

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title:** Case Management Specialist - Communicable Diseases

**Department:** Technical

**Reports To:** Africa Technical Director based at the regional office in Uganda

**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.

Malaria Consortium (MC) manages a wide range of communicable disease projects in a number of countries. These projects range from technical support at central government level to direct implementation of projects for the control of malaria, pneumonia, diarrhoeal diseases, tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases at district and community levels. Malaria Consortium is looking to expand its case management cluster with a highly competent and motivated communicable disease case management specialist to provide technical support and oversight to country offices on case management relating to its broad communicable disease portfolio. The position is based at the regional office in Kampala, Uganda, but an alternative location can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

### **Job Purpose:**

To provide technical support and oversight to country offices on case management relating to its broad communicable disease portfolio

### **Key Accountabilities:**

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Provide advice on the diagnosis and treatment of malaria and other communicable diseases, including childhood fevers and neglected tropical diseases and all other clinical aspects of case management to Malaria Consortium programmes in Africa.
- Monitor the quality of the case management aspects of Malaria Consortium projects according to international standards of care.
- Provide technical assistance to Ministries of Health and other development partners for policy and strategy development relating to communicable disease management.

- Contribute to proposal development related to communicable disease control.
- Prepare documentation based on Malaria Consortium's work for dissemination in line with our communication strategy such as policy briefs and journal publications.
- Participate in capacity development of Malaria Consortium's country teams.
- Represent the organisation at high level national, regional and global meetings on matters relating to case management of malaria, tuberculosis and other communicable diseases.

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION**

### **Qualifications and Experience:**

#### **Essential:**

- A medical/clinical or nursing undergraduate degree.
- At least five (5) years experience working on case management of malaria and any of the other communicable diseases of which at least two (2) years of practical field experience in a developing country.
- Solid and up to date understanding of malaria case management and other causes of childhood fevers.

#### **Desirable:**

- Masters degree in public health or a certificate in paediatrics or internal medicine.
- Should be familiar with basic epidemiological research methodology.
- Experience of working at community level would be highly desirable, particularly familiarity or experience with integrated community case management of malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea.
- Experience of training of health staff at all levels of the health system would be desirable.
- Familiarity with nutritional rehabilitation would be an advantage.

### **Work Based Skills and Competencies:**

#### **Essential:**

- Fluent written and spoken English.
- Willingness to work within a team of technical specialists.
- Good mentoring skills and a commitment to national and expatriate staff capacity development.
- Confident and proficient in the use of MS Office.

**Desirable:**

- Working knowledge of French or Portuguese.
- Experience of establishing strong working relationships with colleagues from different functions and cultures.

**OTHER KEY INFORMATION**

Applicants from the Africa region are encouraged to apply.

Length of contract- 2 years initially. The contract is renewable based on performance

Location- Kampala, Uganda

Travel - Up to 40% travel within and outside the region. This is an essential requirement