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Deputy Director, M-RITE South Sudan

DESCRIPTION:

JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) is a public health management consulting and research organization dedicated to improving the health of individuals and communities throughout the world. JSI is currently seeking a Country Deputy Project Director for the USAID-funded MOMENTUM (Moving Integrated, Quality Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health and Family Planning and Reproductive Health Services to Scale) Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (M-RITE) Project in South Sudan. The MOMENTUM awards seek to contribute to global technical leadership and evidence generation and dissemination around maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH), family planning (FP) and reproductive health (RH) services. The project's overarching goal is to sustainably strengthen routine immunization programs to 1) overcome the entrenched obstacles contributing to stagnating and declining immunization rates in USAID-supported countries, and 2) address the barriers to reaching zero-dose and under-immunized children with life-saving vaccines and other health services. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the disruption of immunization services, the project also supports countries with the maintenance, adaptation, suspension, and/or reinstatement of immunization services, and is USAID's technical partner to support the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine.

M-RITE is a USAID funded project that has been supporting Core Group Polio Partners (CGPP) in the Greater Equatoria region for the acceleration of COVID-19 vaccination. In addition to this, M-RITE is supporting Global Fund Partners (GFATM) and State Ministry of Health (SMOH) in Jonglei, Upper Nile Unity State and Western Bahr El Ghazel to strengthen both COVID-19 and routine Immunization programs. M-RITE provides technical assistance to partners and SMOH in developing/updating microplans, strengthening supportive supervision, risk-communication and community engagement (RCCE) activities, improving data quality and management, and conducting EPI monthly coordination meetings at State levels in order to implement COVID-19 vaccination strategies (regular and campaigns) of Ministry of Health (MOH) slated for November 2022 and March 2023 respectively.

SUMMARY

M-RITE wishes to recruit a Deputy Project Director to be located at the national level in Juba, South Sudan, to support the Country Project Director in leading and supervising the team, client management (USAID Mission and MOH), and engaging with other partners, in close collaboration with the central M-RITE team. S/he will ensure cohesion among partner roles, including facilitating integrated work planning and regular coordination to ensure meaningful integration of core and cross-cutting technical areas. The Deputy Project Director will report to the Country Project Director.

The project is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regards to race, color, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision and guidance of Country Project Director, and in collaboration with other technical team leads, the Deputy Director will:



- Support the Country Project Director in management of human resources and project activities of M-RITE in South Sudan
- Represent M-RITE / South Sudan lead in the national level Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings and Implementing Partner (IP) meetings, and meetings with USAID Mission as needed
- Participate in the weekly and bi-weekly meetings with M-RITE Head Office support team and Senior Management (SMT) respectively
- Provides administrative/technical support to the field teams for smooth operation of project activities in the fields
- Support in conducting weekly coordination meetings with field staff to receive program updates / provide feedback and guidance to improve performance
- Support other national level program leads (e.g. Finance and Admin Manager, Supply Chain Adviser, RCCE adviser, MEL Adviser) in undertaking activities in the work plan of the respective thematic areas and the timelines, and tracking project deliverables
- Support in the development of quarterly / annual reports for USAID, and learning products for dissemination including the quality of the report / products and timeliness
- Support Country Project Director in knowledge management, capacity building, and performance evaluation of technical staff
- Support Country Project Director to assure compliance with JSI and USAID policies, rules and regulations and assure open and transparent communication with the HQ
- Conducts field visits periodically to ascertain level of project implementation by the field team and provide direct support for improving program outcomes
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Country Project Director from time to time.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum qualification is post graduate studies in Public Health, or related Master's degree in project management, Global health, Health services management and Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation.
- Bachelor of Science in public health, health Services management and administration, Health economics, Monitoring and Evaluation, Tropical medicine or Global Health
- More than 10 years of experience with at least 3 years as field manager or similar position (preferably in USAID funded projects) in the management of field of public health, with specialization in immunization or child health, developing training materials, and capacity building of staff at national and sub-national level, and managing multi-functional diverse teams.
- Computer literacy required (Excel, MS Word 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);
- Must have ability to work in South Sudan and ability to traveling to fields;
- Knowledge of the South Sudan health system at all levels will be an added advantage for this position;
- Proven track record of management of both National level and field structures of INGOs in conflict and emergency contexts.
- Experience in supporting MoH and partners for introduction of new vaccines
- Ability to grow/develop by attracting local and international resources and building partnerships.

Deputy Director – South Sudan



Submission

Please send your application to southsudan_hr@jsi.com NOT later than 9th December 2022 or drop hard copy to JSI office at MoH, EPI department

