JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Public Health Specialist – Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention

Reports To: Project Director – ACCESS-SMC Project Director

Direct Reports: None

Organisational Background:
Malaria Consortium is one of the world's leading non-profit organisations dedicated to the comprehensive control of malaria and other communicable diseases in Africa and Southeast Asia. Malaria Consortium works with communities, government and non-government agencies, academic institutions, and local and international organisations, to ensure good evidence supports delivery of effective services, providing technical support for monitoring and evaluation of programmes and activities for evidence-based decision-making and strategic planning. The organisation works to improve not only the health of the individual, but also the capacity of national health systems, which helps relieve poverty and support improved economic prosperity.

Background to the role:
ACCESS-SMC is a large UNITAID-funded project, led by Malaria Consortium in partnership with Catholic Relief Services, which is scaling up access to seasonal malaria chemoprevention across the Sahel to save children’s lives. This three year project is supported by London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Centre de Support de Santé International, Management Sciences for Health, Medicines for Malaria Venture, and Speak Up Africa. It will provide up to 30 million SMC treatments annually to 7.5 million children less than five years of age in Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and The Gambia, potentially averting 49,000 deaths due to malaria.

ACCESS-SMC is the largest project of its kind for SMC interventions, and will play a pivotal role in making SMC a viable and cost-effective option for malaria prevention and control for countries in the Sahel.

Summary of role:
Malaria Consortium is looking to select a Public Health Specialist who will lead in providing technical assistance for the roll out of seasonal malaria chemoprevention. The post will be based in Malaria Consortium’s Kampala office, with significant travel to countries in the Sahel where the project is being implemented. While SMC/IPTc or MDA experience is desirable, a proven track record in provision of technical assistance in malaria case management, malaria control planning and implementation at ministry and field levels is essential, as is the ability to work in French.

Key Roles and Responsibilities:
• Provide technical expertise at regional, country and district level to the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) and partners to increase capacity building in the areas of operational planning, gap analysis and resource mobilisation from development partners
• Provide support and guidance to Malaria Consortium country offices and partner staff to address challenges and bottlenecks in the design, planning, implementation and M&E of SMC programmes in collaboration with NMCPs
• Work with Country Project Managers to determine technical needs and collaborate with the Africa Technical Director to develop and resource quarterly technical support plans
• Liaise with Malaria Consortium global technical staff and key partner staff to facilitate exchanges between project countries in order to share experiences, materials and capabilities, including best practices and lessons learned in SMC and related aspects of malaria prevention and control
• Work with external consultants to develop, pilot and implement SMC Calc, a user friendly software to model the impact of SMC administration on other malaria interventions
• Contribute to the development of Behaviour Change Communications tools and resources, in collaboration with consortium partners
• Support the development and implementation of lessons learning, sharing internally and externally
• Develop abstracts for submission to peer-reviewed journals and presentation at public health conferences
• Work with technical officers in country offices to enhance linkages between the project and other programmes

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

Essential
• Written and spoken fluency in English; ability to work confidently in French (written and spoken)
• A minimum of master’s degree in public health or related health discipline.
• Extensive experience in health programme design, implementation, coordination and management in developing world settings
• A demonstrated track record in capacity building, training and supervision of project staff, partners and health workers
• Demonstrated technical leadership, policy development experience, and problem solving skills working on and providing expert oversight of complex projects
• Demonstrable technical writing skills with proven ability to produce research protocols, journal articles, publishable manuscripts, technical briefs, etc.

Desirable
• Clinical background preferred.
• SMC, IPTp, IPTc or MDA experience
• Previous work experience in West Africa and/or the Sahel
• Record of publications in peer-reviewed journal
## OTHER KEY INFORMATION

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