

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Monitoring & Evaluation and Surveillance Specialist

Department: Technical

Reports To: Asia Technical Director

Technical support: Asia Technical Director and Global M&E Team

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Background: Malaria Consortium is an international non-government organization dedicated to improving delivery of prevention and treatment to combat malaria and other communicable diseases in Africa and Asia. It works with communities, health systems, government and non-government agencies, academic institutions, and local and international organizations, to ensure good evidence supports delivery of effective services, particularly providing technical support for monitoring and evaluation of programs and activities for evidence-based decision-making and strategic planning.

Malaria Consortium is a key partner of the national malaria programme in Thailand, working with the Department of Disease Control (DDC) and the Bureau of Vector Borne-Diseases (BVBD) in the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of malaria activities in the country. Malaria Consortium is a sub-recipient (SR) of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) Round 10 (R10) grant: "Containment of Artemisinin Resistance and Moving Towards the Elimination of *Plasmodium falciparum* in Thailand." As an SR, Malaria Consortium will work closely with DDC (the Principal Recipient, or PR) and BVBD to provide technical assistance and capacity development to the national programme and identified implementing partners of the GFATM R10 grant.

Job Purpose:

As part of a country team, the M&E specialist will provide technical assistance in refining and implementing the Global Fund M&E Performance Framework in alignment with the National Malaria M&E Plan, strengthening of surveillance systems, harmonizing the use of information from various sources, and analyzing and reporting on M&E as required under the GFATM R10 grant. The M&E specialist will work closely with and provide technical guidance to DDC and BVBD to achieve the goals set by the grant partners.

Key Accountabilities:

As part of the Project team, the M&E Specialist will provide technical oversight for all monitoring and evaluation activities and support for strengthening of malaria surveillance systems, including the following tasks:

- Lead the Malaria Consortium M&E team for GFATM R10 and provide technical guidance to the PR and grant partners in M&E of the grant;

- Provide technical inputs in the design and implementation of a comprehensive M&E system to track and monitor progress based on the Performance Framework for the Global Fund grant, in alignment with the National Malaria M&E Plan;
- Provide support to the PR and grant partners in the development of data collection tools in support of routine monthly reporting and M&E plans, including support for an online web-based M&E system;
- Oversee the design, implementation, and analysis of household, outlet surveys as part of the M&E framework;
- Assist in the design and implementation of operational research activities to test new strategies and systems for surveillance, including the use of PCR and assessment of migrant and mobile populations' classification and mapping
- Contribute to the strengthening of cross-border surveillance and data sharing as appropriate
- Support capacity-building at central and peripheral levels through training and systems support in M&E and surveillance;
- Support preparation of and participate in relevant technical meetings, workshops, and working groups;
- Disseminate information through report writing, peer-review publications and presentations at national and international fora as appropriate.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications: Advanced degree or relevant experience in M&E of programmes, surveillance, epidemiology, public health, or other related fields with at least 5 years of relevant experience

Essential:

- Strong analytical skills and extensive experience in M&E of projects and programmes.
- Experience with assessing, setting up, and monitoring infectious disease surveillance systems
- Demonstrated experience with survey design and implementation.
- Skilled in using STATA and other statistical packages such as EpiData, SAS, and SPSS.
- Fluency in English.

Desirable:

- Public health sector experience
- Familiarity with IT systems and solutions
- Working knowledge of Thai

Work Based Skills and Competencies:

- Demonstrated ability to work independently as well as collaboratively on a team, particularly with Ministries of Health and/or other government sectors and partners
- Proven ability in transferring skills, particularly working with government and non-government colleagues
- Demonstrated verbal and written communication and presentation skills

ANY OTHER KEY INFORMATION

Contract duration: An initial period of 3 months (unaccompanied) with the strong possibility of full contract extension to 2 years when the Global Fund R10 grant agreement is signed.

Travel: frequent travel expected within Thailand.

Application information: Please send your CV and a letter detailing how you meet the selection criteria to HR.Recruitment@malariaconsortium.org by 22 August 2011.