

Vacancy: Innovation Manager (maternity cover)

Background

The Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation (DCHI) is a coalition comprised of governmental actors, knowledge institutes, academia, businesses, and humanitarian organizations in the Netherlands who develop and scale innovative solutions to increase the impact and reduce the costs of humanitarian action.

The Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation is a dynamic movement that leverages the power of resources, expertise and capabilities in the Netherlands to support humanitarian innovation with a global impact. The Coalition is recognized and acknowledged as the driving force in the Netherlands for effective humanitarian innovation.

To build an even stronger Coalition, the DCHI Team has a vacancy for an:

Innovation Manager

(32 – 40 hours) for Maternity Leave Cover (5 months)

Responsibilities

The Innovation Manager is responsible for carrying out the different activities of the DCHI Building Blocks. The Innovation Manager is specifically responsible for the activities and projects within the Humanitarian Innovators Network, including enabling peer-to-peer learning, facilitation of and support to innovation projects, and developing workshops around innovation themes such as monitoring innovation, and achieving scale.

Other activities of the Innovation Manager include support to and further development of the activities of the Humanitarian Accelerator Programme. Also, the Innovation Manager is the go-to-person to realise matches amongst coalition partners, enabling the coalition to grow and become stronger. In addition, the Innovation Manager provides strategic input regarding the overall development of DCHI, with a focus on interests of and opportunities arising within the private sector.

The Innovation Manager works closely together with one other Innovation Manager, the Team Lead, and the Communications and Events Manager. The Innovation Manager reports to the DCHI Team Lead.

Core activities

Development of DCHI

The Innovation Manager

- Ensures that activities of DCHI are aligned with the overall DCHI objective of increasing the impact and reducing the cost of emergency action to better serve those affected by crisis, and develops new activities where appropriate.
- is the first point of contact for the DCHI Focal Points and coordinates with them.
- supports the Lead in keeping the board informed about developments concerning DCHI.

Building the Coalition

The Innovation Manager

- is responsible for engagement and relationship building with partners of the entire Coalition, with a specific focus on relations with partners from the private sector.
- regularly engages with these partners to understand their strategic needs interests and how they might match with the innovation needs in the Coalition as a whole.
- is responsible for maintaining and further developing relations with strategic partners
- knows what is going on in the coalition and is able to attract relevant (new) partners to the coalition based on themes and events.
- supports and develops events with the DCHI team. It is likely one or two large events (100+ attendees) will happen during this period, and as a Team you will be responsible for creating the best format for DCHI to be visible and effective.
- provides input to the Communications and Events Manager, to ensure DCHI is visible in the right channels and with the right organisations.

Humanitarian Innovators Network

The Innovation Manager

- is responsible for facilitation of innovation projects within the Humanitarian Innovators Network with a focus on peer-to-peer learning between partners from different backgrounds and with different types of innovation.
- will share lessons learned coming from innovation projects with the broader coalition, through developing relevant communication materials and events in collaboration with Communications and Events Manager.
- provides support with regard to innovation process and engaging relevant partners where these may be missing in innovation projects.
- regularly engages with humanitarian innovators in the sector, and thus develops and facilitates workshops with a focus on specific needs and opportunities.

Humanitarian Accelerator Programme (HAP)

The Innovation Manager

- provides support to the process of innovation from scoping the project with input from a funder / donor as well as challenge owner, to the end of the process as defined by DCHI.
- sets up specific contacts related to the chosen themes, with a focus on businesses and corporates
- Facilitates progress of innovation projects through workshops to enable a successful environment for impact innovation
- supports in the definition of new relevant themes, defining partners both as potential funders, challenge owners, and as providing part of potential solutions
- together with partners evaluates ongoing Accelerator Programmes, defining lessons learned and adapting the HAP way of working if necessary

Profile candidate/Qualifications

Skills and experience

The Innovation Manager

- is aware of key developments regarding social corporate responsibility, public-private collaboration, and the way in which 'new' actors can make an impact in humanitarian aid. It

is considered an advantage, if he or she is aware of the context in which humanitarian organizations operate and the conditions those affected by crisis face.

- has at least 5 years professional working experience.
- demonstrable project management experience, ideally with innovation in practice
- demonstrable experience with the development and facilitation of trainings and workshops
- experience working in multi-stakeholder environments consisting of actors from different professional domains.
- excellent command of the English and Dutch language, both written and spoken
- University degree in business, social sciences or related field.

Personal competencies

The Innovation Manager

- is a team player and identifies with both the DCHI ambition as well as its guiding principles (www.dchi.nl).
- is a strong communicator, who is comfortable engaging with different types of parties at different levels within the organisation of the DCHI ecosystem.
- has an open-mind towards innovation in different sectors and is keen to connect relevant innovations with humanitarian needs.
- Has a hands-on and action-oriented approach, is great at keeping overview at the same time a good eye for detail, also under pressure.
- Is enthusiastic, creative, and enjoys trying out different set-ups and tools for workshops and partner engagement.
- Is a self-starter and enjoys working independently, full of ideas and initiative for how to position DCHI even better.
- Has a high level of organizational sensitivity.

We offer

- An 5 months appointment (32 to 40 hours / week), with the possibility of extension depending on performance, needs, and availability of funds.
- A flexible, dynamic, and human centred working environment in an international environment with a variety of international organizations and partners.
- Well-balanced employment conditions with space for initiative and development.
- A home base for the Support Office team in the Hague Humanity Hub.
- Remuneration: the salary scale level is set at 11 -12 as mentioned in the CAO, depending on education level and experience (min. € 3.207,01 until max. € 4.874,34 gross per month on the basis of full time employment).

Applications:

The Netherlands Red Cross, on behalf of the DCHI board, hosts the contracts of all support team members, therefore applications can be submitted through the online application tool of the Netherlands Red Cross via <https://werkenbij.rodekruis.nl/nl/Vacancy/Postulate/125317>

Please send your resume in English and letter of motivation with reference to 'DCHI Innovation Manager' latest March 13th, 2019. We are aiming for a starting date for this position of 1st of May 2019.

For more information about the position, you can contact hr@dchi.nl. An assessment can be part of the selection procedure.

For more information regarding the Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation, please see: www.dchi.nl. Acquisition for his vacancy will not be appreciated