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Job Posting: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) consultant

DESCRIPTION:

JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) is a leading global expert, working in supporting immunization services and implementing malaria prevention activities. JSI works with a wide range of partners to improve the quality, accessibility, and equity of health systems. We provide innovative and practical management consulting and technical assistance (TA).

JSI has over 30 years of experience supporting countries with new vaccine introductions (NVI), from application to implementation to evaluation, across the life course. JSI provides high-quality technical support from country-based experts in immunization. We work closely with government staff and partners. Our focus is on supporting countries to create sustainable immunization programs and, as possible, integrate them with other services to improve reach and accelerate impact.

In South Sudan, JSI is working with WHO and UNICEF in supporting MoH with introduction of malaria vaccine in routine immunization with funding from Gavi through developing training materials, facilitating trainings, establishing central level coordination mechanism for key stakeholders and documenting lessons learnt following introduction of malaria vaccine in South Sudan

It is against this background that JSI South Sudan is seeking to recruit highly qualified and competent MEL consultant to support in post introduction of malaria vaccine evaluation documentation whose results will be used to provide strategic direction for the scale up phase anticipated to be in November 2024

SUMMARY

The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) consultant will be core member of the malaria vaccine Task Force at national MoH, Juba for evidence- based learning and reflection, capacity building and coordination of Malaria Task Force at subnational levels. The MEL consultant will deal with documenting lessons learnt, challenges and best practices post vaccine introduction. The MEL consultant will also participate in review of EPI reporting tools as well as supportive supervision checklist. The MEL Consultant will report to the Country Technical Lead, JSI South Sudan

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Establish a learning platform within the Malaria Vaccine Introduction Task Force at the national and subnational level
- Support MOH M&E team in collaboration with WHO staff in routine data collection, cleaning, analysis and data visualization of data based on global indicator in relation to Malaria Vaccine Introduction
- Support MOH M&E team to share coverage indicator data on Malaria Vaccine Introduction in the National Task Force meeting and EPI Technical Working Group meetings to inform progress in roll out malaria vaccine.
- Collect additional data (quantitative and qualitative) to ascertain enabling factors and challenges / barriers in the process of malaria vaccine introduction in South Sudan at the various stages of implementation (planning. Service delivery, communication/social mobilization, supervision and monitoring to prepare learning documents Support MOH M&E team and WHO to identify training needs for county / facility level data collector and support to provide on-the job training of health workers on the use of DHIS2
- Support program team at the sub-national level in ensuring quality data is recorded, cleaned, reported, and shared using DHIS and ODK for national / state
- Participate in training of health workers particularly in the sessions for sharing the HMIS tools of the MoH
- Support MOH M&E team and WHO in developing tools for Post Introduction Evaluation (PIE) of malaria vaccine in South Sudan
- Prepare learning documents (technical briefs, blogs, case studies etc.) and share with HO technical and communication team for review, edit, formatting and designing, and share with MOH and in-country partners to inform strategies and plan for scale up of malaria vaccine in South Sudan
- Other duties as assigned.

COMPETENCIES:

- Experience with collecting, cleaning, and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data;
- Working knowledge of DHIS 2 and data visualization and design principles;
- Experience in creating dynamic decision-making tools and dashboards in Excel, including knowledge of more advanced Excel functions such as VBA coding, pivot tables, and other formula functions used to automate workbook elements;
- Demonstrated experience with quantitative analysis software like Stata, SPSS or R;
- Experience with qualitative analysis using software like NVivo, DHIS 2, Power Bi, Atlas Ti or other software;
- Demonstrated experience of developing learning documents in the public health immunization fields



- Knowledge of South Sudan's health system and routine immunization system preferred;
- Demonstrated competence to assess priorities and manage a variety of activities in a complex and time-sensitive environment to meet deadlines with attention to detail and quality.
- Strong initiative and self-motivation required, with a commitment to teamwork and effectiveness within a nonhierarchical, participatory management environment.
- Ability to travel to remote locations of South Sudan with minimum supervision

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Education:** Bachelor Degree in Statistics, Public Health, social science, Health Services Research and biostatistics, Data management and any related field
- Master's degree in public health, statistics, epidemiology, social science, and data management will be an added advantage and knowledge of management.
- **Experience:** Minimum two (2) years' experience in public health preferably working as a MEL staff / consultant for INGO / Gavi-funded projects;
- Experience in preparing learning documents in immunization programs and child health programs, including state and/or county-based immunization data related work;
- Good working experience in data analysis using DHIS2
- Knowledge of health care system of South Sudan and immunization pillars
- Experience conducting Post Introduction Evaluation (PIE) of new vaccines
- 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 and travel extensively in South Sudan;
- Experience working in a multi-agency/organizational environment;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.



Application process

Please submit your application electronically to southsudan_hr@jsi.com and Hard copies at JSI office at the JSI office at MoH, EPI department by 22nd July 2024.

Note: Due to the urgency of this position, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and qualified South Sudanese candidates will be contacted for interviews before the deadline. No phone calls please!

