



Open Call: Fulbright Specialist Program Social Work Project

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) is seeking a highly qualified professional to serve as a Specialist for the two-visit project **“Training Domestic Violence/Abused Women Shelter Staff”** to take place in **Kuwait City, Kuwait** beginning in **Fall 2019**.

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP), part of the larger Fulbright Program, was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics and professionals with host institutions abroad to share their expertise, strengthen institutional linkages, hone their skills, gain international experience, and learn about other cultures while building capacity at their overseas host institutions. Grant benefits include international round-trip economy class airfare, transit allowance, all applicable visa fees, a daily honorarium, enrollment in a limited health benefits program, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.

Host Institution: Kuwait Ministry of Social Affairs

Proposed Timeframe: *This project consists of two visits.* The first approximately 4-week visit would ideally take place beginning in September/October 2019. The second approximately 2-week visit would ideally take place in February 2020. There may be flexibility in the timing of these visits based upon the chosen candidate’s availability.

Location of Project: Kuwait City, Kuwait

Project Activities

The Supreme Council on Family Affairs, in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA), is planning to open Kuwait’s first domestic violence/abuse shelter for women and their children in September 2019. The Ministry is seeking a Specialist with experience in developing and managing such shelters and domestic abuse hotlines to consult on the development of shelter/hotline policies and operating procedures and provide training to shelter employees.

This project consists of two visits. In the first visit, the Specialist will evaluate the shelter and staff’s needs, train staff, including first responders, on best practices, and develop an implementation plan for achieving the shelter’s objectives. In the second visit, the Specialist would assess the implementation of this plan and develop a report on the shelter’s operations for MOSA, including any recommendations and next steps.

Activities undertaken during this project would include but are not limited to:

- Engaging with senior MOSA officials and other related agencies to draft policy and administrative guidance for the shelter’s operations, including topics such as standard operating procedures, organizational structure and job descriptions for key roles, and outreach activities
- Providing training to shelter staff, such as management personnel, hotline responders, social workers, and legal advisors, on best practices for maintaining a safe, welcoming shelter environment, and addressing the needs/stages of individuals in need of shelter/hotline services
- Advising on the development of a data-based case management system and any physical requirements for the shelter and support hotline



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Preferred Qualifications

The Specialist should possess a PhD or master's degree in social work. The Specialist must have demonstrated experience in the development and/or operation of shelters and hotlines for victims of domestic violence, as well as familiarity with women's issues in the Middle East region. Proficiency in Arabic and expertise/experience working in the Middle East is preferred.

Additionally, the Specialist should have excellent coordination, planning, training, and organizational skills; they should also have effective communication skills, particularly with diverse populations.

How to Apply

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. If interested, please send your CV/resume and a personal statement by **Monday, July 1, 2019** explaining why you believe that you could effectively serve as the Fulbright Specialist for this project to: fulbrightspecialist@worldlearning.org. Please limit your statement to no more than 400 words and include information regarding your availability. A copy of the full project description is available, upon request, to aid in the development of CVs and personal statements. Additionally, please note that if you are selected as a potential candidate for this project, you will be required to submit an official application to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster. For any further questions regarding the application process and the program, visit our website at <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org>.



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