

Job Description

Senior Technical Coordinator

ISGlobal (Barcelona, Spain)

The Barcelona Institute for Global Health, ISGlobal, is the fruit of an innovative alliance between academic, government, and philanthropic institutions to contribute to the efforts undertaken by the international community to address the challenges in global health. ISGlobal provides a hub of excellence dedicated to scientific research and the provision of health care. The institute, which originated in a joint initiative of the Hospital Clínic de Barcelona and the University of Barcelona, has amassed over 30 years of experience in the field of global health. The pivotal mechanism of its work model is the transfer of knowledge generated by scientific research to practice, a task undertaken by the Research, Training and Policy and Global Development departments. Its ultimate goal is to help close the gaps in health disparities between and within different regions of the world.

ISGlobal is seeking an experienced Medical Epidemiologist interested in taking over and managing the activities of the project **“Transforming Intermittent Preventive Treatment for Optimal Pregnancy” (TIPTOP)**. The overall project goal is to contribute to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality by expanding access to intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy (IPTp) with quality-assured (QA) sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP).

The five-year project, funded by UNITAID and coordinated by Jhpiego, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, will increase malaria in pregnancy IPTp-SP coverage and expand antenatal care attendance, primarily through Community Health Workers (CHW) in four African countries - Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Mozambique and Nigeria. The Jhpiego-led consortium includes Jhpiego as principal recipient and implementing partner responsible to UNITAID for the implementation of the Project and ISGlobal, the Barcelona Institute for Global Health, as lead research and evaluation partner. The consortium will work closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Malaria Medicines Venture (MMV) as well as other stakeholders, to ensure that all project outputs are met.

The Project will establish a scalable model across four countries to generate evidence for change and expand access to preventive chemotherapy for pregnant women. TIPTOP will apply a community-based approach that fosters partnership and strengthens the dynamic link between communities and health facilities, especially for the most vulnerable people. A learning-driven approach will be employed throughout the project to guide expansion in a two-phase process and generate sufficient evidence to inform WHO policy recommendations and future actions in each country, in an effort to expand the intervention over the long-term.

ISGlobal is the lead evaluation and research organization and is responsible for implementing a set of studies to generate evidence for global guidance on community IPTp-SP. Specifically, ISGlobal will be responsible for designing and implementing the project's evaluation plan, as well as designing, analyzing and reporting the operational research studies to assess the cost and acceptability and feasibility of the intervention and its impact. These will be done through

household surveys, feasibility studies, costing studies –and also assistance to ensure the quality of routine monitoring data.

Description of duties:

Under the guidance of the Coordinator, the Senior Technical Coordinator will:

- Provide guidance on all technical and scientific aspects of the project in order to meet project milestones
- Supervise the work of ISGlobal’s technical team to ensure data quality and scientific rigor. This will include:
 - guiding the development and execution of surveys and coordinate survey evaluation at project baseline, midline and end-line
 - overseeing the work led by the demographer
 - overseeing the work of the scientists conducting socio-anthropologic and socio-economic studies
 - reviewing the monitoring data collected in the field by the implementing partner, analysing periodic reports supplied, quantitative and qualitative data and reviewing protocol and data collection tools as necessary
- Write periodic technical reports for internal follow up and for Jhpiego and UNITAID
- Work closely with the Jhpiego Project Director or appointed focal person at Jhpiego, as well as with the rest of the research team and ISGlobal’s Project Manager to review project results, document lessons learned, suggest modifications as appropriate and produce reports
- Production of deliverables
- Ensure regular contacts with in-country counterparts and partners collaborating in carrying out project activities and produce the reports (French and English versions)
- Give technical inputs into proposals writing related to the present project and of other proposals responding to donors’ calls as necessary
- In the performance of the Agreement and until de Services has been supplied in full, s/he shall provide any clarifications and reports as requested by ISGlobal
- Attendance to all technical meetings at which his/her participation is required
- S/he will report to the Project Coordinator

Requirements

Education:

- Essential: Medical degree with master’s degree in public health or tropical or community medicine
- Desirable: experience and training in malaria control, and/or professional knowledge of monitoring and evaluation of health or community-based health systems, or health service delivery

Skills:

Thorough knowledge of malaria, including its social, cultural and economic dimensions, with proven skills in planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of community-based interventions as related to malaria control. Sound knowledge of health systems and health care services. Ability to communicate and write in a clear and concise manner. Good presentation skills.

Experience:

- Essential: a minimum of 15 years’ experience in community-based health interventions as related to malaria or tropical diseases at national and international level. Track record in management of large scale malaria control programs at community level.

Languages:

- Excellent knowledge, written and spoken, of both English and French and working knowledge (intermediate level) of Portuguese.
- Knowledge of Catalan or Spanish is a plus.

Other:

- Ability to travel at least 50% of the time.

We offer:

- Office-based in Barcelona
- Fixed-term contract for all project length (about 60 months), starting in June 2017
- Salary according to the candidate profile and project budget

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send a CV and a cover letter to: job@isglobal.org with the reference **TIPTOP_STC**. Applications should also include the names and email contacts of 2 referees who can be contacted immediately if shortlisted. The closing date for receipt of applications is **31st May 2017.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.