

# Pacific Livelihoods and Economic Empowerment Technical Advisor

## Position Description

<b>Reporting to:</b>	Pacific PDQ Director	<b>Work location:</b>	Pacific region
<b>Department:</b>	International Programs	<b>Budget holder:</b>	No
<b>Team:</b>	Pacific PDQ	<b>Direct reports:</b>	No

### Here you'll make a difference

*At Save the Children Australia, we attract bright and big-hearted people who are inspired to make a difference. Together, we are fearless in our pursuit of making lasting change for the children and communities who need it most.*

Reporting to the Pacific Regional Program Development and Quality Director (PDQ), the Pacific Livelihoods & Economic Empowerment Technical Advisor will drive innovation in livelihoods, economic empowerment and youth entrepreneurship across Pacific Island communities. The role provides technical leadership to design and implement sustainable livelihoods and youth entrepreneurship programs that integrate climate and environmental solutions, promoting inclusive economic empowerment and resilience for Pacific communities. The role strengthens program quality by supporting country teams to deliver evidence-based, inclusive livelihoods and entrepreneurship initiatives, ensuring programs achieve equitable, scalable, and sustainable outcomes. The role cultivates and maintains strategic partnerships with donors, governments, and regional stakeholders to position Save the Children as a leading actor in Pacific livelihoods and youth entrepreneurship, fostering innovation across the region.

The Technical Advisor will work closely with the members of the Pacific Regional Team, Country Offices and Save the Children Australia's Humanitarian team to ensure the development and delivery of high-quality programs aligned with country strategic plans and priorities. It will involve working with thematic teams to ensure livelihoods and entrepreneurship initiatives are integrated into other relevant Save the Children programs. The Advisor will conduct regular field visits to monitor program quality, develop tools, and provide training for staff. Additionally, the Adviser represents the organization in high-level meetings, advocating for its priorities and ensuring programs are recognized for their innovation and impact. In the event of a major humanitarian emergency, the role holder will be expected to work outside the normal role profile and be flexible with working hours accordingly.

### Here your skills will be valued

#### Role requirements

##### Technical Leadership

- Lead on advancing our Pacific Regional Strategy with a focus on strengthening sustainable livelihoods, youth and women's entrepreneurship; while integrating renewable energy and climate-smart economic inclusion into designs, in line with our core goals and cross cutting areas of climate, social protection and GEDSI.
- Provide technical leadership in the design and scale-up of market-based livelihoods, youth entrepreneurship, cash and cash-plus approaches, and renewable energy solutions – across both humanitarian and development settings.
- Provide technical advice on integrating enterprise development, employability and entrepreneurship pathways (including digital skills and renewable energy-linked livelihoods) within existing programs.
- Support the strengthening of monitoring, evaluation, and learning systems to demonstrate outcomes in livelihoods and youth entrepreneurship, and facilitate learning across country offices, partners, and regional initiatives.

- Offer high-quality technical guidance in concept notes and proposals, positioning Save the Children to access funding for climate-smart livelihoods, entrepreneurship promotion, and renewable energy solutions.
- Work closely with PDQ and country teams to build staff and partner capacity in designing evidence-based livelihood and entrepreneurship programming tailored to Pacific contexts.
- Drive organizational learning on livelihoods and youth entrepreneurship models applicable in the Pacific, including integration with disaster preparedness, climate adaptation, and renewable energy initiatives.
- Provide technical input into Pacific-focused research, studies, and evaluations in livelihoods, entrepreneurship, and renewable energy; document and disseminate good practice to inform innovation and scaling.

#### **Program Quality**

- Ensure country offices design and deliver high-quality sustainable livelihoods and inclusive economic empowerment for children, youth, and families, drawing on global best practice and proven SCI approaches.
- Support the integration of youth entrepreneurship, inclusive economic empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods into program design, ensuring gender, disability, and social inclusion considerations are embedded throughout.
- Provide technical oversight to ensure livelihood and enterprise projects are consistent with national and international good practice, designed for sustainability and scale, and deliver equitable, climate-resilient results.
- Oversee the development of high-quality technical resources on entrepreneurship, livelihoods, and renewable energy programming in the Pacific, ensuring they meet SCI's standards and reflect regional realities.
- Collaborate with MEAL teams to strengthen measurement and evidence on the impact of livelihoods and entrepreneurship programs, including indicators on youth economic empowerment and green jobs.
- Support Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS/ESAP) integration, ensuring entrepreneurship and renewable energy initiatives are environmentally and socially responsible, while contributing to climate adaptation.

#### **Networking and External Engagement**

- In coordination with Pacific leadership, strategically position Save the Children as a leader in youth livelihoods and entrepreneurship programming, integrating climate and environmental solutions, cultivating private – public partnerships as well as deepening relationships with donors, regional organizations, and governments.
- Lead a Pacific Community of Practice to promote good practice, innovation, and peer learning on livelihoods and entrepreneurship including skills pathways.
- Contribute to and influence national and regional technical coordination mechanisms, ensuring Save the Children advances dialogues on economic recovery, youth employment, and just transition in the Pacific.
- Represent Save the Children's Pacific livelihoods, renewable energy, and entrepreneurship portfolio in key fora, raising the profile of our work and attracting new partnerships and investments.

#### **Health, safety, security and risk management**

- Be a role model for safety and security and comply with all workplace safety policy, procedure, work instructions and training
- Act safely at all times
- Report all incidents, injuries and potential hazards in a timely manner
- Participate in, and contribute to, health and safety awareness and improvements
- Be aware of, document and manage the risks associated with your team's programs and workplaces and ensure appropriate elimination or mitigation measures are applied

#### **Child protection and safeguarding requirements**

- Maintain a child safe environment at the workplace and safeguard children's rights, acting in the best interests of children at all times
- Comply with the [Child Safeguarding Policy](#) & [Code of Conduct](#)
- Demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour towards children in both your private and professional life
- Never abuse the position of trust that comes with being a part of the Save the Children family
- Maintain a safe and positive relationship at all times when working with children and young people
- Respond to any concerns for the safety or wellbeing of a child in a program in accordance with internal reporting processes

**All roles at Save the Children contribute to our impact for children.**

At Save the Children, every role, whether in our programs or support services, plays a vital part in our impact for children. We are committed to creating a positive impact on the lives of children and their communities, and we value the contributions of every team member in achieving this vision.

**Here you'll belong**

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It takes all types of people to do the challenging work we do. Here are some of the specific skills and experiences you'll bring in this role:

**Essential knowledge and experience**

- At least 7 years of experience designing, leading, and delivering high-quality development programs focused on livelihoods, youth entrepreneurship, and climate, environmental solutions within Pacific contexts.
- Strong analytical skills with the ability to synthesize quantitative and qualitative data for evidence-based decision making in livelihoods, entrepreneurship ecosystems, and green economic inclusion.
- Advanced knowledge of complementary livelihood approaches relevant to the Pacific, including entrepreneurship development, market-based solutions, agriculture, food security, and renewable energy-linked economic opportunities.
- Proven track record in successfully developing funding proposals and tenders focused on sustainable livelihoods, youth enterprise, and renewable energy projects, with demonstrated program design and implementation experience in the Pacific.
- Experience integrating entrepreneurship pathways and renewable energy options into development programs, strategies, and policies that promote economic inclusion and climate resilience.
- Demonstrated ability to build capacity of non-technical program staff and partners in evidence-based approaches to livelihoods, youth entrepreneurship, and renewable energy programming tailored to Pacific settings.

**Skills/Abilities**

- Highly developed written and verbal communication skills, including proposal and report writing, with the ability to clearly present technical concepts related to sustainable livelihoods and inclusive economic empowerment as well as climate and environment solutions, to diverse audiences.
- Proven ability to work effectively across multidisciplinary and cross-functional teams, managing priorities to deliver results in complex Pacific development environments.
- Strong networking, relationship building, influencing, and negotiation skills to foster strategic partnerships and donor engagement around livelihoods and green entrepreneurship.
- Extensive experience designing, commissioning, and delivering capacity building, training, and mentorship initiatives tailored to different stakeholder groups, including youth entrepreneurs.
- Comfortable working independently with minimal supervision as well as collaboratively within dynamic regional teams.
- Excellent strategic thinking and analytical capabilities to identify opportunities, mitigate risks, and build partnerships that enhance livelihoods and entrepreneurship outcomes.
- High behavioural flexibility and resilience when navigating complex and evolving humanitarian and development contexts in the Pacific region.

**Required qualifications**

- Master's degree in international development, business or economics, or a related field, as well as equivalent relevant experience (i.e. natural resources economics backgrounds or private sector engagement experience)

**Additional Information**

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- Any offer of employment at Save the Children Australia will be subject to a satisfactory National Police Record Check and a Working with Children Check
- Employees must sign on to Save the Children Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct
- Ongoing performance and employment will be measured against KPIs, values and demonstrated behaviours outlined above
- Save the Children Australia is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**Driver's Licence:** Not required    **Travel:** Required – approx.. 30%

**Working with Children Check:** Required    **Assets:** Laptop