

FHI 360 is a nonprofit human development organization dedicated to improving lives in lasting ways by advancing integrated, locally driven solutions. Our staff includes experts in health, education, nutrition, environment, economic development, civil society, gender, youth, research, technology, communication and social marketing — creating a unique mix of capabilities to address today's interrelated development challenges. FHI 360 serves more than 60 countries and all U.S. states and territories. Alive & Thrive (A&T) is an initiative to save lives, prevent illness, and ensure healthy growth and development through optimal maternal nutrition, breastfeeding, and complementary feeding practices. Through application of its evidence-based framework and utilization of its robust network of partners, A&T builds momentum, breaks down barriers, and supports a better future for women and children.

We are seeking qualified and highly motivated Vietnamese nationals to join FHI 360 as ***Temporary Research Assistant for Alive & Thrive Southeast Asia (based in Ha Noi)***.

**Project Summary:**

A&T began in 2008 and aims to save lives, prevent illness, and ensure healthy growth and development. Good nutrition in the first 1,000 days, from conception to two years of age, is critical to enable all children to lead healthier and more productive lives. A&T is scaling up improved infant and young child feeding and maternal nutrition through large-scale programs in several countries in Asia and Africa, as well as through strategic technical support and the dissemination of innovations, tools, and lessons worldwide. A&T is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the governments of Canada and Ireland. A&T Generation 2 (2017-2021), is in its third phase, with the goal to further cultivate sustainability of projects and processes that generate positive maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN) social and behavior change.

A&T is implementing an integrated maternal nutrition intervention as an initiative to intensify systems strengthening and behavior change communication approaches through the government ante-natal care platform in Unnao and Kanpur-Dehat districts of Uttar Pradesh, India. The program aims to test the feasibility of improving a package of maternal nutrition interventions which align with the latest global evidence and government policies. These interventions include provision and counseling on iron and folic acid (IFA) and calcium supplements, adequate weight-gain monitoring during pregnancy, interpersonal counseling on diet during pregnancy, counseling on breastfeeding, and community mobilization. A baseline survey (December 2017) was conducted by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Unnao and Kanpur-Dehat prior to roll-out of the program, and a process evaluation and nested cohort study will be conducted in 2019.

**Position Summary:**

Job duties include support to program evaluations, quantitative data analysis, literature reviews and support to preparation of reports and journal manuscripts. Successful candidates will work with an IFPRI senior researcher based in Vietnam and other researchers based in IFPRI's New Delhi offices who straddle academic fields in economics and nutrition and work in strong collaborative project teams.

**Main Responsibilities:**

Specific tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Analyzing large survey data sets on nutrition, health, with an emphasis on quality of health and nutrition services
- Assisting in the design and implementation of field-based surveys related to implementation of health and nutrition programs in different states in India

- Conducting literature reviews, preparing presentations and presentation materials.
- Providing research and analytical support for workshops and conferences
- Providing support in the development of high quality, timely reports
- Providing support in the development of manuscripts for publication
- Other tasks as assigned by IFPRI Research Fellow

**The successful candidate will have the following qualifications and abilities:**

- Master's degree or equivalent in economics, agricultural economics, statistics, development studies, public health, nutrition, or related fields
- Experience using statistical software packages, especially Stata
- Excellent spoken and written English
- Ability to work independently and pay close attention to detail.
- Knowledge of major health and nutrition (preferred)

**Duration:**

Initial duration of 6 months with expected starting time from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

**FHI 360 offers competitive salary.**

**Please send curriculum vitae (including the list of publication if any), letter of application, a writing sample (e.g., a report, manuscript, technical brief, news, blog-post... contributed largely by you), and a list of three references (we only contact your reference with your consent) by 28 February 2019 to Ms. Nguyen Thi Mien at [ntmien@fhi360.org](mailto:ntmien@fhi360.org)**

*Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.*