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 Approved by Senior Inspector
 M/L/JSI
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 JUL 2022

Scope of Work



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| Title or Reference for SOW: | Immunization Technical Officer (Consultant) |
| Estimated Level of Effort (LOE): | 21 days per month |
| Period of Performance: | July 22-May 2023 |
| Place of Performance: | South Sudan States: Western Bahr El Ghazal and Warrap State |
| Funding: | Project |
| Reports to: | Country Project Director |
| Background and Justification: | |

USAID MOMENTUM-Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (M-RITE) aims to strengthen routine immunization (RI) programs to overcome the entrenched obstacles contributing to stagnating and declining routine immunization (RI) rates and to address the barriers to reaching zero-dose and under-immunized children with life-saving vaccines. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption of RI services, M-RITE supports countries with the maintenance and adaptation of RI services and provides strategic technical support for COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment in order to protect high risk population.

In South Sudan, Ministry of Health (MoH), with support from immunization partners, have adopted strategies to scaling up COVID-19 vaccination to increase country coverage to 70% of the target population by the end of 2022. This includes mass vaccination drive (MVD) using intensified COVID-19 vaccination optimization plan (ICVOP), for administering more than 2.5 million doses of vaccines.

M-RITE / JSI provide technical assistance to State/County and Core Group Polio Partners (CGPP) in 21 counties in three Equatorial States (Central, Eastern and Western) for accelerating the COVID-19 vaccination. M-RITE's support to CGPP includes training of vaccinators, supportive supervision, microplanning, and risk-communication to address hesitancy, and increase demand for acceleration of COVID-19 vaccination. CGPP plans to double their outreach vaccination team – from 33 to 84 teams to maximize shots in arms of COVID-19 vaccines before the rainy season starts in May 2022 when many areas become inaccessible.

M-RITE is also providing above-site technical assistance to Global Fund partners (ICAP, UNFPA, UNICEF, Break through Action, and UNDP) as follows:

- Provide technical support to MOH and The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) partners to plan and coordinate advocacy meetings, risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) strategies at the state and county level.
- Provide technical assistance to MOH and GFATM partners in building the capacity of health workers on the Last Mile delivery of COVID-19 vaccines' supply chain management, building on the current immunization supply chain, ensuring the effective procurement and distribution of vaccines, including ancillary supplies, and leveraging the reverse logistics system.
- Provide support to the GFATM partners to improve COVID-19 vaccination data collection, management, security, reporting, analysis, and use at the subnational-state, and county levels for





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decision-making.

- Support MoH and partners at the state and county health department level in building the capacity of health workers for COVID-19 vaccination through training, change management, supportive supervision, mentorship, and motivating them to stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccine including the booster doses.
- Support coordination of MOH and partners (GFATM, WHO, UNICEF, Break Through Action, ICAP, UNFPA, HPF, and others) for COVID-19 vaccination at the state and county level.

To provide the above-mentioned technical assistance, M-RITE is now looking to hire additional Technical Officer to support two States of Western Bahr El Ghazal and Warrap State

M-RITE /JSI Purpose and objectives of the consultancy provision:

The Immunization Technical Officers will provide technical assistance to the State MoH, County health Departments, and CGPP for acceleration of COVID-19 vaccination drive through providing support in training, micro planning, supervision, monitoring, and data transmission and use of data for decision making in COVID-19 vaccination and RI.

The Immunization Technical officer will be responsible for readiness assessment, coordination, capacity building, micro planning, supervision, and quality data transmission.

Consultant Category: (Check all that apply)

| Operations | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Finance & Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Management Visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | New Business Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Communications |

| Technical Area(s) | | | |
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| X | Capacity Development | I&CT/ HMIS/ mHealth | Other: (write in) |
| | Child and Newborn Health | Maternal Health | |
| | FP/RH | M&E (Project-related) | |
| | Health Care Financing | M&E (Other, including QI/QA): | |
| | Health Service Delivery | NCDs | |
| | Health Systems Strengthening | Nutrition | |
| | HIV | Supply Chain Management | |
| X | Immunization | WASH | |





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| | Infectious Disease | Youth & Adolescent Health/OVC | |
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Specific job description:

Specifically, the Immunization Technical Officers will:

- Support Global Fund partners to conduct COVID-19 vaccination training at State/county levels
- Monitor and support to ensure quality training at state/county levels
- Provide technical support to states during COVID-19 vaccination operational and technical working group (TWG) meetings
- Train state/county, Global Fund partners' supervisors on supportive supervision and coordinate/facilitate supervision visits amongst State/MoH and partners to vaccination centers and outreaches
- Support the State/MOH team leader in analyzing immunization (COVID-19 and RI) as well as supportive supervision data for decision making during TWG meetings
- Conduct supportive supervision and build capacity of vaccinators on development/updating microplanning and recoding (using ODK) and transmitting data to next level without error and any delay.
- Support counties and health facilities to update microplanning for covax and RI
- Support Global Fund partners including HPF to integrate COVID-19 vaccination in routine immunization
- Produce quality progress and immunization reports based on indicators for TWG meetings and for the donor.
- Represent M-RITE/JSI in different immunization forum such as EPI TWG meeting, COVID-19 vaccination operational and TWG meetings, ICC and SSITAG, where needed
- Perform any other duties assigned by the supervisor in improving immunization program in South Sudan

Final Deliverables Required & Due Dates:

| Deliverable | Due Date |
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| ● Monthly activity updates (in monthly tracker) | Monthly |
| ● Meeting notes & action items from meetings/activities | After meetings |
| ● Training and supervision reports | End of consultancy |

Names/Titles/Emails of Identified Consultants AND/OR Required qualifications of each Consultant and reason for nomination if requesting specific individual:

Qualification, skills and experience required

- Bachelor Degree in Medicine and Surgery, Clinical Medicine, Tropical medicine Nursing or Public Health;



- Master's Degree in one of the related fields of Public Health, Health Services Management and Administration, Global Health, Health Science training and Education, Institutional management is an added advantage but not a condition;
- Candidate must have more than 5 years of experience in public health with specialization in immunization, developing health related training materials, vaccine introduction, facilitating COVID-19 vaccination trainings, microplanning, and supportive supervision skills;
- Experience with managing immunization programs and child health programs, including state and/or county-based work;
- Better understanding on COVID-19 vaccine introduction, ToT training, etc.;
- Computer literacy required (Excel, MSWord and PowerPoint). Familiarity with other relevant computer software desirable;
- Fluent in both spoken and written English, plus one commonly-spoken local language in South Sudan (like Arabic);
- Good knowledge of computer ODK, KOBO Collect, DHIS2 or STATA software is an added advantage;
- Candidate applying must have adequate knowledge of local context, language preferably within the State; this is a non-relocatable position;
- Ability to travel extensively to the State and Counties where vaccinations take place;
- Knowledge of the South Sudan health system (BPHNS) at all levels will be an added advantage for this position;
- Experience working in a multi-agency/organizational environment and fragile context.

How to apply

Qualified candidates who meet the above job specifications should submit an electronic application and CV of less than 5 pages to southsudan_hr@jsi.com or drop hard copy to JSI office at Ministry of Health, EPI department not later than 25th July 2022 at 5:00pm. Late applications shall not be considered. Female candidates are encouraged to apply!

