

# POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Program Manager, We Rise
Time Commitment	Full-time (1.0 FTE), permanent
Award Classification	SCHADS 6
Location	Level 1, 250 Queen St, Melbourne

## ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

IWDA is an Australian-based organisation, resourcing diverse women's rights organisations, primarily in Asia and the Pacific, and contributing to global feminist movements to advance our vision of gender equality for all.

**OUR VISION:** Gender equality for all

OUR PURPOSE: To defend and advance the rights of diverse women and girls

VALUES: Feminist, Accountable, Collaborative, Transformative

#### **OUR GOALS 2020-2023**

- 1. Resource and contribute to resilient and vibrant feminist movements, primarily in the areas of power, leadership and civic space; freedom from violence; and gendered climate justice
- 2. Promote systemic change towards gender equality for all
- 3. Build a resilient and relevant feminist organisation

IWDA works in partnership with gender equality focused organisations in Asia and the Pacific; with international women's movement coalitions; and with government and academic institutions in Australia to address the practical and structural barriers to gender equality. IWDA's partnership work seeks to achieve transformational systemic change in order to realise our vision of gender equality for all.

As part of this contribution, we take actions to decolonise our approach to feminism and development. We want to become the best we can be in the world at north-south partnerships. This means we seek to understand and leverage our locational power so that we know when to:

**STEP UP** and use our power to leverage resources and access for women's rights organisations, and make our own contribution to feminist movements

**STAND WITH** feminist movements in solidarity and amplify the work of global south actors **STEP BACK** when others are better placed to take the lead.

International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) has an Equal Opportunity exemption (H69/2022) and requests applications from people who identify as women only.

IWDA welcomes people with different skills and life experiences, and encourages women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, women with disabilities and First Nations women to apply. **Preference** will be given to applicants who have experience in, or strong community ties to, one of the countries in which IWDA supports partners, especially Myanmar.

Any offer of employment will require a National Police Check and endorsement of IWDA's Child Protection Code of Conduct. All applicants must be legally entitled to live and work in Australia.



## **POSITION CONTEXT AND FOCUS**

The We Rise Coalition is made up of seven feminist organisations from within the Pacific region who implement the We Rise 3 program: FemLINKpacific (Fiji); Fiji Women's Rights Movement; Brown Girl Woke (Samoa); Talitha Project (Tonga); Sista (Vanuatu); Voice for Change (Jiwaka, PNG) and IWDA.

The program aims to see diverse Pacific women's voice and agency contributing to transformative change through a vibrant and resilient feminist movement. The program has a distinct focus on: coalition and organisational strengthening, movement building, advocacy, and structural and institutional change. As the grant holder, IWDA is a coalition member and ally.

We Rise is now in its third phase and is funded by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) through the Pacific Women Lead program. ANCP programming also supports FWRM in a three-year program – *GIRLS Exist* – focused on the agency, confidence and intergenerational leadership of young girls, including girls with a disability.

The Program Manager, We Rise leads and coordinates IWDA's partnership and program implementation of We Rise. The Program Manager supports partners to identify and meet organisational strengthening needs; develops, monitors and reports on annual work plans and budgets in line with IWDA financial procedures and donor requirements; and supports the advocacy and movement building work of IWDA and the We Rise Coalition.

This position sits within the Partnerships team in the Systemic Change & Partnerships Team and reports to the Senior Program Manager. The Program Manager will contribute to IWDA's positive and committed organisational culture and work collaboratively with teams across the organisation.

IWDA is committed to the wellbeing and safety of our staff including with respect to COVID-19. All our team members are able to work flexibly from home as well as from our office in Melbourne. All staff are fully equipped to work productively and safely from their homes. As long as it is COVID-19 safe, the candidate will be expected to work from our physical office space at least two days a week.

## **KEY RELATIONSHIPS**

Reports to: Senior Program Manager
Supervises: Program Coordinator, We Rise

Internal: Systemic Change and Partnerships Team, RPA Team, Business Transformation Team,

Leadership Team, Board, Staff, Volunteers and Interns

External: Fiji Women's Rights Movement, FemLINKpacific (Fiji), Brown Girl Woke (Samoa); Talitha

Project (Tonga); Sista (Vanuatu); Voice for Change (Jiwaka, PNG). Fiji and Pacific women's rights organisations and activists, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Fiji, Vanuatu, PNG, Samoa, Tonga and Canberra; relevant Non-Government

Organisations (NGOs), relevant Women's and Development networks

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

## **Program management**

- In a complex stakeholder environment, lead IWDA's engagement with the multiple partners, of
  differing capacities, of the We Rise Coalition in all stages of the program cycle. This includes: annual
  program work planning, budgeting and risk management; supporting partner reporting (narrative and
  financial); providing organisational strengthening support to partners as required; coordinating and
  participating in advocacy, consultant contract management and managing discrete coalition activities
- Manage consolidated quality reporting to donors narrative and financial with support from IWDA Finance team
- Manage monitoring and evaluation and phase designs of the program to support quality, accountability and learning, including field visits where/when possible



- Manage support to partners to meet compliance and due diligence standards especially in relation to PSEAH, child protection and financial management
- Manage country development and security plans to ensure ongoing relevance
- Manage and deliver the program work plan including negotiation, delegation and support to the Program Coordinator to ensure all program cycle deliverables are met

## Partnership building and relationship management

- Sustain, manage and grow the relationships across coalition partners with IWDA though feminist partnership building approaches
- Provide operational supervision and work plan guidance to the Program Coordinator
- Liaise with DFAT, especially at post, other NGOs and stakeholders on key gender equality outcomes in line with IWDA's Strategic Plan
- Actively contribute to IWDA's alliance and network approach to strengthen women's movements nationally, regionally and internationally
- Contribute to strong working culture through building positive and constructive working relationships with members of IWDA's Systemic Change & Partnerships Team and other teams

## Organisation development and program planning

- Contribute to IWDA's resource mobilisation through identifying and pursuing opportunities to secure new and/or additional funding for the program and developing high quality funding proposals
- Provide program contributions to internal monitoring and reporting requirements such as team work
  plans, risk management, and agency reporting, including contributing to organisation MEL data
  collection, analysis and reporting
- Represent IWDA at relevant inter-agency meetings, working groups, conferences or workshops
- Document stories and lessons learned through program, partnership, and field experience to contribute to country program development, organisation learning and in support of IWDA's communications strategy
- Contribute to IWDA agency governance, communication, policy and compliance requirements, as relevant to area of responsibility, as they arise
- Contribute to IWDA organisational culture building and diversity & inclusion work as required
- Relevant administrative tasks as required



SELECTION CRITERIA			
Technical Competencies	Behavioural Competencies		
Minimum five years' experience in:     Program Management and contract management including applying for, and managing, grants for international or local programs in an INGO setting     Demonstrated understanding of, and experience with, financial management including budget negotiations, supporting and reviewing acquittals, forecasting and variance reporting and	<ul> <li>Valuing Diversity</li> <li>Empowerment</li> <li>Managing Work &amp; Quality</li> <li>Acting with Transparency</li> <li>Building Trusting Relationships</li> <li>Collaborating for success</li> <li>Learning, Improving &amp; Adapting</li> <li>Judgement &amp; Decision Making</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>donor financial reporting</li> <li>People management</li> <li>Strong understanding of gender equality and women's rights issues and social inclusion (in the international context - Pacific region preferred)</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Demonstrated experience working with local autonomous partners in support of locally-led development</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Experience building and supporting successful long-term partnerships (networks, alliances, or coalitions) working with diverse stakeholder groups and managing donor engagement</li> </ul>			
5 Demonstrated experience with monitoring, evaluation and learning in feminist programs, including feminist partnerships and advocacy			
6 Initiative and ability to respond effectively to challenges with the ability to manage workflows and balance competing priorities to meet deadlines			
<ul> <li>Relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent experience</li> <li>Highly developed interpersonal skills, including in cross-cultural contexts</li> </ul>			
9 Commitment to feminism, diversity and inclusion <b>Desirable</b>			
10 Experience working in the Pacific, and or with Pacific women's rights organisations/activists			
GENERAL CONDITIONS			

All IWDA staff and volunteers are required to:

- Support and demonstrate IWDA's Values and Behavioural Competencies
- Act at all times in accordance with IWDA's Code of Conduct and Policies
- Comply with IWDA's Occupational, Health, Safety & Wellbeing Policy and practices
- Act at all times in accordance with IWDA's Child Protection Code of Conduct and Policy
- Undertake a police check prior to commencement and every two years thereafter.

## TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Pre-COVID, Program Managers were required to undertake approximately ten to twelve weeks travel per year. Travel to remote locations is a requirement and the incumbent must be confident and fit to travel to such locations. Following a detailed risk assessment, it is anticipated the Program Manager will be able to recommence travel within the Pacific during FY 23 as borders open.

It is a condition of employment that staff abide by all IWDA Polices and Procures, particularly in relation to Occupational Health and Safety and security and safety.