



Regional Director for the Americas

Do you want to ignite innovation to help children and youth transform the world? Do you believe in grassroots NGOs as visionary change-makers? Is social innovation in Latin America near and dear to your heart? If so, we have the opportunity for you.

The Global Fund for Children is looking for a Regional Director for the Americas to help drive change by and for children and youth across Latin America and the Caribbean. While we would love you to be located in Washington DC, we will also consider you if you live in Latin America.

You will join a multinational team of caring and committed individuals who believe in investing in bold ideas to help grassroots organizations deepen their impact and advocate for children's rights. While most of us are in DC, a few of us live and work in other places across the globe, from the English seacoast to the highlands of Chiapas to the start-up hub of Bengaluru and in Hong Kong. We value collaboration, integrity, innovation, and impact, and our partners' visions for change inspire all we do. Feedback and learning get us up in the morning, and we strive to be youth-centered.

How does it all work? We invest in grassroots organizations that improve the lives of children and youth challenged by poverty, injustice, and discrimination. We provide flexible, small grants and help our partners develop their organizational capacity. We are committed to advancing the rights of children and youth, and we fund organizations that are tackling tough issues in our four thematic focus areas: education, gender equity, youth empowerment, and freedom from violence and exploitation. We seek to boost the collective efforts of our partners to influence transformative change and mobilize networks, and we encourage our partners to learn from each other. We strive to help grassroots organizations build solid structures in order to grow and be efficient and effective.

What will you be doing? You will develop and drive a strategy for investing in and building the capacity of children- and youth-serving organizations in Latin America. Where can we have the most impact? What should we focus on? Who will fund us? Current partners work on issues including migration, gender, and indigenous rights. You will build direct relationships with grantees in the region, serve as a mentor, and help connect grantees to resources to strengthen their capacity. You will also contribute your knowledge and experience beyond Latin America to advance our global work.

Are you the right person? We would love it if you have experience in one of our thematic focus areas and can support learning and growth for us and our partners in this area. You know the realities of grassroots organizations – how to assess strengths and challenges, and how to coach and mentor. You have experience in Latin America, a strong network of contacts in the region, and the knowledge to build, fund, and lead a strategy. Your entrepreneurial spirit shows that you are not afraid to take risks and learn from failure. You have a fierce commitment to learning and to sharing what you know. You have experience leading a team and use your emotional intelligence to inspire results. You are excited to speak and write about the issues that grantees tackle and have the communication skills to do it well; and you are eager to partner with our fundraising team to identify and steward new opportunities. You have full professional proficiency in Spanish and English, with bonus points for Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or French.



If this sounds like a fit, we want to hear from you. Please send a cover letter and a resume or curriculum vitae, in one PDF, all in English, to careers@globalfundforchildren.org, with “Regional Director for the Americas” in the subject line. Position is open until filled. Check us out at www.globalfundforchildren.org. Benefits are great and salary is negotiable.