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LABORATORY SUPPLY CHAIN ADVISOR GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROJECT – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

JOB TITLE: Laboratory Supply Chain Advisor

LOCATION: Dar es Salaam

REPORTS TO: Senior Demand Planning Specialist

SUMMARY:

The Global Health Supply Chain – Technical Assistance – Tanzania (GHSC-TA-TZ) project is recruiting for a Laboratory Supply Chain Advisor. Supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the project provides expert technical assistance to Tanzania to strengthen in-country supply chain systems across all health programs. In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC-TA-TZ assists Government of Tanzania health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance. This position will provide strategic guidance and technical support to laboratory supply chain strengthening activities in the country, working in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC), Diagnostic Services Section, Vertical Programs, Medical Stores Department, the President's Office of Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG), and other Implementing Partners (IPs), to monitor laboratory commodities, identify obstacles to product availability, and develop solutions to address those problems.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Coach key stakeholders from the GoT and other organizations to monitor performance of laboratory supply chains using key performance indicators

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- Increase the visibility of laboratory supply chain data by developing processes to institutionalize routine reports on the performance of laboratory supply chains, and disseminating data to others
- Build capacity in counterparts to use supply chain to identify analyze the constraints to improved product availability and overall performance drivers and bottlenecks;
- Perform independent assessment of data, identify improvement opportunities and support implementation.
- Monitor stock levels of laboratory products and highlight when procurement actions are needed to prevent stockouts of key commodities; Transition this responsibility to stakeholders
- Provide input and technical expertise in laboratory commodity specifications for procurement
- Advise on laboratory supply chain strengthening efforts such as standardization exercises or laboratory supply chain assessments
- Contribute to the development of technical assistance plans for laboratory supply chain strengthening, including GoT workplans, and project strategic and annual work plan; monitor and evaluate the implementation of workplan activities
- Participate in laboratory quantification exercises and routine supply plan updates. Help to identify funding required and participate in resource mobilization activities as appropriate
- Provide technical support to MSD in reviewing and monitoring laboratory commodity procurement and distribution
- Play active role in laboratory commodities management supportive supervision activities, in close coordination with the Logistics Management Unit (LMU) and other national stakeholders including MSD
- Prepare and submit monthly activity report.
- Assist in determining training needs and provide training as required.
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Qualified Laboratory Scientist, Laboratory Technologist, or Biomedical Sciences with at least five years of experience in managing laboratory supplies
- Experience in supply chain management of laboratory supplies
- Experience in working with MOHCDGEC programs, the Government of Tanzania, USAID funded projects, and other NGOs preferred.
- Knowledge of ForLab and PipeLine software strongly preferred
- Excellent written and verbal English.
- Ability to prepare and present information related to health laboratory diagnostics
- Ability to work on a team and ability to work independently.
- Experience developing strategies and manage implementation of projects
- Proficiency in common computer packages (e.g. Word, PowerPoint, Excel) relevant to the work.
- Able to travel away from the duty station to support technical activities.

- **How to apply:**
- Interested candidates should submit their detailed Curriculum Vitae to Schiunda@pharmasystafrica.com or info@pharmasystafrica.com no later 1 February, **2018**