



IntraHealth International Inc., CDC Project – Juba, South Sudan

Vacancy Announcement

Job Title : Technical Advisor, COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction
Location : Ministry of Health, Juba, South Sudan
Contract Type : Regular dependent on funding
Supervisor : MOH DG PHC and IntraHealth Strategic Information Project Director
No. of Post : 1 position
Duration : Regular with 3 months probationary period
Application Deadline: 4th May 2021
Start Date : ASAP



BACKGROUND:

IntraHealth International is anticipating funding from CDC to support the Ministry of Health (MOH) strengthen the capacity of South Sudan Public Health Institute (SSPHI) and the surveillance, data management systems and processes, and county-level M&E capacity for disease outbreak emergency response in South Sudan. In addition, IntraHealth is providing support to strengthen COVID-19 vaccination introduction and implementation, particularly data management and reporting. The Technical Advisor (TA), provides technical assistance on the design and implementation of country interventions related to Covid-19 vaccine preparedness, introduction and implementation including immunization system analysis, evidence-based planning, safety surveillance for adverse effects following immunization, regulatory support, capacity building, data management and reporting, advocacy, communication, and supply chain management working as part of the Ministry of Health (MOH) COVID-19 TWG and M&E TWG. The TA provides direct technical assistance to MOH and other country partners and stakeholders. As required, the TA will provide technical assistance to other country implementation programs especially national expanded program on immunization related to strengthening COVID-19 response and vaccination management systems.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Technical Support

- Serve as a recognized technical authority in the field of immunization and new vaccine introduction and work with the MOH, country stakeholders and international counterparts to help develop, review, implement, and monitor technical approaches and strategies for Covid-19 vaccines introduction in the country in accordance with national strategies and action plans.
- Provide direct technical assistance to relevant stakeholders in designing and implementing work plan activities and interventions with focus on immunization system analysis, planning, COVID-19 vaccination safety surveillance, regulatory support, sustainable financing, advocacy, communication, and supply chain management.

- Under the leadership of the MOH, provide assistance in the development of specific policies, strategies, guidelines, standard operating procedures, and other relevant materials for Covid-19 vaccines introduction to ensure availability, affordability, geographical accessibility, acceptability, and appropriate use.
- Collaborate with stakeholders for the development, deployment and implementation of appropriate tools necessary to manage COVID-19 vaccine introduction effectively and improve pharmaceutical management information systems more broadly, including appropriate use of data for decision making.

Coordination and communication

- Coordinate with COVID-19 TWG on technical activities ensuring harmonized approach in line with WHO quality standards.
- Coordinate assigned technical areas and activities with other key stakeholders in the field of COVID-19 response and vaccine introduction.
- Maintain close liaison with focal point in the MOH on progress, challenges and way forward and provide regular update.
- Compile periodic reports and provide updates to the MOH focal point person and IntraHealth country lead.

Capacity Building

- Work with MOH and other partners to develop costed project capacity strengthening strategies, roll-out plans, training and follow-up timelines.
- In conjunction with the MOH and the key stakeholders, develop/revise required training packages and materials related to COVID-19 vaccination safety surveillance, strengthening national regulations for new vaccine introduction, communication and social mobilization, and inventory management.
- Design, develop training packages, as needed.
- As required, participate in the planning and delivery of broader capacity building programs at the MOH aimed at national immunization program system strengthening.

Monitoring & Evaluation

- In coordination with other team members in the country especially the M&E TWG, contribute to the development of M&E plan/framework, and support the collection and validation of relevant data to report project indicators.
- Contribute to the adequate documentation and dissemination of program results and lessons learned, including the development and submission of abstracts and articles to scientific journals and conferences.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

- Medical Doctor preferred.
- Master's in public health or Epidemiology is required.
- At least seven (7) years of experience implementing immunization programs at the country level.
- Experience with introduction of new vaccines into EPI (expanded program on immunization).
- Experience with vaccination programs supported by bilateral agencies such as USAID, CDC and international agencies such as the Global Fund, UNICEF, WHO and World Bank.

Knowledge and Skills

- Fluency in English language, both oral and written is mandatory.
- Skills in planning, organizing and conducting a training including developing training materials and agendas.



- Strong computer skills; Excel, MS Word, MS Project, PowerPoint.
- Demonstrated competence to assess priorities and manage a variety of activities in a time-sensitive environment and meet deadlines with attention to detail and quality.
- Ability to manage multiple, complex, detail-oriented tasks at once with limited supervision.
- Ability to work as an effective team member in a complex and fast-paced environment.
- Ability to work in a dynamic and agile environment with changing requirements and priorities while completing tasks in a timely manner.
- Ability to work independently and within a team environment, with some of the team members being remote and providing support.
- Good reporting and writing skills.
- Excellent data analytical, interpretation and presentation skills required.
- An understanding of public health sector and corresponding business processes; experience working on CDC/USAID or other donor-funded projects is a plus.
- Ability and willingness to work extra time under difficult conditions.

COMPETENCIES

- **Strategic Thinking** -Applies organizational knowledge to identify and maintain focus on key success factors for IntraHealth while recognizing, anticipating, and resolving organizational challenges. Ability to develop organization and industry-specific expertise and apply sound decision-making processes to reach productive resolutions that translates strategy into actionable business plans. Attention to details is particularly important.
- **Innovation** - Develops new, better or significantly different ideas, methods, solutions or initiatives that result in improvement of IntraHealth performance and meeting objectives, results and global commitments.
- **Client Relationship Management** -Knowledge and ability to determine and satisfy client needs (internally and externally) and maintain partnering and productive relationships during engagements, including influencing, communicating, presenting, facilitating, and managing new relationships.
- **Accountability** - Holds self and others accountable for all work activities, research and personal actions and decisions; follows through on commitments and focuses on those activities that have the greatest impact on meeting measurable high-quality results for IntraHealth success. Exercises ethical practices, respectful words and behaviors, and equitable treatment of others in all activities.
- **Service Excellence** - Knowledge of and ability to put into action customer service concepts, processes and techniques to access internal and/or external client needs and expectations and meet or exceed those needs and expectations through providing excellent service directly or indirectly.
- **Effective Communication (Oral and Written)** - Understands effective communication concepts, tools and techniques; ability to effectively transmit, explain complex technical concepts in simple, clear language appropriate to the audience; and receive, and accurately interpret ideas, information, and needs through the application of appropriate communication behaviors.
- **Planning and Organizing** - Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed upon strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; and monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary.
- **Interpersonal Relationships** - Knowledge of and the ability to effectively interact within and across Divisions, Departments/Country Offices in a constructive and collaborative manner.



Due to the urgency to fill this position, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Application Procedure

Interested and competent candidates can submit their application Letter, copy of National ID card, Academic Credentials and a Curriculum Vitae (CV) including contact details of 3 professional references who must be the most recent or current supervisor. Use this email address for submission Recruitment-SS@intrahealth.org

Hard copies of applications can also be dropped at IntraHealth International office located at Juba Nabari near American Residence, opposition Watoto Church, Plot No. 187 Block 3-K South, to the attention of the Human Resource Department.

Deadline for receiving applications is 17:00 hrs, South Sudan Time on or before 4th May 2021.

This position is open to South Sudanese nationals ONLY.

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