

NVF Project Name: Shine: Investing in Energy Access for All

Position: Program Director of Policy and Finance

Location: Flexible, Remote

Reports To: Shine Campaign Director

Status: Exempt, Full Time

General Description

Shine is an independent global campaign dedicated to ending energy poverty and unlocking investment for energy access. Partners from the faith, development, and philanthropic sectors are mobilizing new forms of capital, scaling resources, and generating momentum to achieve universal access to clean, affordable, and reliable energy by 2030 – one of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Shine will dramatically diversify and increase funding for energy access, bringing clean and affordable energy to remote areas for cooking and lighting homes, clinics, schools and businesses. We will support communities to build local capacities. We will direct and scale resources in investments, grants, and programs to solve a global problem at the local level.

As a strong community of partners, we will focus on four main strategies:

- Mobilize investments. We will increase capital to viable businesses that scale solutions. We will identify an array of investment opportunities and unlock new forms of capital, leveraging greater resources to the field.
- Build human capacity. We will support communities to build local capacities and seed productive enterprises through programs and grants, while making community leadership a hallmark of energy access efforts.
- Advocate for distributed clean energy solutions. We will support advocacy to educate decision makers about the opportunity for distributed solutions, to remove barriers to the field, and to protect human rights and the environment in the development of new energy systems.
- Champion the solutions. We will lift up the ability to solve a global problem and promote clean energy solutions that have enormous benefits for education, health and development.

Position Summary

The Program Director of Policy and Finance is responsible for implementing the key strategies of Shine. In partnership with the Campaign Director, the Program Director will develop the campaign's infrastructure and build a robust community of practice among its partners. The Program Director will manage high-level working groups in finance and advocacy while engaging campaign partners to make ambitious and sustained commitments to energy access.

Essential Responsibilities and Tasks

- Work in partnership with Campaign Director and working groups to implement key Shine strategies.

- Work with individual campaign partners to support and scale their commitments in programs, grants, and investments in energy access.
- Develop a robust community of practice among partners and stakeholders, and manage high-level committees of experts in finance, advocacy, and field building.
- Track existing research on financing needs and opportunities to achieve universal energy access. Help identify barriers to success and guide the Shine finance committee to scale solutions accordingly.
- Track critical trends in policies of key international and national actors. Develop and manage the Shine advocacy committee, working with key partners to advance advocacy principles and strategies.
- Develop educational materials, briefs on best practices, and resources for the finance and advocacy functions for the campaign, in partnership with the Communications Director.
- Support the Campaign Director in fulfilling any financial and grant reporting requirements.
- Additional activities as determined by the Campaign Director.

Required Education, Experience, Knowledge, Skills and Ability

- Bachelor's degree, Master's preferred
- Excellent facilitation, technical and communications skills
- 5 years of experience in a role with programming and administrative responsibilities in a comparable issue area
- Experience working in the energy access and/or development sectors, especially in the Global South
- Demonstrated knowledge of clean energy access and global development issues
- Literacy in finance and familiarity with impact investing world
- Proven experience recruiting participants and managing participant engagement for campaigns
- Proven experience handling administrative responsibilities in a lean environment
- Experience managing financial reporting systems
- Exceptional ability to manage time and tasks with attention to detail
- Ability to take initiative and execute projects with minimal oversight
- Commitment to the mission of ending energy poverty by 2030
- Experience with development organizations a plus

Attributes

- Exceptional communicator
- Extremely well-organized, detail-oriented and analytical
- Flexible and collaborative
- Sense of humour

How to Apply

Email Simran.vazirani@arabellaadvisors.com with a resume and cover letter by Friday, August 4th.

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