

Job Description (Preliminary)
Surveillance and Operations Research Sr. Advisor

Position: Senior (\$100,000 – 140,000 per year)

Location: Washington DC or Silver Spring MD

Duration: Approximately 5 years, depending on the availability of funding

Travel: Approximately 30% of the time.

- This job description is preliminary. It might be subject to modifications informed by USAID’s decision.
- Job offers are conditional to the award of a sub-contract from the consortium leader to MCDI

Relationships:

- a. Technical – Consortium’s M+E Director (not a MCDI personnel)
- b. Administrative – MCDI’s Chief Program Officer

Background

Medical Care Development International (MCDI, www.mcdinternational.org) is a US-based non-profit organization specialized in global health programming, with focus on malaria prevention and control. On the latter subject, MCDI has received funding from USAID, the Global Fund and corporate donors to implement programs in Equatorial Guinea, Benin and other 10 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.

MCDI has partnered with other US-based organizations to jointly compete for the USAID-funded, 5-year, \$176 million, “Advancing Progress in Malaria Service Delivery” contract. This contract will include 17-22 countries in Africa and Asia. Its objectives are:

- Objective 1: Improve quality of and access to malaria case management and malaria in pregnancy interventions.
- Objective 2: Improve quality of and access to other malaria drug-based approaches and provide support to pilot/scale-up newer malaria drug-based approaches.
- Objective 3: In support of Objectives 1 and 2, provide global technical leadership, support operational research, and advance program learning.

As part of its roles in this Consortium, MCDI will hire a Monitoring, Evaluation and Surveillance Director to be part of the Project’s Core Team.

Roles and Responsibilities:

As part of the Core Team, this Advisor will have the following responsibilities:

- a. Support the in-country Project teams in the provision of technical assistance to stakeholders (e.g. government, civil society and private sector) to develop, review or update the latter’s own monitoring, evaluation and epidemiology/disease surveillance systems. It includes among others:
 - Assessment of stakeholders’ needs to design, upgrade or review their systems.

- Design and pilot test the necessary improvements.
 - Assist the stakeholders' roll out of the tested system improvements.
- b. Lead the design and implementation of special studies (e.g. facility or household surveys, facility- or community disease/epidemiology surveillance sites, operations research studies) which will facilitate the gathering of information which is crucial for the success of the Project at the global level and in the program countries.
 - c. Assist the M+E Director in project performance monitoring and evaluation activities, and provide technical guidance and support in analysis of data for decision-making
 - d. Assist the M+E Director in preparing publications and presentations based on performance monitoring and evaluation analyses

Requirements:

- a. At least a Master's degree in a technical compatible field is required. A doctoral degree is preferred.
- b. 10+ years of professional experience is required, of which 5+ years should be dedicated to the professional practice, research and/or academia to the monitoring, evaluation, epidemiology and/or surveillance of malaria (preferred) or other infectious disease.
- c. Experience in building capacities of stakeholders in program countries for operations research, other special studies and periodic collection, reporting and program use of health data is required.
- d. Successful experience working as a team member of diverse professional expertise and of different cultures is preferred.
- e. Experience with USAID or similar international donors is preferred.
- f. Working knowledge of the French or Portuguese language will be preferred.

If interested, please send letter of interest, CV and 1420 (<https://www.usaid.gov/forms/aid-1420-17>) to Nina Tapsoba, HR Officer, mcdijobs@mcd.org before May 25, 2017 at 12:00pm ET.