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JOB ADVERTISEMENT 2021

**Position:** Independent Coverage Survey of Mass Drug Administration in Maridi County, South Sudan  
(Consultancy)

**Job location:** Maridi, Western Equatoria State

**Reporting relations:** Consortium Coordinator (Nodding Syndrome Alliance) and Scientific Coordinator (R2HC)

**Closing Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### About Amref:

Amref Health Africa is the largest indigenous health development non-governmental organization based in Africa. Working with and through African communities, health systems and governments, Amref Health Africa aims to close the gap that prevents people from accessing their basic right to health. Amref Health Africa is headquartered in Nairobi, and has programs in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Southern Africa and West Africa. For more information visit our website [www.amref.org](http://www.amref.org)

Amref Health Africa South Sudan is a long-standing partner of the Ministry of Health of South Sudan, and of its Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Department. The organization has been supporting the conduction of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) against onchocerciasis in Western Equatoria. The latest MDA took place in August 2021 and its coverage data are currently being analyzed.

#### Purpose of the Job:

Independent coverage surveys (ICS), also commonly known as post-MDA coverage surveys (or Coverage Evaluation Survey-CES), are to be conducted after MDA implementation for the following purposes, ensuring ethical requirements are met:

1. to validate the reported coverage.
2. to determine why individuals did, or did not, take part in the MDA by ingesting the drug.
3. to identify adverse and serious adverse events (SAEs).
4. to capture information about the Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) of community members around NTDs.
5. to gather vital information on BCC, LNOB, Gender and many other aspects of programmatic implementation.

#### Project Specific Objectives:

The specific objective is to conduct an ICS for the MDA against onchocerciasis which was carried out in Maridi County in August 2021, by adhering to relevant WHO guidelines and abiding by ethical requirements and COVID-19 prevention measures.

#### General Tasks of the Consultant:

Under the direct supervision of the NSA Consortium Coordinator and the R2HC Scientific Coordinator, the consultant is expected to:



- i. Elaborate the survey protocol in collaboration with Amref Health Africa and MoH. This could also be elaborated as an addendum to the survey protocol approved by the MoH concerning ICSs of MDAs carried out earlier in the year (2021), since the outcome of the ICS must be comparable against the outcomes of previous ICSs in the same intervention unit (Maridi County).
- ii. Training of surveyors on the protocol and use of equipment, including field test.
- iii. Field testing of the protocol and revue of the protocol if required.
- iv. Analysing the collected data.
- v. Providing feedback and the draft report to Amref Health Africa.
- vi. Submission of the final report.

### **Expected Deliverables**

The deliverables are the following:

1. the final report that the consultant will provide at the end of the consultancy.
2. File containing Raw data set.
3. File containing Clean data set.
4. Stata Do File for both cleaning and Analysis syntaxes.
5. Key results in Excel file.



### **Job Requirements**

The Consultant can be either an individual, a team or an organization. In all cases, the Consultant(s) shall be able to demonstrate:

- Excellent competency in data management and analysis, with a minimum of 8 years of relevant professional experience in data collection, monitoring and evaluation.
- Knowledge of South Sudan health sector data systems, incl. NTD data.
- Competency on capacity development for data collection and management.
- Competency on using statistical software.
- Ability to analyse data and write an informative report.
- Committed to work and meet the deadlines as agreed with Amref Health Africa.
- Previous, recent, and successful experience in conducting ICSs of onchocerciasis-related MDAs in South Sudan would be considered a key advantage.

### **Timeframe**

The expected timeframe of the consultancy is: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The Consultant will:

- Hold consultations with the NSA Consortium Coordinator and the R2HC Scientific Coordinator in Juba.
- carry out the ICS training in Maridi, starting with a 3-day theory training of surveyors followed by a 2-day test of the ICS training in the field.
- The consultant will then analyse the data collected and provide the final report by 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2021.



### Payment modalities

The proposed terms of payment are as follows: 100% upon successful and satisfactory completion the consultancy and submission of all deliverables.

### Application

This is a challenging opportunity for dedicated and highly motivated professional(s). National candidates, including academic institutions, are encouraged to express their interest. If you would like to join this dynamic team and help bring lasting health change in Africa, please send:

- detailed Technical Proposal.
- detailed Financial Proposal (including all expenses separated by cost category).
- evidence of past performance of similar work.
- Curriculum Vitae of professionals to be engaged in the Consultancy.
- Detailed work schedule/plan.

The above must be addressed to the **Human Resources**, ONLY by e-mail to [Jobs.southsudan@Amref.org](mailto:Jobs.southsudan@Amref.org) quoting the position (i.e., "Independent Coverage Survey of Mass Drug Administration in Maridi County, South Sudan") in the subject matter. The closing date for submitting applications is 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We regret that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Amref Health Africa is committed to the principles of safeguarding. Amref Health Africa will not tolerate any form of abuse, discrimination, and harassment.

