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Position Announcement

Project Director, HIV and malaria project (based in Tchibanga in Gabon)

Begin a rewarding career with the international division of Medical Care Development (MCDI). MCDI was founded in 1977 with the belief that MCD's successful approach to health systems development in the rural United States could be adapted to meet the needs of developing nations. A global non-profit organization, MCDI uses practical, evidence-based and high-impact approaches to strengthen health systems in developing countries. For almost 40 years, MCDI has implemented public health programs in over 40 countries aimed at targeting the world's most vulnerable populations. MCDI collaborates with donors, national governments, the private sector, health agencies, communities and local stakeholders to improve health and save lives in the following areas: malaria control; maternal, neonatal and child health; water, sanitation and hygiene; tuberculosis; HIV/AIDS; and other communicable diseases.

We are currently looking for a Project Director to join MCDI's team in Gabon. He/she will lead a team of Gabonese professionals in the implementation of a 2-year, \$1.5 million project to assist the government health services in the improvement of the delivery of malaria and HIV programs in the Nyanga province. This project is funded by Noble Energy.

The Project Director will be responsible for leading and managing the project with accountability for project deliverables and results, with full liability and authority for the development, execution, and monitoring of the project, including (1) vision and technical strategy; (2) project management; (3) documentation and communication; (4) client(s) and stakeholder(s) relationships; and (5) coordination and synergy with other MCDI projects. In addition, the Project Director will serve as MCDI's official representative of the project and maintains communication between all relevant parties, including appropriate officials from the Government of Gabon (GOG) and Noble Energy and assigned to this agreement.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Minimum of a Master's degree in Public Health or related area. An additional clinical degree (medical doctor, nurse, midwife) will be favorably considered.
- Minimum of 10 years of successful prior experience working with national and local governments, civil society and/or private sector on the development and/or implementation of public health programs.
- Minimum of 5 years of successful experience as Team Leader or senior-level manager or team leader of a comparable donor-funded public health project, managing professional and financial resources on a similar scale preferred.

- Experience managing the human, material and financial resources within donor-funded public health projects, and to interact productively with the headquarters staff of these projects.
- Experience in the design and/or implementation of monitoring and evaluation activities within donor-funded public health projects.
- Fluency in the French language and USAID-defined “general professional proficiency” in English.
- Significant previous experience in the implementation of malaria and/or HIV programs.

Essential Job Functions:

Some of the Project Director’s key responsibilities include:

- Ensure that the project activities are supported and implemented to achieve project milestones and contractual obligations. Promote integration of internal project activities so as to provide better support to the local health systems, health facilities and local implementing partners as well as stronger support to deliver integrated and high quality service. Facilitate project start-up technical activities, including the development of plans for each key technical and management component.
- Meet periodically with all relevant parties (appropriate officials from the Government of Gabon (GOG), Noble Energy and others assigned to this agreement), to structure their input into all project management and technical working groups. Partner with these officials to develop plans and coordinate efforts with donors to support local project activities.
- Coordinate the scopes of work for the project’s sub-contractor(s) and the support of local private sector and civil society to the Project
- With other Project staff, facilitate ongoing communication with the leadership of the GoG in Libreville.
- Supervise the project’s Field Team.
- Contribute to strengthening MCDI’s presence in Gabon

Projected start date: Immediately

Location: Tchibanga, capital city of the province of Nyanga, Gabon

Application Requirements

To apply, please submit:

1. an updated CV,
2. a cover letter, and
3. a completed USAID Biodata Form (1420)
4. a list of 3 references that we may contact
5. your salary expectations

to mcdijobs@mcd.org or mail to MCDI, 8401 Colesville Road, Suite 425, Silver Spring, MD 20910, attention HR. **Position is open until filled**

Short listed applicants will be required to take tests to assess writing abilities, computer proficiency, and suitability for the job.