

**ACCELERATING THE SUSTAINABLE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (ASCEND) SOUTH SUDAN**



**Job Title: Supply Chain Technical Advisor (TA)**

**Reporting to:** Country Lead (Administratively) and Regional Supply Chain Specialist – Africa  
(Functionally)

**Location: Juba, South Sudan with frequent travels to field locations**  
**Start date: March 2020**

**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 Department for International Development (DFID), to advance the impact and sustainability of national programmes tackling neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

To be implemented between September 2019 to March 2022, ASCEND comprises of two lots - one focusing on South Asia, East and Southern Africa (lot 1) and the other on West and Central Africa (lot 2). ASCEND lot 1 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 five NTDS - Lymphatic Filariasis (LF), Onchocerciasis (River Blindness), Schistosomiasis (SCH) and Trachoma and Visceral Leishmaniasis anchored on the following broad outputs:

- Output 1: Relevant aspects of the health system are strengthened to ensure sustainable delivery of NTD control and elimination activities
- Output 2: Increased coverage of preventive treatment for NTDs
- Output 3: Increased coverage of curative treatment and morbidity management and disability prevention services for NTDs.
- Output 4: Increased coverage of appropriate preventive measures, including hygiene promotion and behavior change communications.
- Output 5: Increased knowledge and evidence on the effective response to NTDs

DFID has contracted Crown Agents together with its consortium partners to act as Fund Manager for ASCEND in South Sudan. Therefore, Crown Agents will work with the Ministry of Health (MoH) to support the immediate procurement of services from Implementing Partners (IPs) that will further the above-stated objectives of ASCEND in the country.

**2. Position Summary**

The **Supply Chain Technical Advisor (TA)** will be responsible for providing a wide range of support to the Ministry of Health (MoH) Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) department. The office holder will work closely with relevant partners, pharmaceutical and supply chain focal point persons within MoH and Central Medical Stores (CMS) to coordinate the clearance and storage of medicines as well as distribution to the state/counties health department (CHD). The TA will work closely with the NTD drug donation program managed by the World Health Organization (WHO), and NTD implementation partners to help build a sustainable supply chain management system. This will help to maintain the quality, efficacy and safety of the chemo-preventative drugs used during mass drug administration campaigns in accordance with the NTD elimination and control goals

**Responsibilities**

- Work with CMS, WHO and relevant organs of MOH to create an NTD supply chain management system which will chart the procurement, storage and delivery of drugs from the central Medical Stores Limited to all parts of the country.
- Overall NTD supply chain coordination including training on general supply chain management for NTD programme staff and community distributors.
- Support quantification and procurement efforts of medicines. This includes coordination of timely Joint Request Form (JRSM) submission and alignment of NTD supply chain processes with national quantification exercises.
- Operate and maintain an effective inventory management system that fosters accountability of NTD medicines at the end of MDAs and strengthens supply chain audits so as to minimise wastage. Keep all electronic records up-to-date to and ensure efficiency with supply chain and recording.



- Share regular inventory information with ASCEND Country and Regional Teams as well as with NTD programme director at the MoH
- Track and support the warehousing and distribution efforts of NTD medicines. Design and implement an effective last mile distribution and reverse logistics management system.
- Support the development of NTD supply chain management guidelines to be used for management of NTD essential medicines.
- Advise the district health offices about the special storage conditions for NTDs
- Work with provincial and County health department and implementation partners in order to better synchronize the Mass Drug Administration (MDA) schedule into the National supply chain system.
- Provide technical assistance (TA) to develop standard operating procedures (SOPs), tools and systems to assist MoH in inventory management and other aspects of supply chain management that will assure the availability and quality of medicines and other commodities.
- Advise on "best practices" relevant to pharmaceutical supply chain management, including procurement, distribution plans, and storage systems.
- Identify bottlenecks in drug and supply management at state and county levels, and provide technical assistance to resolve them.
- Participate in identifying and prioritizing capacity development activities for strengthening national and regional level pharmaceutical supply chains, and building expertise in monitoring and supervision.
- Monitor and document progress of activities toward achieving results of supply chain capacity building support and activities.
- Undertake other tasks as maybe assigned by the NTD Programme Director at the MoH and the ASCEND Country Lead.
- Submit regular performance report to the NTD Programme Director at the MoH and the ASCEND Country Lead.

### 3. Requirements

- Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree or relevant discipline with at least five years of work experience. A Master Degree in Supply Chain Management will be an advantage.
- Good understanding of the South Sudan National Logistics System (Essential Medicines National pipeline)
- Extensive knowledge of coordinating all of the entities involved in a supply chain including planning of procurement, production, inventory control, logistics and distribution.
- Experience in infectious diseases a requirement, experience in Neglected Tropical Diseases strongly preferred.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Experience working with DFID or other donor-funded projects preferred.
- 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 global 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 communication skills as proven by past work experience.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work in a team-oriented setting.
- The candidate must have excellent English written and verbal communication skill

### 5. Duration

Annually renewable contract anticipated March 2020- December 2021 pending availability of funding and good performance.

#### How to Apply

Interested candidates may submit their application with the subject line **Supply Chain TA** to [jobs@shimahr.com](mailto:jobs@shimahr.com) . The application should be accompanied with a current CV detailing their experience for the post including daytime telephone contacts and three referees, preferably previous line managers. The applications should be received on or before Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. Only electronic applications will be received.

**Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted**