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Vacancy Notice No: WPRO/13/FT240	Date: 5 June 2013
Title: Technical Officer (Malaria)	Application Deadline: 26 June 2013
Grade: NO-C	Duty Station: Hanoi, Viet Nam
Contract type: Fixed-Term Appointment	Organization unit: WP_VNM Viet Nam (WP_VNM) /
Duration of contract: Two years	WP_VN3 Director, Combating Communicable Diseases (WP_VN3) Malaria, other Vectorborne and Parasitic Diseases

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :

To preserve the effectiveness of artemisinin-based combination therapies by containing and ultimately eliminating artemisinin-resistant *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria parasites in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS). In collaboration with Member States and partners, to coordinate the regional response to artemisinin resistance in particular and of malaria control/elimination in general in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), and to provide and/or mobilize technical support as necessary. Key areas of work include: strengthening leadership, coordination and oversight mechanism; maintaining and expanding drug efficacy surveillance networks; accelerating priority research; improving access for migrant and mobile populations to quality services; strengthening of the containment activities in all countries with reported artemisinin resistance; limiting the availability of oral artemisinin-based monotherapies, substandard and counterfeit antimalarial medicines, while improving quality of artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs).

Description of duties:

Under the overall supervision of the Medical Epidemiologist (Team Leader, Emergency Disease Surveillance & Response), the incumbent will carry out the following duties:

1. In close collaboration with the programme Coordinator, mobilize funds for technical assistance in proposal development for prioritized operational research areas in Viet Nam, as part of the Global Plan for Artemisinin Resistance Containment (GPARC) recommended strategies.
2. Assist the national malaria control programme in expanding the coverage of its current

antimalarial therapeutic efficacy studies (TES) to a minimum additional four (4) sites with priority to cross border sites, and development projects with migrant populations. This will include: identifying priority gaps in expansion of the TES sites; additional resource mobilization and partnerships; field support to the national malaria control programme; regular sharing of results of TES and close collaboration with the Medical Officer (Therapeutic Efficacy Studies & Operation Research) based in the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office.

3. Assist the National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology and the Drug Administration of Viet Nam (DAV) in its surveillance of substandard and counterfeit antimalarial drugs. This will include regular sharing of results of Quality Control laboratory and minilab testing and close collaboration with the programme's Technical Officer (Pharmaceuticals) and Technical Officer (Monitoring and Evaluation). An essential part of this assistance will be to identify priority gaps in surveillance, laboratory and regulatory enforcement for additional resource mobilization and support to the DAV to meet the objectives of the Emergency Response to Artemisinin Resistance (ERAR) programme.

4. Assist in organizing and participate in regional project meetings and partner fora, and participate in other project-related meetings as needed. Provide regular programme implementation reports, including reports to donors.

5. Provide technical inputs into National Strategic Plans for malaria control or elimination (as appropriate) and workplans, and help ensure that prevention and containment of artemisinin resistance are part of these plans and reflected in national health plans, and closely monitor and evaluate implementation.

6. Coordinate and monitor the flow of epidemiological data on malaria diagnosis and treatment, disseminate appropriate and relevant technical information, promote collaborative research on malaria at all levels of health systems, advise and support the development and strengthening of national systems of information and epidemiological surveillance of malaria including insecticide resistance monitoring, malaria elimination and the development and strengthening of laboratory activities in support of malaria control.

7. Facilitate intercountry collaboration and cross-border communication at national, provincial and district levels. Provide technical support in all advocacy and communication activities if necessary. Advocate to Ministry of Health (MoH) and other ministries in Viet Nam, nongovernmental organizations country focal points, and other development partners to sustain support for malaria control/elimination, including the implementation of the ERAR-GMS programme. Present or support regular technical briefings, media articles, publications and webpostings on the programme and current progress in Viet Nam.

8. Perform any other related duties as needed.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

University degree in medicine or any health-related field or its equivalent training is essential. Post graduate training in public health, epidemiology, malariology, and/or national or regional malaria control and elimination is desirable.

Skills:

Excellent communication and negotiation skills; strong at coordination, collaboration, building and maintaining partnerships; diplomatic; strong in advocacy; out-of-the-box thinking; innovative; analytic; results and solutions oriented; good writing skills; good team spirit; leadership skills.

Extensive background in control of communicable diseases particularly malaria, epidemiology, operational research and programme implementation and reporting. Knowledge on how to work at field level in different cultural environments. Highly developed interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively with the government and partner agencies as well as stakeholders at all levels of the system. Good skills in advocacy, analysis and negotiation/mediation. Strong advisory skills. Sound knowledge and abilities in interagency/partnership coordination as well as in health planning programme formulation and in assisting country counterparts in negotiating with development partners. Skills in programme planning and management, monitoring and evaluation, capacity building, epidemiology, surveillance and response, and operational research. Strong in resource mobilization including proposal writing. Proficient in standard MS Office software applications. Presentation skills. Skills in use of statistical or Graphic Information System (GIS) software an asset. Ability to establish harmonious working relationships as part of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds and maintain a high standard of personal conduct.

Competencies:

1. Communicating in a credible and effective way
2. Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond
3. Producing results
4. Moving forward in a changing environment
5. Promoting WHO's position in health leadership

Experience:

At least five years of programme management experience including in malaria vectorborne and parasitic disease control is essential. Experience in health systems development, operational research, advocacy or negotiation with donors and stakeholders is desirable. Extensive field experience in developing countries an advantage. At least five years of programme management experience, including minimum three years at international level in planning, coordination and management of public health programmes highly desirable. Experience in WHO or other international organizations a plus.

Languages:

Written and spoken fluency in English and Vietnamese is essential.

Additional Information:

Post is subject to local recruitment and will be filled by persons recruited in the local commuting area of the office.

Annual salary: (Net of tax)

USD36 500 at single rate

USD36 500 with primary dependants

A written test and interviews may be used as a form of screening

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