



Project Management officer - TIC children's tuberculosis M/F

Médecins Sans Frontières, an international medical humanitarian association created in 1971, provides medical assistance to populations whose lives are threatened: mainly in the event of armed conflicts, but also of epidemics, pandemics, natural disasters or exclusion from care. The French section of MSF is present in about thirty countries.

In the context of a project opening, we are looking for a **Project Management officer - TIC children's tuberculosis**.

Mission

Children with tuberculosis (TB) are underdiagnosed and undertreated, leading to high mortality and morbidity. Almost all MSF projects, in almost all contexts see patients with TB and struggle with the challenges of diagnosing TB, especially amongst children.

In March 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Tuberculosis Program published new recommendations for children with TB including an integrated treatment decision algorithms to diagnose pulmonary TB, a shorter 4-month treatment for non-severe TB and shorter treatments for TB prevention.

These recent WHO recommendations present a unique window of opportunity that cannot be missed to transform the way that children are diagnosed and treated with TB across MSF projects, and to have a truly meaningful impact on mortality and morbidity from TB in this population.

In order to achieve this, MSF will construct a project to scale up the use of the new recommendations, both within MSF projects and external to MSF in Ministry to Health facilities, as well as providing evidence to improve their further use and improvement.

This project will be multidisciplinary, intersectional (several MSF sections involved), inter-working groups, transversal and integrated, as well as patient centered, with **3 main axes of work**:

1. **Implementation**: training, increased access to diagnostic tools, development of tools for record keeping and data collection, local and national advocacy for implementation of new recommendations.
2. **International advocacy for better tools for children with TB** we will also work with the Access Campaign on advocacy for the development of better tools (diagnostics, treatments) adapted to children.
3. **Operational research (OR)**: in some contexts, MSF projects will conduct operational research (OR) on the feasibility, acceptability and validation of new recommendations in different contexts and populations.

About "patient centeredness", the project should have a special focus on patient experience and coordination/continuity of care, should anticipate dialogue with populations at every stage and inform what is left to do beyond medical needs.

The project is supported by the Transformational Investment Capacity (TIC) initiative, an internal funding mechanism of the MSF movement and will have two phases.

Phase 1: Starting with an incubator TIC grant for 6 months the team will start the activities and prepare for the second phase. The Phase 1 team will include:

- the Team Leader (TB-Working-Group leader), to oversee the project and to work closely with the project manager to build the project for the second phase
- the Research Coordinator, to coordinate the research activities that are already started with intersectional and international meetings and protocol preparation
- an Implementation Officer (6 months position), to concentrate on one country in order to implement activities and to bring first-hand experience from the field to inform the development of the project, incl. on training needs and tools, and inform the identification of countries for the larger implementation in Phase 2
- the Project Management officer, to work on the development of the second phase of the project (3 months position, so only half of Phase 1)

Phase 2: With the support of a large TIC grant, the project will be implemented over 2 years, aiming at:

- developing training and advocacy tools to allow scale up in multiple settings as well as data collection tools, in collaboration with the eCARE project where appropriate,
- implementing the recommendations in 2 countries with a view of extending to all MSF projects using the tools developed,
- scaling-up the activities to achieve the longer-term vision of universal implementation of these recommendations,
- coordinating the multiple research initiatives to enable pooling of findings within and external to MSF.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

During Phase 1, the main role of the Project Management officer will be to help construct and define the second phase of the project.

This will be done in close collaboration with the team lead and other members of the team, under the guidance of the team lead and steering committee and will require engagement with multiple stakeholders including several thematic working groups (TB, pediatric, HIV...), multiple MSF operational centres, field teams who will be involved in the second phase implementation, and research entities in MSF.

The Project Management officer will:

- Facilitate the collective definition and organization of the objectives of the second phase for the different streams of work (training, advocacy, research), aligned with MSF strategic objectives
- Write a project proposal which includes detailed strategy and activities, milestones, risk assessment, as well as scale-up/advocacy plan (this includes documenting the different steps/barriers for the implementation and what advocacy and training tools would be required; this may include a feasibility study)
- Construct a detailed and realistic planning and budget
- Assist in the definition of the HR and governance structure
- Ensure regular follow-up and discussions with the TIC secretariat and selection committee in relation to the preparation of the the TIC submission (cf. deliverable) and if necessary review proposal based on feedback from the TIC selection committee

DELIVERABLE

A detailed concerted project proposal (concept note, business case/project plan, detailed budget, internal communication material/video) ready for the large TIC application in April 2023 (so before Phase 1 ends).

This list of activities may be adjusted.

Compétences professionnelles

Education: Master degree in any relevant training

Experience:

- MSF experience mandatory.
- Project manager profile, with successful experience in proposal writing in general, and in developing large projects with many stakeholders (if possible several MSF sections)
- Experience in financial management, grant management and reporting an asset but not essential
- Experience in health project and research – a strong asset

Knowledge and Skills

Very good knowledge of MSF functioning

Languages : Fluently spoken and written English (work mainly in English) is essential

Qualités requises

- Rigor, autonomy and organization
- Team spirit, sense of initiative and cooperation
- Very good ability of communication and writing
- Good capacity for analysis and synthesis
- Flexibility for occasional travel

Spécificités du poste

Status: full time 3 months (or equivalent)

- Can be based in Paris or where there is an MSF Office (OC)

- Working hours CET
- Occasional travel to the headquarters or field (around 10% of the time)

Salary conditions: 45.59K€ gross annual salary over 13 months.

Desired start date: early February 2022

Type de contrat : CDD

Salaire (€) : 45.59K

Avantages

- Tickets Restaurant valeur faciale 11 € pris en charge à 60% par MSF
- Mutuelle 100%
- Frais de transport à 50%
- 22 jours de RTT par an

Date limite de dépôt des candidatures : 07/02/2023

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