



JOB ADVERT

IDENTIFICATION	
JOB TITLE	Technical Advisor-Visceral Leishmaniasis
REPORTING TO	Project Manager
DEPARTMENT	Population Health and Environment (PHE)
DUTY STATION	Nairobi, Kenya (Hybrid)
DURATION OF CONTRACT	One-year (renewable)

BACKGROUND

Amref Health Africa was founded in 1957 and has since grown to become the largest African-based international health development organization, currently implementing more than 180 programs, reaching more than 40 million people across 35 African countries, and a staff complement of over 2,000. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, Amref Health Africa has offices in ten African countries – Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea (Conakry), Kenya, Malawi, Senegal, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. An additional eleven advocacy and fundraising offices are located in Europe and North America.

Amref Health Africa is driven by its vision of '*Lasting health change in Africa*' and its *mission 'To catalyze and drive community-led and people-centred health systems while addressing social determinants of 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 communities are empowered to hold these systems accountable for delivering of quality and affordable health care.

OVERVIEW OF THE NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASE PROGRAM

The Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Program at Amref's Kenya Country Office supports the Ministry of Health and county governments across various counties in Kenya in implementing interventions on various NTDs, including Lymphatic Filariasis (LF), Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH), Schistosomiasis (SCH), Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL) and Snake Bite Envenoming (SBE). LF and VL have been earmarked for elimination as public health problems by 2030, whereas SCH has been earmarked for elimination as a public health problem in areas where elimination is feasible but control in areas where elimination is not feasible. STH has been fully earmarked for control.

The Program is also working with other stakeholders to develop its NTDs Big Bet Agenda, which focuses on eliminating LF, VL, and SCH across all endemic regions of Kenya, which will catalyze additional evidence-based and cost-effective programmatic investments.

JOB PURPOSE

We are looking for a highly skilled, organized, and experienced Technical Advisor to provide expertise and support in the planning and executing of the Visceral Leishmaniasis program activities in Kenya. The successful candidate will collaborate closely with a wide range of stakeholders,

including government agencies, NGOs, and international partners. The position will be based in Nairobi, with regular travels to the field to provide technical and implementation support to both county and national governments and other stakeholders. A deep knowledge of Kenya's health system, the NTD program, and the epidemiology and elimination strategies for Visceral Leishmaniasis is essential. The ideal candidate will possess strong strategic thinking, problem-solving abilities, and excellent interpersonal skills.

PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES:

KEY AREAS	ACTIVITIES
Technical Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical support to the Ministry of Health in Kenya to establish systems that will set the country on the path of eliminating VL as a public health problem. • Work collaboratively with the Ministry of Health to ensure at least 90% of VL cases are timely detected and treated within 30 days of the onset of symptoms. • Provide technical support in the development and tracking of key strategic documents, including VL treatment guidelines and a comprehensive Kenya VL elimination national strategic plan. • Support in developing and implementing Standard operating procedures (SOPs) for activities such as Active community-based case search, patient post-discharge follow-up, referrals, supply chain, vector control, etc. • Capacity-building healthcare workers regularly on VL diagnosis, treatment, and management.
Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, Learning & Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct service quality assurance to ensure standardized diagnosis, treatment, and management of VL patients for better patient outcomes. • Assist in improving the collection of weekly VL epidemiological data through the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) surveillance system, conduct analyses with support from the project's data analyst, and generate and disseminate the findings to relevant stakeholders. • Periodically monitor key VL indicators related to the elimination of VL in Kenya. • Strengthen collaboration and coordination with other disease programs. • Assist in developing survey protocols, designing data collection instruments, and survey implementation.
Project implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure high-quality and timely submission of VL diagnosis and treatment reports. • Collaborate with other stakeholders to establish an effective supply chain system to ensure quarterly quantification and forecasting of drug and diagnostic supplies for the country. • Ensure timely and adequate drug and diagnostic supplies within endemic counties. • Conduct monthly inventory of treatment drugs and diagnostics stock levels at the designated testing and treatment centers (health facilities). • Provide technical oversight for project implementation and fund management.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map and regularly update a database of VL stakeholders, including their intervention areas. • Participate in various internal and external disease-specific technical working and advisory groups.
Reporting & Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support in the development of periodic internal and donor reports. • Work with the program's knowledge management officer and program team to develop successful, impactful stories for broader dissemination. • Contribute to the preparation of presentations, funding proposals, and other documentation as needed.
Perform any other duties as assigned from time to time.	

QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MChB).
- A Master's Degree in Public Health is an added advantage.
- Valid registration certificate and practicing license from the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council.
- Minimum of three years of experience in Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), with specific experience in Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL).

DESIRABLE SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- Strong program management skills; strategic about achieving set objectives.
- Agile and able to simultaneously manage and ensure quality execution of multiple tasks.
- Detail-oriented, excellent in oral and written communication, with strong analytical skills.
- Good presentation skills.
- Have strong critical, analytical, and problem-solving skills with a high degree to follow-through.
- Ability to work independently, think creatively, handle ambiguity, and work in a fast-paced environment.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Around 50% of the Job holder's time is spent in the office while 50% is spent in the field.

HOURS OF WORK

- Normal Working Hours.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested? Please visit our website <https://amref.org/vacancies/> to make your application. You will be directed to our online portal where you will need to create an account in order for you to be able to submit your application. Your application should include a cover letter detailing why you are the best fit for this position and your CV with relevant skills and experience. Closing date will be **October 7th 2024**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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