KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is looking for a

Technical Coordinator (fulltime)

Duty station: Lilongwe, Malawi

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KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the fight against tuberculosis (TB), still the second most deadly infectious disease in the world.

KNCV is an international center of expertise for TB control that promotes effective, efficient, innovative and sustainable tuberculosis control strategies in a national and international context. We are an organization of passionate TB professionals, including doctors, researchers, training experts, nurses and epidemiologists. We aim to stop the spread of the worldwide epidemic of TB and to prevent the further spread of drug-resistant TB.

Over the past century we have built up a wealth of knowledge and expertise, initially by successfully controlling TB in the Netherlands. Since the 1970s, we have also shared our knowledge and expertise with the rest of the world. We operate from a central office in The Hague in the Netherlands, a regional office in Central Asia and country offices worldwide. KNCV raises funds from private, institutional, corporate, and government donors.

Challenge TB

KNCV is the lead partner in Challenge TB (CTB), the new USAID-funded 5-year global program to decrease TB mortality and morbidity in high burdened countries. We lead an international consortium with eight partner organizations: American Thoracic Society (ATS), Family Health International (FHI 360), Interactive Research & Development (IRD), Japanese Anti Tuberculosis Foundation (JATA), Management Sciences for Health (MSH), Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union), and the World Health Organization.

The overarching strategic objectives of Challenge TB are to improve access to quality patient centered care for TB, TB/HIV, and MDR-TB services; to prevent transmission and disease progression; and to strengthen TB platforms.

Purpose of the position

The Technical Coordinator is responsible for planning, designing, overseeing and following up of all technical areas under the Challenge TB program in Malawi, in close consultation with the CTB Country Director, as per the approved annual work plans and budgets.

He/she will identify and document technically sound, cost-effective, and practical approaches to enhance TB control that are consistent with Government of Malawi National Strategic Plan 2016-2020, and as guided by National Malawi policies and priorities. In consultation with the National stakeholders, and in coordination with KNCV’s HQ Technical Lead, he/she will identify and coordinate necessary short-term and long term technical advisors, both local and international, as needed and as approved in the work plan and budget. He/she will act as the CTB Deputy Country Director and represent the Country Director during his/her absence on request. As director for technical services he/she provides day-to-day supervision to in-country technical KNCV CTB staff as per organogram.
He/she works in very close collaboration with other USAID funded projects and other partners to harmonize activities, including those funded through the Global Fund that are planned and implemented within CTB area of intervention.

He/she supports the national TB control program as needed.

**Organizational position**

He/she reports to the Country Director.

**Profile**

**Technical assistance:**

- Leads and supervises the regional teams as per organogram to carry out all activities as per the approved work plan and budget.
- Advises TB control stakeholders at National and regional level in all areas of TB control (patient centered care, MDR-TB, TB/HIV, childhood TB, DSM etc)
- Identifies bottlenecks in TB control in CTB Zones and districts and proposes technically sound, cost-effective, and practical approaches to address them
- Identifies opportunities to improve TB control at national level and within the regions
- Contributes to the review/updating and or development of guidelines and tools, such as SOPS for TB, TB/HIV an PMDT programmatic activities and services as required

**People, project, finance and quality management:**

- Supervises and inspires CTB team members, while creating an environment where sharing, technical debate and innovation are part of the routine
- Takes care of qualitative and quantitative development of the, Zonal and district teams
- Enhances and anchors the in-depth knowledge of TB technical areas
- Contributes to the development of the work plan and oversees the implementation of outlined project activities
- Plans, coordinates and checks the activities and deadlines of the Zonal and district teams
- Monitors the project performance according to the M&E plan
- Prepares and submits quarterly and annual reports to the Country Director
- Is responsible for the supervision and approval of the regional budgets as per approved work plan and budget

**Knowledge management:**

- Identifies areas for crosscutting collaboration with National and regional partners
- Identifies knowledge gaps in the team and initiates and guides further capacity building of the team
- Actively shares knowledge with National and regional TB control program
- Ensures that up to date knowledge on TB control areas and new technologies is accessed and shared

This position will consist of about 30% time spent in the field.
Who are we looking for?

Education:

- Medical Doctor or Clinical Officer plus Master’s Degree in public health or equivalent

Knowledge/experience:

- Proven track record in project management, with experience in managing projects in complex settings, in international organizations
- Minimum of 7 years relevant work experience in TB control and HIV/TB programs
- Experience with USAID, and/or PEPFAR projects is an advantage
- Demonstrated facilitation skills
- Experience in teaching and capacity building

Behavioral competencies and skills:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English and knowledge of the local culture is an advantage
- Proven ability to develop effective working relationships
- The ability to organize and prioritize with eye for detail

Duration of the contract

12 months with possible extension.

Application

Your application (with curriculum vitae, motivation letter, 3 professional references) should be sent before 26th of August 2015 to:

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, PO Box 146, 2501 CC The Hague, the Netherlands for the attention of: Ms. Larissa Lutmers. E-mail: recruitmalawi@kncvtbc.org under subject “150811 Technical Coordinator”. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

For more information please contact us: phone +31(0)70-416 72 22. For further information on KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, please see www.kncvtbc.org.

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