



SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



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NATIONAL ADVOCACY COORDINATOR (M/F) / 1 person

The National Advocacy Coordinator is responsible for designing, coordinating and overseeing advocacy and partnership activities related to advocacy work in the country in accordance with the MA Strategy and SOS Children's Villages roots, vision, mission and values, implements the advocacy strategy of the NA its activities, monitors, evaluates and analyzes advocacy activities. He/she is also part of the network responsible for the same tasks at the IO/RO level.

In this area of work, he/she:

- Provides expertise to the National Director and the Program Development Director
- Proposes appropriate strategic goals and activities at the national level (National Plan)
- Through his work he/she ensures that the goals set under his/her responsibility are set.

Also, his/her responsibility is to establish and maintain cooperation/partnerships with other associates in the field of children's rights/social development, as well as involvement and active participation in relevant children's rights networks in order to represent children's rights (with a focus on children without parental care and children at risk of losing parental care). He/she shares with the Advocacy Department of the IO/RO on the advocacy partnerships and activities of the NA and shares good practices and experiences with the network.

General tasks:

Development and implementation of advocacy activities in the National Association

- Regularly conducts internal and external analyzes of the situation of children's rights in the country (based on the approach to respect for children's rights) and shares/announces the results and makes them available to employees who need to know them (for example: pedagogical staff, family strengthening programs)
- Ensures a good flow of information within the NA on child rights/child protection issues in the country and relevant trends (changes in state legislation, main problems, challenges, shortcomings, etc.) within the child protection system.
- Based on the identified issues, either at the international or NA level, develops advocacy projects and implements the activities planned in the project
- Participates in the development of project proposals aimed at advocating for children's rights/advocacy
- Coordinates advocacy activities in the NA in accordance with the general strategic work of the NA and the advocacy strategy. Develops, implements and evaluates various forms of advocacy work (public campaigns, mobilization and participation, etc.) depending on the specific objectives set by the NA.
- Represents the National Association at important conferences in the country, working groups and relevant gatherings;
- Drafts and harmonizes the concept of advocacy measures,
- Interacts and creates network with relevant NGOs, government bodies and other stakeholders with the objective to raise visibility for the organization and advocate for the mission and purpose of the NA.
- Builds professional relationships with relevant NGOs and partners including NGO working groups/coalitions and participates in meetings that enhance organization advocacy impact.
- In cooperation with ND and NPDD identifies crucial child rights issues and social development relevant for the work of the NA.
- Provides support to brand compliance and communication whenever necessary.
- Gives feedback on policy and position papers.
- Research and detect opportunities/trends in the child right/social development field.

Cooperation with the Advocacy Department of the RO/IO

- Shares with the Advocacy Department of the IO/RO the progress and experiences made, as well as advocacy documents and good practices.

Qualifications and Competences:

Besides legal obligations, candidate is expected to fulfill general requirements:

- Minimum 240 ECTS in social sciences, political sciences, development studies, international relations and law – background in child welfare, pedagogy, psychology, Social Work and other sciences);
- Computer skills (MS office)
- Driver's license B category-active driver
- At least 5 years of work experience, in social development, human rights, child rights and lobbying and advocacy work
- Active knowledge of English and B/H/S
- Excellent knowledge of standards, legal issues, developments in the field of social care, especially children and youth.
- Good knowledge of legal regulations and the activities of the social sector in BiH
- Knowledge of the UN Convention on the Protection of the Rights of the Child
- Excellent knowledge of children's rights
- High level of communication skills, as well as skills of networking and building partnerships with local partners, including local authorities, community representatives, partner organizations
- Good presentation skills to promote the organization
- Strong interest in working with children and youth
- Willingness to long-term commitment to the Organization

***Applications should be submitted by 4. May 2021 to e-mail: posao@sos-ds.ba or to the following address:
SOS-Kinderdorf International, Ahmeda Muradbegovića 1c, 71000 Sarajevo***

*Incomplete applications will not be considered.
Contacted will be only those candidates who are shortlisted.
Note: We do not commit to returning received applications.*