role. The regional advocacy and influencing and thematic roles hold overall responsibility for leading in their respective areas across the region. [These roles include, among others, the regional advocacy advisor, who holds overall responsibility for influencing advocacy across the region, the EES regional role, which holds overall responsibility for supporting EES across the region, the regional CCT lead, the regional Theology and Network Engagement Manager, and the regional Inspired Individuals Facilitator.
- Works closely with regional corporate priority leads and/or focal points (CCT & EES as mentioned above, as well as C2R & RPS) to deliver quality projects in line with the corporate priorities.

2. Tearfund's Christian culture

We believe that prayer and discernment is fundamental to Tearfund achieving its mission of restoring relationships, ending extreme poverty and transforming lives. As a Tearfund staff member you are encouraged to:

- Engage with Tearfund Prays and the Prayer hub
- Lead or participate in spiritual sessions of prayer and biblical reflection within your group

- Be committed to Tearfund's Mission, Values and Beliefs statement and to be actively working and living in accordance with Tearfund's Christian beliefs and theory of mission
- Maintain your own spiritual development, discover your gifts/callings and grow in discipleship

3. Organisational Requirements

- All staff are expected to live out Tearfund's values as they represent Tearfund externally
- All post-holders are expected to fulfil their personal objectives set by their line manager, contribute to their team's overall objectives, take responsibility for reviewing their ongoing personal development and maintain an awareness of Tearfund's strategy.
- All Tearfund staff share responsibility to promote and maintain a strong safeguarding culture, including identifying the key actions they should take given their role and responsibilities.

4. Key Responsibilities

Strategy for Model 1 Countries

- Responsible for the design, implementation and review of Tearfund's influencing strategy for country operating model 1 countries in the region, ensuring input from key stakeholders, both external and internal Tearfund teams, to shape the overall strategy as an outworking of Tearfund's corporate vision, corporate priorities, strategic objectives and approaches for country operating model 1;
- Inspire, envision and strengthen networks and movements of churches, theological institutions and civil society actors, as well as individuals who seek to influence policy and practice;
- Promote Church & Community Transformation (CCT) with an emphasis on catalysing and strengthening the Church for Integral Mission;
- Promote Environmental and Economic Sustainability (EES) by working with churches, governments, partners and allies to influence them to adopt more environmentally and economically sustainable approaches and policies.
- Promote Reconciled and Peace Filled Societies (RPS) by working with churches, governments, partners and allies to adopt peacebuilding and other approaches to reduce and end conflict within countries.
- Work with churches, NGOs, networks and allies to inspire, empower, develop, mentor and mobilise them to influence change in government policy, economic systems, legal systems and social-cultural practices;
- Influence and support advocacy networks and engage in movement building efforts in line with Tearfund's priority areas;
- Support the identification of advocacy and influencing opportunities, developing position statements and briefing papers, and leading representation to government authorities at local, national, Regional and Global levels, in consultation with the Advocacy Team;
- Promote the role of theology, prayer, and leadership development in churches to influence change
- Develop a preparedness/contingency plan and strategy to respond to crisis, using existing networks TF works with already in country;
- Monitor, review and analyse the country context and changing role of aid and development, and adapt Tearfund's strategy accordingly
- Ensure Tearfund's Quality Standards are upheld at the country level;
- Ensure alignment between the country strategy and Tearfund's global work on the 4 corporate priorities working closely with regional roles;

Team Management and Coordination

- Develop and model a team culture characterised by a shared understanding of Tearfund's vision and programme objectives, and commitment to Tearfund's values and behaviours;
- Implement Tearfund's performance management system with any staff, with objective setting, probationary reviews, regular catch ups, 6-monthly performance appraisals, development

planning and exit interviews, carried out for staff, and take appropriate remedial action to address areas of poor performance;

- Provide spiritual leadership to the programme and pastoral support where appropriate
- Coordinate with other advocacy and influencing matrix staff within the region to deliver results for projects within the countries covered by this role.
- In coordination with the regional Public Policy Advisor, who has overall responsibility for advocacy across the region, represent the region at key gatherings around Influencing/Advocacy;
- Responsible for collaboration with support functions (finance, logistics, human resources, IT, technical/sector support) required to deliver the country strategy;
- Line manage and take responsibility to negotiate deliverables for matrix roles that work across other teams in Model 1 countries.
- Proactively draw down on technical support from Regional and Global levels to support technical quality;
- Recruit and support the required team composition and an organisational structure that is diverse and inclusive, ensuring an accessible and supportive working environment and culture;
- Responsible for oversight of project and core budgets, reviewing the monthly management accounts, identifying any corrective actions required;
- Accountable to manage TF resources and report against the same;
- Ensure appropriate Tearfund registration, legal, tax and insurance requirements are met and maintained on an ongoing basis, in cases where Tearfund has an office and staff;

Funding

- Develop bids for fundraising from trusts, foundations and key individuals;
- Responsible for development of budget and fundraising strategies for influencing across the region;
- Approve funding for any relationships and ensure they are compliant to Tearfund policies and procedures;

Relationship Building

- Actively invest time and effort in building relationships with key stakeholders, both external and teams across Tearfund, who are critical to outwork and achieve Tearfund's vision and strategy for the country/ies;
- Strategise, build relationships to influence and envision key church, denominational, mission leaders, governments, policy makers, partners and allies;
- Facilitate allies to find common ground, enabling movements;
- Network with other INGOs and bodies coordinating humanitarian response

Effective Portfolio Management

- Ensure all reports are submitted on time and in accordance with required reporting formats;
- Monitor Tearfund supported allies, network and individuals to demonstrate progress and impact through visits, reviewing reports and ongoing communication, and identify corrective actions;
- Assess networks and individuals, managing risk, and agreeing capacity development plans;
- Actively promote the capturing of learning through reporting and monitoring, and discussion groups, ensuring that learning is used effectively in the country and transferred to the wider organisation;

Corporate Policy and Compliance

- Ensure the programme is compliant to policies and procedures set out in Tearfund's Global Operating Manual;
- Ensure that policies and commitments regarding the safeguarding and protection of children and vulnerable adults and the prevention of fraud and bribery are consistently applied;

- Ensure compliance of projects to Tearfund's Global Process System (GPS) for the development and implementation of project proposals, reporting, monitoring, evaluation, implementation of audit recommendations, learning, project completion;
- Ensure audit and evaluation recommendations are implemented and adopted within ongoing operating procedures;
- Responsible for the corporate monthly, quarterly and annual reporting;
- Ensure representation of the programme and raising its profile to the wider organisation through provision of information and stories for internal and external communications by other teams;
- Oversee and ensure the implementation of the counter-terror procedures;

External Representation

- Responsible for high-level representation to the government, securing and maintaining the necessary approvals to operate, ensuring coordination and constructive working relations;
- Responsible for representing Tearfund externally through building relationships and networking with national Regional Church leaders and networks, government and where relevant other NGOs;
- Responsible for developing media positions and press statements, serving as the principal local Tearfund spokesperson in media interviews, and facilitating media visits, in consultation with the Global Media Team;

Part 2 – Person Specification

Job title: Influencing Lead - Southern & East Africa

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree and/or equivalent qualification in a development or management related discipline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant post-graduate qualification Management Training
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven ability to promote integral mission, Advocacy experience Proven track record in influencing change, via networking, opinion shaping and/or policy making Well networked among church leaders, civil society, governments and other key development actors Proven ability in working with local church-based organisations Substantial community development experience working in the local context Substantial influencing and advocacy experience Experience leading teams, including performance management and capacity building Commitment to project quality, and associated assurance processes Proven ability in strategic planning, project management and budget management Deep understanding of and engagement with Integral Mission theology Collaborative working in cross-cultural contexts Ability to facilitate sensitive theological conversations among diverse theological perspectives and faith styles. Implementing and working in accordance with corporate structures, policies and practices Involvement in key movements Experience with church mobilisation approaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven ability of organisational development Proven ability in capacity development of local organisations Proven experience in promoting and applying good practice in development work Proven security management experience (for countries with security concerns)
Skills/Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative and entrepreneurial mindset Strong, confident communicator Ambition and vision for lasting, national scale change Ability and commitment to apply biblical principles prayerfully within all aspects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of the key concepts and tools of Disaster Risk Reduction

	<p>of the role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to lead, participate in and facilitate collective staff prayer and bible studies • Excellent leadership and management skills • Fluent in written and spoken English • Excellent presentation, written and verbal communication skills • Excellent advocacy and influencing skills • Understanding of effective church mobilisation approaches • Proven ability to gain respect of CEOs of networks, church leaders, and government representatives • Training and mentoring skills • High level negotiation and representation • Creative and innovative approach and openness to new ideas • Analytical and problem solving skills • Ability to safeguard the wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults • Good computer skills (MS Office, GoogleSuite) 	
Personal Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committed Christian with a personal relationship with God • Committed to Tearfund's Mission, Values and Beliefs demonstrated in taking an organisational perspective and working collaboratively across the organisation to advance our mission • Self-disciplined with ability to work proactively, using own initiative • Flexible and resilient able to accommodate changing priorities and to remain calm under pressure • Motivating, inspiring, and encouraging • Commitment to diversity and inclusion, including gender and disability • Demonstrates sensitivity and skills in working cross culturally. • Self aware and able to learn from others. • Servant leadership • Able to balance task-delivery and people-focus • A people and team developer • Willingness to live and travel in basic conditions 	
OTHER COMMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular travel across cluster countries is a requirement • All roles require a DBS/Police check 		

- Tearfund is a member of the SCHR Misconduct Disclosure Scheme
- Personal identification information will be submitted against a Watchlist database to check against criminal convictions as a counter-terror measure