JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Malaria Technical Advisor

Reports To: Chief of Party

Direct Reports: Short term technical assistance consultants

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.

Country and Programme Background:

Malaria is one of the most important public health and socio-economic challenges facing the DRC. 97% of the population live in areas experiencing high and stable malaria transmission, and the remaining 3% of the population live in areas prone to outbreaks. In some parts of the country, the prevalence of malaria is as high as 80%, and children under five are estimated to each experience an average of 6-10 episodes of illness per year. About a third of all deaths are due to malaria, and DRC accounts for more malaria deaths than any country other than Nigeria.

As a sub-contractor in a consortium, Malaria Consortium is bidding on a five year, £30-£40m GBP DFID-funded programme in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that will deliver 3.5M long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets (LLINs); increase availability and accessibility of first-line quality-assured artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs) in the private sector; and improve availability and use of information for malaria control.

Job Purpose:

Working under the direction of the Chief of Party, the Malaria Technical Advisor will provide technical leadership to the proposed DFID-funded Malaria in the DRC.

The position is contingent upon funding.

Key Accountabilities

The Malaria Technical Advisor will work closely with the prime contractor and staff from the National Malaria Programme to provide technical assistance on the:

- Strategic technical direction on the programme, working with other senior staff and Chief of Party to develop and periodically refine programme strategies;
- Development of specific technical aspects of programme implementation and approaches, ensuring consultations with stakeholders at all levels;
• Modify tools for tracking LLIN retention and usage for the local context;
• Situation analysis, including a full market survey leading to the development of an ACT M4P strategy;
• Quality assurance on products, protocols and processes around promoting ACTs in the private sector;
• Training, data collection, data analysis and interpretation of sentinel sites;
• Other aspects of programme implementation as requested by the Chief of Party.

The Malaria Technical Advisor will line manage short term technical assistance consultants

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications and Experience:

Essential:
• Medical degree or postgraduate qualification in international health or related discipline
• Extensive demonstrable experience in malaria control in Africa
• Demonstrable experience working in a technical advisory capacity to Ministries of Health and other partners, including relating to policy and guidelines review or development, and programme reviews
• Significant demonstrable experience in all aspects of project management including project planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, financial management and the design/utilization of appropriate project management tools, and the capacity to transfer this experience to others;
• Previous experience in implementing surveys; knowledge of statistical software packages desirable

Desirable:
• Experience of or strong interest in capacity building
• Experience and understanding of DRC or other post conflict environments highly desirable

Work Based Skills and Competencies:

Essential:
• Fluent in spoken and written English and French
• Analytical skills: ability to understand, analyse, summarise and share information, re packaging information for different audiences
• Excellent writing and presentation skills
• Excellent diplomacy and stakeholder liaison skills
• Strong leadership skills
• Excellent computer skills
• Comfortable representing the project and organisation externally
• Sensitive to cultural and political environment

OTHER KEY INFORMATION
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