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Accelerating the Sustainable Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ASCEND) South Sudan

Job Title: LNOB-WASH-BCC Officer

Reporting to: ASCEND Country Lead

Location: Juba, South Sudan

Start date: 1st April 2021

1. Who we are?

ShimaHR consultants is a Human Resource Consulting and Outsourcing Company that is currently managing the Human resource component for the Accelerating Sustainable Control and Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ASCEND) Programme that is being implemented by a consortium led by Crown Agents.

Accelerating the Sustainable Control and Elimination of NTDs (ASCEND) is a £200 million investment from the UK government's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), to advance the impact and sustainability of national programmes tackling neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

To be implemented between September 2019 to March 2022, ASCEND is implemented by a consortium of technical partners led by Crown Agents, including Abt Associates, Oriole Global Health and the Royal Tropical Institute.

Central to ASCEND 1's approach is a close collaboration with National Governments and other implementing partners, to enhance national approaches to NTD control and elimination. ASCEND's goal is to contribute to the global goal of reducing the burden of targeted NTDs so that they are no longer a public health problem.

In South Sudan, ASCEND will focus on four target NTDs for the ASCEND programme; lymphatic filariasis (LF), onchocerciasis, trachoma and schistosomiasis. The delivery of these NTDs are anchored in the following broad areas of intervention:

- (i) Treatment and prevention of disability, including mass drug administration (MDA), diagnosis and treatment, surgeries, morbidity management.
- (ii) Increasing the integration of aspects of NTD programmes within the health systems.
- (iii) Strengthening national health systems, integrating efforts to strengthen the relevant building blocks of the health system.
- (iv) Data for targeting and monitoring, including impact assessment and alignment of NTDs with national and international MEL systems and processes.
- (v) Cross-sectoral collaboration, in particular with the WASH/BCC sectors.

2. Position Summary:

The NTD LNOB-WASH-BCC Officer will be responsible to lead and/or support the implementation of all key activities in South Sudan relating to BCC, WASH and marginalised groups, and as such support the country lead and the regional technical advisors to successfully implement the WASH, BCC and LNOB program activities planned in South Sudan. Through the support of the Officer, both the country lead as well as the technical advisors will be able to closely support and guide the implementation of activities, monitor progress, provide timely technical assistance to implementing partners, document progress and lessons learned.

Responsibilities:

- **Develop in a participatory fashion:** -An intervention strategy to reach migratory and highly mobile populations with supportive IEC / BCC materials for outreach
 - Materials for overcoming stigmatisation and discrimination amongst marginalised groups
 - Materials for the promotion of NTD care seeking behaviour at front line health and community level
 - IEC materials on female genital schistosomiasis prevention, promotion and care-seeking in hyperendemic schistosomiasis communities
- Integrate forms and information on disability and NTD morbidities into MDA, MMDP and epidemiological training materials.
- Support the delivery of training and sensitisation sessions for IPs and ASCEND Programme officers on ASCEND LNOB strategy
- Collaborate with the M&E focal person for ASCEND to include LNOB data collection (including disability data collection) and NTD morbidities in registration forms where relevant
- Provide technical assistance and guidance to design, implementation and reporting to ensure high quality output of LNOB agenda within ASCEND including MDAs, MMDPs, epidemiological surveys, training and health system strengthening activities
- Engage Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs) in the ASCEND programme
- **Leading the safeguarding agenda for South Sudan for all implementing partners / Ministry of Health. The Officer will be expected to:**
 - Conduct safeguarding training, raising awareness and Support follow up of safeguarding issues where required
- **Promote and support the solicitation of beneficiary feedback during all ASCEND activities in South Sudan:**
 - Ensure all stakeholders have opportunities to provide input into the programme approach
 - Provide a response to stakeholders and programme recipients on the outcome of their feedback in a timely manner
 - Support ASCEND implementing partners to adhere to ASCEND Beneficiary Feedback Strategy
- **Guide and support implementation of all ongoing ASCEND-supported WASH-BCC activities in country.**

- Support the launch and dissemination of the national NTD/WASH social behavioural change communication strategy and arrange a strategy monitoring meeting looking at achievements realized and challenges to be addressed;
- Oversee implementation, provide technical guidance as well as assure quality by ensuring that all BCC products adapted and or developed by an implementing partner or consultant are in line with the national NTD/WASH communication strategy and that all ASCEND implementing partners are familiar with the communication strategy;
- Oversee and advise IPs with regards to the implementation of the Facial cleanliness and Environmental improvement component of the SAFE strategy;
- Support the NTD WASH focal point with finalising, launching and disseminating the national framework for collaboration between the NTD and WASH sector;
- Collect , together with the NTD WASH focal point, the regional WASH and NTD data necessary to populate the decision matrix, (which will be used to undertake a process of resource allocation, and is part of the WASH and NTDs framework);
- Support the WASH NTD focal point from the MoH with the establishment (including the development of a ToR for the platform) and facilitation of a coordination mechanism between the WASH and NTD sectors, at the national level;
- Create a knowledge and information sharing hub of WASH/NTD implementation experiences;
- Advocate to policymakers, planners and funding partners on the importance and impact of WASH on NTD outcomes;
- Support setting up a regional coordination platforms for NTD and WASH sector;
- Provide technical assistance to ensure/contribute to support the NTD Unit to perform supervision field visits to ensure and assess effectiveness of BCC messages and materials, inclusion of marginalised groups and engagement with WASH partners to include NTD BBC messages in their programs as well as to improve access to WASH facilities in NTD hot spots.
- **In collaboration with the NTD disease focal points and the specific project teams, contribute to quality and timely reporting and documentation of the LNOB, WASH and BCC related project activities, and as such:**
 - Track the progress of all WASH/BCC and LNOB activities in South Sudan;
 - Collect and report on the WASH – LNOB and BCC key indicators as required for the monitoring of the ASCEND logframe ensuring that data collected is disaggregated by age, gender, disability, geographic location etc.;
 - Support quarterly and annual reporting WASH, BCC and LNOB requirements of the ASCEND consortium;
 - Support learning and documentation related to WASH – LNOB and BCC to guide innovative interventions
 - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure the LNOB-WASH and BCC activities of the programme are responsive to learning and beneficiary feedback generated.
- Undertake any tasks as may be assigned by the ASCEND country lead.

3. Requirements: Qualifications and Essential Experience:

- Degree in Environmental/Water/Public Health or related field.
- Minimum 3 years of relevant professional experience within the field
- Working in busy environment or with international NGOs is highly desired
- Strong communication skills with Excellent spoken English.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Experience working with FCDO or other donor-funded projects is desired.
- Must be a South Sudanese National

Skills

- Ability to build strong working relationships to enable effective management of partnerships and work collaboratively as part of a team.
- Ability to deliver group-training sessions and build capacity in developing country contexts
- People management skills with a robust diplomatic understanding of culturally and ethnically sensitive issues.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work in a team-oriented setting.

Duration

Annually renewable contract, from 1st April 2021 to March 2022 dependent on availability of funds and good performance.

How to Apply

Interested candidates may submit their electronic application with the subject line **LNOB-WASH-BCC Officer** to jobs@shimahr.com .Accompanying the application letter should be a current CV detailing their experience for the role including daytime telephone contacts and three referees, preferably previous line managers or supervisors. The closing date and time of receiving applications will be Friday 12th March 2021 2:00PM. Due to urgency shortlisting will be done on a rolling basis.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted