



Immunization Supply Chain Specialist (5 positions available)

Location of work: Central, Eastern, Western Equatoria States, Western Bahr El

Ghazal, Warrap, Unity, and Upper Nile

Dates of assignment: July 2022 - May 2023

Duration of contract: 10 months

Reports to: Country Project Director, South Sudan

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Project Overview:

MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation 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 populations.

In South Sudan, the Ministry of Health (MoH), with support from immunization partners, has adopted strategies to scale 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), intensification of outreach and mobiles and fixed vaccination centres for administering more than 4 million doses of vaccines. M-RITE provide technical assistance to Core Group Polio Partners (CGPP) in 21 counties in three Equatorial States (Central, Eastern and Western) for accelerating the COVID-19 vaccination with funding from USAID. M-RITE's support to CGPP includes capacity building, supportive supervision and mentoring, strengthening State EPI coordination forum, micro-planning, and risk-communication to address hesitancy and increase demand for acceleration of COVID-19 vaccination.





M-RITE further received TA fund from Global Fund to extend similar TA activities to additional 4 States in South Sudan to improve four functional areas of effective vaccine management system (EVM), Health care waste management, strengthen iSC data management system, cold chain equipment information management system (CCEIMS) at State and County levels. Therefore, JSI wishes to recruit qualified and competent candidates for the position of immunization supply chain specialists to be based in 5 States (Central Equatoria, Eastern, Western Equatoria, Unity State, Upper Nile and Warrap States of South Sudan)

The supply chain specialist will work closely with UNICEF, CGPP and HPF partners at State and County levels in ensuring technical assistance is provided for vaccine accountability and monitoring whose data can be visualized and utilized at all levels for decision making. Specifically, the specialist will coordinate vaccine supply mechanism. He/she will be accountable for effective vaccine and cold chain planning, coordination, distribution, inventory and data management at State and County level. Furthermore, the expert will provide technical assistance and applying latest guidance, tools and methods at country level to strengthen the South Sudan MoH's immunization supply chain management system at sub-national level for all vaccines

Specific roles and responsibilities

- Work with JSI's Country Project Director to create a more complete picture of all COVID-19 vaccines and supporting product supplies, and identify information requirements, sources and gaps.
- Assist the Country Project Director and EPI cold chain logistics team with all facets of creating robust and agile supply plans, including data collection and triangulation, use of analysis tools and processes, and incorporating evidence from Effective Vaccine Management Assessment (EVMA) reports.
- Provides technical support to ensure effective vaccine management system at State and County levels as well as monitoring Last Mile Delivery of all vaccines to address major bottlenecks in cold chain capacities, maintenance, regular vaccination materials shortages, inefficiency in the distribution system from national level to end users.





- Work with country stakeholders to routinely gather and document a more complete picture of all vaccines and supporting product supplies arriving in country to ensure complete data sets.
- Together with the MOH logistics team and UNICEF, contribute to the analysis for supply planning, and document decisions made and strategies adopted based on the supply planning for the COVID-19 and routine immunization vaccines.
- Engage with broader supply planning initiative from several countries to share data and insights from the country level in an effort to create common approaches, tools, and processes for supply planning by attending monthly team meetings, monthly Adaptive Learning sessions and weekly/bi-weekly check in calls with support staff, as needed.
- Prepare relevant supply reports to facilitate advisory support to Governments/national systems in defining and determining supply solutions for children, such as use of procurement services; supply financing solutions; local market development; private sector engagement.
- Support initiatives to promote critical thinking, innovative approaches and good practices on supply chain management within the organization as well as with externals to ensure effective and efficient supply chains for children in the health sector.
- Support Global Fund partners and other key government stakeholders to communicate changing needs of vaccines and other pharmaceutical products including TB and HIV/AIDS drugs
- Build capacity of the MOH staff, including county cold chain assistants and health workers, on effective vaccine monitoring system, supply chain strengthening, and health care waste management
- Lead, plan and implement capacity building initiatives to enhance the competencies of stakeholders to promote sustainable results on health-related programs/projects.
- Develop and implement Supply Chain System Strengthening training needs, assist in defining training needs, develop strategies to achieve targets and coordinate training activities.





- Work closely with the Country Project Director to monitor, analyze and troubleshoot any challenges to program implementation and resolve any human resource issues that arise
- Respond to requests from headquarters in a timely and professional manner
- As activities are ever-changing in South Sudan, the scope may expand to include more specific supply chain activities



Primary qualifications include:

- A minimum of Bachelor's degree in logistics and procurement, Economics, Public Health, Pharmacy, Health care management and Administration, Nursing Business Administration with either focus on public health or immunization
- Post graduate studies in supply chain management, logistics and procurement, Global health and supply chain logistics will be an added advantage
- A minimum of **two years** of experience at the national and/or international levels, in supply, logistics, administration and/or other directly-related technical fields is required
- Demonstrated ability to effectively coordinate with multiple stakeholders
- Understanding of the South Sudan context and health system
- Strong working relationships with immunization program staff and partners
- Understanding of forecasting and supply planning for vaccines and/or related health commodities
- Fluency in English and basic Juba Arabic language skill is required
- Developing country work experience and/or familiarity with emergency is considered an asset.

Application process

If you are a qualified candidate, please submit your application to southsudan_hr@jsi.com or drop hard copy to JSI office in Ministry of Health- EPI department NOT later than 25th July 2022.

Note, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews. No phone calls please! JSI recruitment process does not solicit funds, discriminate candidates based on ethnicity, religious and political affiliation.

