



**Job Opening – Anticipated Funding
Principal Investigator
REF/CDC/Principal Investigator-12-22**

1.	IDENTIFICATION	
1.1	JOB TITLE	Principal Investigator
1.2	REPORTING TO	Country Manager
1.3	DEPARTMENT	Programs
1.4	PHYSICAL LOCATION	Lusaka, Zambia

Amref Health Africa was founded in 1957 and has since grown to become the largest African-based international health development organisation, currently implementing more than 150 programs which directly reach more than 20 million people across 35 countries in Africa. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, Amref has fully-fledged offices in Ethiopia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Senegal, South Sudan, and Zambia; eleven advocacy and fundraising offices in Europe and North America; and a staff complement of over 1,500.

Our vision is to bring about *‘Lasting health change in Africa’*, and our mission is *‘To increase sustainable health access to communities in Africa through solutions in human resources for health, health service delivery, and investments in health’*. We believe that the power to transform Africa's health lies within its communities, and therefore strive to ensure that health systems are not only functional but that communities are empowered to hold these systems accountable for the delivery of quality and affordable health care.

Amref Health Africa is seeking a qualified Principal Investigator to provide strategic leadership of the anticipated CDC-funded activity titled ***Transitioning and Integrating Laboratory Services for High-Quality HIV Diagnosis, Care, Treatment, and Monitoring to the Ministry of Health (MOH) to Sustain Achievement of the 95-95-95 Goals in Zambia under PEPFAR.***

2. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded project is designed to support the stepwise full transition of PEPFAR-supported laboratory systems and services to the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ). The project will provide technical assistance (TA) for further adaptation of the diagnostic system for immediate needs such as outbreaks of novel diseases, additional surveillance system requirements, and new international reporting mechanisms as guided by CDC. By the end of the project period, the project will perform a capacity assessment of GRZ to carry out all the laboratory system functions and a cost assessment to fully understand the costs of sustaining the system.

3. JOB SUMMARY

The Principal Investigator (PI) will provide strategic leadership of the project by overseeing the project implementation in all its aspects: technical, administrative and financial, monitoring and evaluation and reporting. S/he will provide technical assistance and expertise, ensure technical integrity and coherence and ensure collaboration with government, CDC, partners and other stakeholders. S/he will coordinate with government and other stakeholders to ensure that activities complement on-going initiatives and adhere to MoH strategies, policies and guidelines and CDC

standards.

4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- To provide leadership, strategic direction and oversee financial management.
- Will be the primary focal point for management of the CDC Cooperative Agreement; and responsible for liaising between CDC and Amref Health Africa regarding all Cooperative Agreement matters.
- Provide strategic leadership, technical and managerial direction for the successful implementation of the project at the national and Country levels;
- Serve as the team lead for the project and ensure strong communication and coordination with and between all team members to effectively achieve project deliverables and targets
- Provide overall leadership and ensure adherence to technical standards, best practices and donor guidelines;
- Support the Programme Manager, business official to ensure timely and quality completion of all program technical and financial deliverables and reports in accordance with CDC guidelines;
- Serve as the primary point of contact and collaboration for CDC/PEPFAR, government partners and other key stakeholders;
- Promote sustainability of project activities with effective networking, linkages to other programs, and capacity building of project staff;
- Review project reports and work plans in line with the set targets in coordination with the project Manager and Senior Technical Advisor.
- Represent Amref and build and maintain a productive relationship with CDC, Ministry of Health and other stakeholders

5. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

5.1 Education Requirements

- Masters Degree in Medical Laboratory Science, Public Health or a related field.

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5.2 Experience Required

- At least Ten (10) years' experience in progressive leadership positions managing large-scale programs involving HIV/AIDS, Laboratory systems and Services, coupled with networking, capacity building, collaboration with NGOs and Government, and provision of Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Health on Laboratory systems and services.
- In-depth knowledge and experience of Zambia's health system and demonstrate expertise in laboratory system strengthening and Services.
- Experience working on CDC/PEPFAR, USAID, and/or other donor-funded HIV/AIDS, prevention, care, treatment and support projects, as well as Lab systems and services projects/programs.
- Familiarity with Zambia HIV/AIDS/TB policies and health systems strengthening, WHO standards.

5.3 Skills and Competencies

- Ability to communicate effectively in English (written and spoken)
- Ability to develop and maintain strong relationships with clients, donor and governments including Ministry of Health.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work as part of a multicultural team.
- Able to work under pressure and on multiple tasks.
- Dynamic, self- motivated and able to demonstrate initiative.

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- Willingness to travel extensively within Zambia.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested, please send your application to Recruitment.Zambia@amref.org so as to be received on or before **10 January 2023**. Your application should include a cover letter detailing why you are the best fit for this position, and a CV with relevant skills and experience. The subject of the email should reference **REF/CDC/Principal Investigator-12-22**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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