

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Chief of Party, Resilient Governance in Niger**

Equal Access International

**Position Location:** Niamey, Niger

**Background:**

Equal Access International (EAI) is an international not for profit organization (501c3) headquartered in Washington, DC and working throughout Asia and Africa. A communication for social change organization that combines the power of media with community mobilization, EAI creates customized communications strategies and outreach solutions that address the most critical challenges affecting people in the developing world in the areas of peace and transforming extremism, women and girl's empowerment, governance, civic engagement, youth development, and human rights.

**Summary:**

EAI is preparing for the USAID-funded Resilient Governance in Niger Activity which aims to support enhanced governance of institutions and organizations, specifically sub-national state institutions and local civil society and community-based organizations. The Activity will support increased understanding of roles and responsibilities of municipal governments, decentralized authorities, and intergovernmental communications; enhanced planning, budgeting, and administrative capacity of municipal governments; and increased civic engagement in communal governance. This project is anticipated to be awarded by January 2020.

**Position:**

The Chief of Party (COP) will provide overall leadership, management and general technical direction of the activity, ensuring an integrated approach to achieving project results. The COP shall be the principal point of contact in Niger for procedural and substantive matters, including technical matters. S/he shall coordinate and ultimately be responsible for management and implementation of the activity. S/he shall also be responsible for ensuring quality control and the overall responsiveness of technical assistance provided under the award. S/he will be expected to proactively identify issues and risks related to activity implementation in a timely manner, and suggest appropriate adjustments.

**Reporting & Supervision:**

The Chief of Party will report to a Project Director based in Washington, DC.

**Preferred Skills & Qualifications:**

- Master's degree in a relevant field such as social sciences, law, development studies, etc. or a Bachelor's degree and five years of relevant international development experience can be substituted for a Master's degree.
- At least ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience in the successful implementation of international development activities, with preference given to local governance and civic engagement – at least five (5) years of which as a COP, Deputy COP, or equivalent senior program management role directly supervising professional and support staff.
- Experience working in the municipal governance sector in Africa is essential.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills **in English and French**. Demonstrated ability to think strategically and communicate his/her vision to partners and colleagues.

- Proven experience navigating complex and high-pressure operating environments.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and sustain interpersonal and professional relationships with different donors, civil society organizations, and host country government counterparts.

**To Apply:**

Interested applicants should e-mail a copy of your CV and statement of interest to [jobs@equalaccess.org](mailto:jobs@equalaccess.org) with the reference “COP, USAID Resilient Governance in Niger” in the subject line.

Niger Nationals are strongly encouraged to apply.

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