

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Case Management Specialist/ Clinical Specialist - Visceral Leishmaniasis Project
Department:	Technical
Reports To:	Project Director
Direct Reports:	None

THIS POST IS DEPENDENT UPON SUCCESSFUL AWARD OF FORTHCOMING GRANT

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 is a global leader in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of malaria, the control of neglected tropical diseases and the promotion of child health.

Project background:

Malaria Consortium is bidding on a large multi-million-pound, multi-country project focused on strengthening the surveillance, control and treatment of Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL), a neglected tropical disease. Malaria Consortium will lead a consortium of national and international partners to implement this project in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.

Malaria Consortium is looking to select, and if successful at bid stage, recruit, a Case Management Specialist/ clinical Specialist. The post will be based in Malaria Consortium's Africa Regional Office in Kampala, Uganda, with significant international travel to country offices and project sites.

Job purpose:

The post holder will provide technical leadership in clinical case management of VL for this multi-country, high profile, high value project, working closely with host country governments and other partners.

Key Accountabilities

- Examine national protocols for diagnosis and treatment of VL for each targeted country with a goal of participating at national and international level implementation discussions
- Be conversant with latest research and development in the area of VL diagnosis and treatment in order to be able to give technical advice and support in national and international forums.
- Work with Malaria Consortium and partner staff in targeted countries to ensure quality implementation as well as forecasting, procurement and supply of VL drugs.
- Work closely with Malaria Consortium and partner staff in targeted countries to review, revise and implement plans to promote early treatment seeking behaviour and use of best diagnostic methods from screening activities to more complex diagnoses and treatment of patients with multiple pathologies.
- Train health staff using suitably adapted methods at community, primary health care and hospital level in correct diagnosis and treatment regimes appropriate for the particular levels of care.
- Provide technical advice and support to the operations, behaviour change communications and external communications teams on issues pertaining to VL diagnosis and treatment.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications and Experience:

Essential

- Clinical experience working with in tropical medicine or neglected tropical diseases
- Experience in working in Africa
- Experience in working in multidisciplinary teams including with local partner organisations and Ministries of Health
- Experience in training health personal and adapting training techniques to fit audiences varying from community health workers to senior clinicians and government officials
- Excellent writing, reporting and and presentation skills
- Highly organized and able to work successfully in a team that is geographically dispersed

Desirable

Work Based Skills and Competencies:

- Specific experience with VL

Essential

- Good understanding of public health principles
- Understanding of aid effectiveness and utilisation of the principles in project design and implementation
- Project management and planning skills
- Able to delegate efficiently and technically support teams with no direct line management responsibility over them
- Strong skills in negotiating with and engaging Ministry of Health Officials

Desirable

- Experience working in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan and/or Uganda

OTHER KEY INFORMATION

Length of contract	2 years, with opportunity for extension for an additional 2 years
Location	Kampala, Uganda
Travel involved	In-country travel (10%) and extensive international travel (up to 30%)