



JOB ADVERT

IDENTIFICATION	
JOB TITLE	Technical Officer – Governance, Policy and Partnerships
REPORTING TO	Cluster Lead
DURATION	Two (2) Years Renewable
DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM	USAID Health Sector Governance and Strategic Partnerships (UAT-Uongozi Wa Afya Thabiti)
PHYSICAL LOCATION	Trans Nzoia

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 120 programs, directly reaching more than 12 million people across 35 African countries. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, Amref Health Africa has offices in ten countries in Africa and an additional eleven advocacy and fundraising offices in Europe and North America. In the spirit of Ubuntu, partnership and networking are key elements of our approach. Amref has a staff complement of over 1,500.

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-centered 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 that communities are empowered to hold these systems accountable for the delivery of quality and affordable health care.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

USAID Health Sector Governance and Strategic Partnerships (UAT-Uongozi Wa AfyaThabiti) is a five-year project funded by the USAID with Amref Health Africa in Kenya as the prime partner. The project is aimed at providing system level support that will contribute to the achievement of programmatic outcomes. This is aimed at improved responsiveness (continuity of care) and performance of health indicators at the Council of Governors (COG) and across 10 Counties in Kenya (Turkana, Trans Nzoia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo, Laikipia, Samburu, Tharaka Nithi, Nairobi, Kilifi, and Taita Taveta). The project objectives are:

- Strengthened Health Systems' Governance, Institutions, and Stewardship for Improved Delivery of Quality Health Services.
- Improved Health Systems Accountability and Structures for Transparent, Efficient and Effective Delivery of Quality Health Services
- Strengthened Structures for National and County Level Legislation and Policy Development and Review
- Strengthened Capacity of National, County and Intergovernmental Coordination Structures to Manage Health Systems.

JOB PURPOSE

The Technical Officer, Governance, Policy and Partnerships will work under the leadership of the Cluster Lead to support the strengthening of health sector governance and strategic partnerships to improve resource optimization, equity and quality in the respective counties' health system.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Technical delivery of Governance and Accountability to ensure quality delivery and synergies with the other components of the programme at the county level.
- Technical delivery of health systems accountability including increased citizen's participation in health decision making at the county level.
- Technical delivery of initiatives to build the capacity of counties on legislation and policy development, implementation and review.
- Technical delivery of initiatives to strengthen county health coordination and strengthening of partnerships at the county level

Guiding program design:

- Represents the project at the county meetings, advocates for project strategies collaborations and best practices.
- Develops and negotiates effective working relationships/consensus and agreements with county stakeholders.
- Plans, organizes, and participates in capacity development activities to support leadership and governance interventions, through participatory engagement through the provision of advice, technical assistance, training workshops, and meetings, as well as supports the development of related materials, and information kits.
- Work closely with other technical teams in supporting project activities at different level.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the County Health Department, community leaders and other local stakeholders in implementation of PHC (Primary Health Care) as guided.
- Provide technical leadership and managerial support in the area of UHC, ensuring that PHC specific activities are carried out efficiently and effectively.
- Keep project accurate records and prepare reports periodically.
- Support county program staff to design programs and projects.
- Help define the approach to teaming/partnering with other organizations.
- Performs other duties as required

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Experience & Competencies

- At least 4 years of Public Health experience, 2 of which must be in managing, complex technical service delivery programs of similar scope and dollar value.
- At least a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Public Health, Medicine, Management, Business Administration, or a related field.
- A thorough knowledge of the devolved health system in Kenya, experience working with county management teams is highly desired.
- Working knowledge of USAID policies and procedures.
- Experience recruiting, forming, and successfully managing teams and ensuring the quality of their products.
- Demonstrated success in multicultural environments is required.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills in English required.

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. The closing date will be **December 15, 2024**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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