

### Job Opportunity (Project Officer - ACQ) Laboratory Technologist 2021

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#### Purpose of the Job:

To provide technical expertise and support for project activities, including the establishment of a pool of certified malaria microscopists and a National Malaria Slide Bank in South Sudan.

To work to improve malaria diagnosis and treatment by implementing onsite training and supportive supervision, liaise with the NMCP at the national, State and County levels to ensure the effective execution of supportive supervision in the laboratory, which includes improving the quality of provision of malaria diagnosis via RDT and microscopy

**Job location:** Public Health Laboratory, Juba South Sudan

**Reporting relations:** Project Manager

#### Key Responsibilities:

- Promote planning, coordination and implementation of all field activities in the targeted area.
- Provide technical support on malaria diagnosis to the ACQ (A Culture of Quality) Project team, with focus on malaria diagnostics both microscopy and mRDT.
- Coordinate and facilitate trainings for health staff on mRDT use, microscopy and quality assurance at all levels of the health care provision, including overseeing basic data processing.
- Train laboratory technologists and technicians on external and internal quality assurance methods to support malaria diagnostics (microscopy and mRDTs).
- Establish linkages with all relevant stakeholders and other implementing partners and collaborate as necessary to facilitate effective and efficient implementation of ACQ (A Culture of Quality) Project activities in the targeted area.
- Participate in the preparation of annual work plans and regional and district plans.
- Participate in periodic field (diagnostic, clinical care, and M&E) activities in the states and counties.
- Assist in development of all stages of project work plans
- Manage project data collection –through use of electronic platforms – for both monitoring and evaluation and for making strategic quality improvements to program operations.
- Coordinate with the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) and other stakeholders who are conducting on-site health facility case management supervision.
- Participate in preparation of quarterly, semi-annual and annual reports





- Participate and represent project in meetings with NMCP and other partners.
- Participates in stakeholder technical working groups and meetings that continuously advocate for evidence-based standardization and harmonization of laboratory tests, methods and equipment within the regions.
- Provide frequent updates – both written and oral to Programme Manager.

#### **Job Requirements.**

- Minimum three years' experience in supporting project planning and implementation;
- Laboratory Technologist or relevant qualification, with at least five (3) years post-qualification experience working in a laboratory setting.
- Understanding of the Essential Package of Health Services and the laboratory services needed at each level of the health system to facilitate implementation of malaria diagnosis package.
- Knowledge of and experience in laboratory capacity building, monitoring and supervision.

#### **Other skills**

- Provide timely feedback to the stakeholders on relevant project details;
- Works as a team-member, with punctual communication to the line manager(s);
- Strong interpersonal, analytic, facilitation, verbal communication and writing skills.
- Computer literacy: competency with Microsoft Office, internet and email systems;
- Knowledge and experience of implementing appropriate and emerging technologies, including rapid and point of care tests for diagnosing and managing malaria.
- Familiarity with and experience in implementing comprehensive laboratory systems and services, including quality assurance and accreditation systems.

#### **Application**

This is a challenging opportunity for South Sudanese candidates with a dedicated and highly motivated professional. If you would like to join this dynamic team and help bring lasting health change in Africa, please send your CV and application letter which should include remuneration requirements and contact details of three work-related referees, addressed to the Human Resources, ONLY by e-mail to [Jobs.Southsudan@Amref.org](mailto:Jobs.Southsudan@Amref.org) quoting the position in the subject matter.

The closing date for submitting applications is 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We regret that only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Please do not attach certificates and testimonials to your application.

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