Position: Director, Government Relations
Location: Based in Dhaka, with some travel within and outside Bangladesh
Reporting to: CEO or Head of External Affairs
Employment Type: Full-time, permanent
Start Date: April 15, 2018
App Deadline: Rolling

About Teach For Bangladesh
Teach For Bangladesh (TFB) believes that every child in Bangladesh – regardless of socio-economic circumstance – deserves the opportunity for an excellent education. Our mission is to launch a movement of capable, committed, and compassionate leaders who share an understanding of inequity and are working tirelessly inside and outside the nation’s classrooms to end it.

Our Fellowship program enlists highly talented graduates to spend two years teaching in low-income schools. During that time, we train and support Fellows as they expand the academic achievement, access and aspirations of their students. The program also prepares Fellows to become lifelong leaders, who will spearhead systemic change across a diverse array of sectors in Bangladesh.

In January 2014, we placed our first cohort of 12 Fellows in 5 government primary schools and 1 NGO primary school in Dhaka. Five years later, in January 2019, we will have 120 Fellows working in 40 primary schools across 2 cities, impacting more than 7000 underprivileged students. By 2019 we will also have 95 alumni who have completed our two-year program, and are driving important changes in education from the public, private and development sectors.

Learn more about us at: www.teachforbangladesh.org
Learn more about the global network Teach For All at: www.teachforall.org

Position Summary
Working in close collaboration with the government has been a cornerstone of TFB from our inception. Our most frequent engagement has been at the Division, District and Thana levels. As we continue to scale our program in size and reach, we will focus on strengthening strategic and tactical support from all levels of both local and national government. For the role of Director of Government Relations, we are seeking a highly visionary, ambitious, and seasoned education professional, who will work closely with the CEO and heads of teams to develop and execute our strategy for engaging with the government. The Director will be responsible for building and managing partnerships across in order to meet organizational goals, including but not limited to:

- Scaling our program nationally and to include secondary school;
- Ensuring school placements for our growing number of Fellows;
- Developing leadership career pathways in the education sector for our Alumni;
- Raising the funding required to run and grow our program.

Major Responsibilities
- Design and implement a sustainable strategy for securing high-impact school placements for TFB Fellows. This includes but is not limited to
  - Securing necessary approvals from relevant bodies at the national level
  - Support the City/Regional teams to secure necessary approvals at local level

It takes leaders to build leaders.
• Work with relevant internal teams to support TFB’s expansion into new regions and ensure that TFB Fellows and alumni are able to work effectively in schools in those regions
• Support the CEO – and as needed the Public Affairs team – in cultivating and managing key relationships in the government as well as well as in the development sector
• Build and manage a portfolio of relationships with key stakeholders and advocates across all levels of government in order to help us achieve organization’s mission, including but not limited to:
  o Ministry of Primary & Mass Education (MoPME)
  o Ministry of Education (MoE),
  o Directorate of Primary Education (DPE)
  o Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education (DSHE)
  o Access to Information (a2i)
  o National Academy for Primary Education (NAPE)
  o National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB)
  o Primary Teachers’ Training Institute (PTI)
  o Divisional and District Primary Education Offices
• Manage communications with these stakeholders in order to demonstrate TFB’s alignment with national and global education priorities, solicit feedback to be shared with our programmatic teams, and
• Work closely with the Leadership Development, Alumni Engagement and Public Affairs teams, and relevant government stakeholders to develop leadership pathways for TFB Alumni to work in government in order to impact education policy and implementation
• Collaborate with Leadership Development team to design and implement career support, transition services for second-year Fellows who are interested in government service
• Develop and execute strategy to secure funding support from government and/or development agencies working with the government on education

Key Skills and Competencies
• Strong reasoning and strategic thinking skills, including the ability to develop and execute an ambitious and complex Alumni Impact strategy efficiently.
• Exceptional written, interpersonal and presentation skills with the ability to effectively interface with diverse audiences.
• Past success of managing teams to achieve ambitious results.
• Ability to effectively operate independently and as part of a team in a high-intensity, high-uncertainty start-up environment, with a results-oriented culture.
• Strong organization with proven time management skills and experience creating efficient systems to juggle multiple projects simultaneously
• Ability to build and sustain strong relationships with a diverse pool of individuals
• Ability to compellingly present to small and large groups
• Ability to clearly articulate our vision, goals and work, and address effectively the barriers and motivations of different individuals

Language Requirements
• Exceptional fluency in written and spoken Bangla is essential.
• Strong proficiency in written and spoken English strongly preferred.

Educational Qualifications

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• Bachelor’s degree from a reputable local or foreign university required.
• Postgraduate degree in education-related field is preferred, but not essential.

Preferred Experience
• 7-10 years of work experience.

Compensation
Salary is competitive in the Bangladeshi context and depends on prior experience.

Benefits include annual leave, health insurance, festival bonus, opportunities for training, and travel. Additionally, there is ample opportunity for professional development and mobility within the organization, as well as access to professional development through the global network Teach For All.

How to Apply
Please email your resume and a one-page cover letter to careers@teachforbangladesh.org. Please indicate the position applied for in the subject line of your email. Your cover letter should be no longer than one page and answer the following questions:
• Why are you interested in Teach For Bangladesh?
• What compelled you to consider this specific position?
• What strengths/experience would you bring to this position?
Please note, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.