



The Society for Supply Chain Professionals



Supply Chain International Development Program

The Supply Chain International Development Program actively seeks to facilitate the placement of volunteer supply chain professionals in a job or project in a country where there is a need for training and development in a number of supply chain and logistics related areas.

LAA and apics are proud to be working with the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative (CHAI) to present this opportunity for professional development of individual supply chain practitioners; and assist the wider supply chain community and corporations within Australia achieve their Corporate Social Responsibilities Program.

The most important elements of the program are the willingness and commitment of the individual supply chain practitioner to volunteer for a specific period of time to undertake a job or project; and for the support from the employer of the individual in a volunteer capacity representing their corporation.

LAA, apics NSW, and apics VIC jointly offer this program for their members and undertake the facilitation of placement with CHAI.

The goal of CHAI is to provide supply chain management technical support for the strengthening of health care supply chains in developing countries.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Volunteers

The primary benefit for the volunteer is the opportunity to provide good quality supply chain management training and skills, systems and processes whilst working within another country's supply chain culture and environment. The Volunteer will benefit greatly from the personal and professional experience as well as the development of mentoring, leadership and interpersonal skills.

Employers

Employers not only benefit from the accelerated development of their staff in both supply chain management experience and interpersonal skills, but the program enables the employer to provide good quality Corporate Social Responsibility to a specific area of supply chain and logistics related need.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Objectives

The objectives of the program are to foster the development of supply chain professionals and to facilitate knowledge sharing.

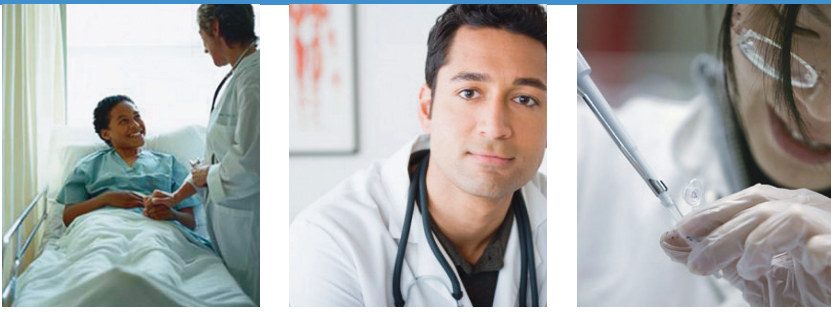
CHAI's objective for this program is to leverage supply chain management expertise from the private sector to improve supply chain performance for public health systems in developing countries through building knowledge and skills within the government to better manage their supply chain required to deliver crucial medicines.

ABOUT CHAI

Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative (CHAI)

The Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative was launched in 2002 using a business-based and strategic approach to tackle the most significant barriers to HIV/AIDS care and treatment. CHAI achieves its mission by lowering the costs of treatment, providing strategic and targeted technical assistance where it is most needed, and establishing major initiatives to enable widespread access to HIV-related care. CHAI has a staff of more than 700 people, with teams working on the ground side by side with 22 governments' worldwide to improve the national health care systems required to deliver crucial medicines.

Since then, CHAI has expanded its scope of work beyond ARVs



to increase access to diagnostics and malaria medicines, as well as to address a variety of issues that must be overcome in order to turn the tide of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, including:

- Supporting governments to deliver HIV/AIDS services to underserved populations, such as children and those living in rural areas
- Increasing countries' human resource capacity to deliver care and treatment
- Preventing the transmission of the disease from mothers to their children

CHAI's Supply Chain Initiative

Although the initial challenges of commodity pricing and availability have been addressed, developing countries continue to struggle with efficient distribution and the prevention of stock-outs once the commodities actually arrive. Some of the biggest challenges in this area include:

- Lack of human resources and specialized knowledge in Supply Chain Management (SCM)
- Availability & integrity of data is limited
- Absence of metrics to adequately measure performance
- SCM is still at a basic level with limited technology and very basic infrastructure (eg. storage & distribution)

In response to ongoing requests for assistance in addressing the various bottlenecks in the supply chain, CHAI formed a global supply chain team to provide technical expertise to Ministries Of Health (MoH) and develop solutions to broader supply chain issues such as integration of supply chains and decentralization. The objective of the supply chain initiative is to empower governments to build cost-efficient, effective and sustainable national health care supply chains.

Duration and Timing

Volunteers can volunteer their time for periods of two weeks up to several months depending on the country and project facilitated. Volunteers can nominate their preferred availability of time.

Countries in Need

CHAI works in over 22 countries some of which are represented below. The actual location of the project will be determined by the needs identified at that particular time.

Examples of where the projects may occur:

SE Asia; Cambodia, India, Indonesia PNG

Africa; Ethiopia, Liberia, Rwanda, Swaziland, Togo

Caribbean; Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago

Supply Chain Area of Expertise

Supply Chain area of expertise is required across the board, from New Product Introduction, Planning, Procurement, Warehousing, Order Management/Fulfillment, to Distribution, and Transportation, along with Supply Chain Strategy & Operational Excellence, Product Returns and supporting technologies.

Skills in Need

CHAI is seeking highly motivated individuals with a strong record of leadership and analytical capabilities. Since these positions involve working within the MoH and with implementing partners, candidates must have excellent communications skills and a high degree of self-confidence. They must be able to function independently and have a strong commitment to excellence. Resourcefulness, responsibility, tenacity, independence, energy and work ethic are personal qualities highly regarded.

Travel Requirements

The volunteer will be responsible for all accommodation, travel, visa, medical insurances and other travel arrangements.

Costs

The facilitation and administration service provided by LAA/apics and CHAI is free of charge to all volunteers.

The costs associated with leave provisions, travel and accommodation, insurance, medical will be sponsored by the company supporting their employee or the individual themselves in the volunteer capacity as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility Program.

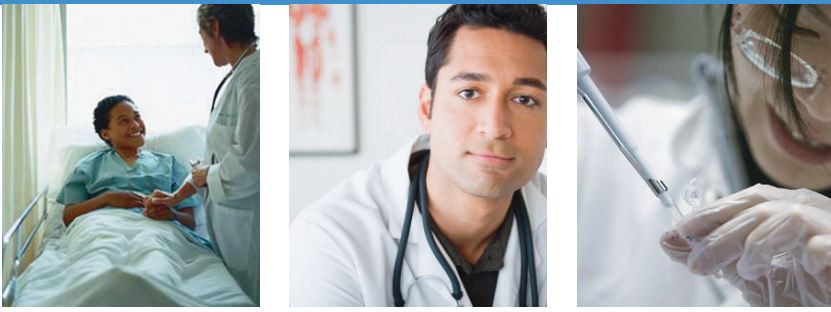
Example Volunteer Projects

The focus of CHAI's supply chain work is to build supply chain skills and knowledge capacity in the MoH through Technical Assistance (e.g. training, knowledge sharing, developing standard operating procedure and hands on efforts) and Advisory support (e.g. Supply chain assessments, strategy development and guidance on specific issues to the MoHs)

Below are some examples of the supply chain work CHAI is currently doing:

- Liberia is a post war conflict country which is in the process of rebuilding with the help of organizations such as the UN and the World Bank. CHAI and other health partners are working directly with the MoH to rebuild the public health care system which was devastated during the war. This includes the re-establishment of basic policies and process such as drug registration and quality assurance. From a supply chain standpoint, the work includes the





development of a long term supply chain strategy, upgrading of facilities (warehouse design and refurbishing) and formalization of processes such as forecasting, procurement and distribution.

- Cambodia is also in the process of re-building its health care systems however the focus from CHAI is working with The National Center for Parasitology, Entomology, and Malaria Control (CNM) to continue and scale up routine malaria control activities including the elimination of drug resistant malaria parasites along the Cambodia-Thailand border.

CHAI will provide technical expertise and advisory support in the following areas; i) Procurement of essential malaria commodities, (including anti-malarial drugs, rapid diagnostic tests, and long lasting insecticide treated bed nets and hammock nets (LLINs/LLIHNS) and ii) Storage and Distribution of essential malaria commodities, (including warehouse assessment, refurbishment, distribution network and transportation assessment).

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Applicants

Anyone who is committed to personal development, believes in giving back to the industry, is enthusiastic to experience a global opportunity, has sufficient time to commit to a project whether it be for 2 weeks or longer should apply. Volunteers are encouraged to seek the sponsor support from their employer.

Employers

Employers who are seeking to influence the industry and participate in the making of global supply chains; who are committed to employee development and can commit to sponsoring an employee for participation in the program may wish to put forward this program opportunity to their employees.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO APPLY:

Go to www.laa.asn.au and click on Supply Chain International Development. There is an online application form. Either submit it online or fax it in. Don't forget to load or fax your resume.

All completed applications will be forwarded to CHAI, who will contact you direct regarding the possibility of a placement. You will also find more information about CHAI on this web page.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

If you have more questions, please contact the LAA or apics.

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The LAA: The Logistics Association of Australia (LAA) represents the interest of professionals in logistics and the supply chain industry. The vision of the LAA is to serve and advance the logistics and supply chain profession in Australia by facilitating the exchange of knowledge and ideas. The LAA acts as a conduit between logistics professionals and industry, government, education bodies and other relevant forums.

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