

Title: Chief of Party – Morocco Climate Change
Reports to: HQ Program Director
Location: Morocco

Pre-Award: Anticipated Start Date June 2025

About NEF

Since 1915, NEF has supported community-led economic and social development in Middle East, Africa, and Caucasus. As a non-profit international development organization, NEF draws on local teams, experience, and partnerships in these regions to create community-led solutions to reduce poverty, create economic opportunity, increase resilience, and empower conflict, climate- and crisis-affected people to improve their outlook and wellbeing. Our programs span three focal areas: Inclusive Economic Development, Climate Resilient Development, and Peace and Stability.

NEF works through a network of country offices and with local partners, with current or recent operations in Armenia, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Mali, Morocco, Palestine, Sudan, South Sudan, and Syria. Our global headquarters are based in Syracuse, NY, London, UK, and Brussels, Belgium.

Summary of Role

The Chief of Party (COP) will provide strategic leadership and oversight for the anticipated climate change project in Morocco focusing on reducing emissions, building resilience, mobilizing finance, amplifying the voices of marginalized groups, and transforming key systems for effective climate action. The COP will ensure alignment with project objectives and ensure collaboration with the stakeholders.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead project implementation to achieve objectives.
- Strengthen partnerships with government agencies, local partners, private sector and other donors.
- Interact directly and on a regular basis with USAID/Morocco to coordinate program direction
- Serve as the primary liaison with USAID and serve as the principal leadership.
- Oversee and ensure financial, technical, and operational management standards and compliance with donor requirements.
- Monitor and evaluate project progress, ensuring timely reporting and adaptive management.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

We encourage all individuals who believe they have the skills necessary to succeed within this position and thrive at NEF to apply for this role, even if you do not meet 100% of the basic qualifications.

- Master's degree in environmental science, International Development, Public Policy, or related field.
- Minimum of 10 years of experience in project management, with at least 5 years in a leadership role (COP/ Team Lead) in climate or environmental projects.
- Fluency in French; proficiency in English is highly desirable.
- Strong communication and negotiation skills, with experience in stakeholder engagement.
- Knowledge of governance and citizen participation frameworks.

NEF will accept a rolling application until the position is filled. Review of application will begin on **November 21, 2024**. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

To apply:

Please apply by submitting the following documents to the Near East Foundation careers page at: <https://neareast.bamboohr.com/careers/420?source=aWQ9MTM%3D>

1. Cover letter outlining all relevant experience, how you meet the essential criteria.
2. Curriculum Vitae.
3. List of three references (including one from current, or most recent, employer). You will be given further notice prior to us contacting references.

Please note only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Near East Foundation by visiting the NEF website at www.neareast.org.

The Near East Foundation promotes Equal Employment Opportunities for all applicants seeking employment and NEF employees.

Pre-employment Checks

Any Employment with the Near East Foundation will be subject to the following checks prior to start date:

- A satisfactory Restricted Party Screening.
- Receipt of satisfactory references.
- Workplace Verification Check.