

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Project Director – Visceral Leishmaniasis
Reports To:	Africa Programme Director
Department:	Management
Direct Reports:	Project Technical, Finance and Programme Management Team

THIS POST IS DEPENDENT UPON SUCCESSFUL AWARD OF FORTHCOMING CONTRACT

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 Project Director. 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 Project Director will provide leadership, strategic direction and representation for this multi-country, high profile, high value project, ensuring strong and productive relationships with host country governments and other partners to ensure quality implementation at scale. S/he will provide technical leadership in visceral leishmaniasis.

Key Accountabilities

- Provide strategic direction to ensure project deliverables are of high quality and delivered on time.
- Work closely with the Ministries of Health in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda to increase their ability to effectively manage VL programming.
- Liaise with other organisations working in the VL sector within the targeted countries as well as globally to ensure coherence of approach and sharing of lessons learned.
- Develop and implement programme management and M&E frameworks.

- Build and manage relationships with named implementation and STTA partners, ensuring each meets the terms of their contract on time.
- Serve as budget holder, ensuring that staffing and activity costs come in at or under budget. Work closely with the Finance Team to ensure correct and timely billing.
- Oversee provision of behavior change communication activities.
- Actively mitigate the project's financial, reputational, technical and security risks.
- Line manage the technical, programme management and finance teams.
- Share project learning through publishing journal articles and/or presenting at conference and other forums.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications and Experience

Essential:

- Postgraduate and/or doctoral degree in international health or related discipline
- Extensive international experience at senior management level working in public health, preferably and NTDs, particularly VL
- Proven leadership skills and team leading
- Partnership and consortium management
- Significant experience in project and budget management
- Donor liaison and reporting skills
- Excellent English language presentation, writing and reporting skills

Desirable:

- Strong human resource management
- Experience and understanding of the context of targeted East African countries

Work Based Skills and Competencies

Essential:

- Technical knowledge and skills in control of malaria or NTDs, particularly VL
- Experience in monitoring and evaluation of large scale projects
- Experience working with Ministries of Health, preferably in Africa
- Understanding of DfID Value for Money approach
- Strong negotiation skills
- Excellent personal and time management skills
- Partnership management and negotiation skills

Desirable:

- Clinical experience

OTHER KEY INFORMATION

Length of contract:	Two years, with opportunity for extension for up to two additional years
Location:	Kampala, Uganda
Travel:	Frequent in-country travel (30%) and occasional international travel