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Technical Manager - (1700140)

Grade: P5**Contractual Arrangement:** Fixed-Term Appointment**Contract duration:** 2 years**Job Posting:** Mar 9, 2017, 10:24:55 AM**Closing Date:** Mar 30, 2017, 10:59:00 PM**Primary Location:** Switzerland-Geneva**Organization:** UT/UTD UNITAID International drug purchase facility**Schedule:** Full-time

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

UNITAID is a multilateral hosted by the World Health Organization. UNITAID is focused on making a unique and impactful contribution to the global response against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in developing countries. It catalyses improvements for the larger response through forward-looking and time-limited investments that are designed to increase access to better, more effective and more affordable health products (i.e. preventatives, medicines and diagnostics). These investments typically target market-based interventions such as price reductions, improvements in quality and supply, and the introduction of innovative products more suitable for the populations in need.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Organizational context

The Strategy & Results Unit provides technical direction for the design, implementation and evaluation of UNITAID's strategy, funding priorities, and projects; elaborates cutting-edge market impact approaches; organizes market intelligence into innovative information systems; and disseminates lessons learned to the global health community. The Strategy & Results Unit is divided into 2 divisions. The Strategy Division is primarily responsible for landscape analyses, strategy and identification of new areas for intervention, and calls for proposals; while the Results Division is largely responsible for impact assessment, value for money and monitoring & evaluation. Serving the Strategy Division the incumbent will be responsible for landscape analyses, strategy and identification of new areas for intervention. Will be the point person for malaria-related issues; will also provide thought-leadership on broader strategic initiatives. In addition, the incumbent will back-stop technical teams on HIV, tuberculosis, and other/cross-cutting issues. A substantial amount of the incumbent's time will be spent on partner coordination and oversight and interpretation of landscape analyses that aim to identify: public health and access issues; market shortcomings that contribute to access issues; potential market interventions to improve access; and, estimates of market and public health impact from potential interventions.

Purpose of the Position

The purpose of the position is to: drive the creation and updating of UNITAID's landscape analyses and partner engagement, including disease, technology and market sections; develop potential areas/ideas for interventions and calls for proposals; manage activities and lead/contribute strategic design for select projects and initiatives under S&R; coordinate with stakeholders; and provide technical expertise for grant development and implementation by Operations team.

Summary of Assigned Duties

In this role, the Technical Manager, Strategy will:

1. Provide technical leadership to draft, update, implement, monitor, and evaluate UNITAID's Strategy. Provide thought leadership for strategy implementation, particularly as related to malaria investments.
2. Design and oversee efforts to draft, update, publish, and utilize UNITAID's landscape analyses (disease, technology, and market) for medicines, diagnostics, and preventative commodities used in malaria and other focus diseases, including:
 - a. Conduct background research on key elements of the landscape, compile relevant data, and conduct additional analyses, as needed;
 - b. Identify, coordinate, and supervise consultants to deliver components of the landscapes, including development of terms of reference and oversight of selection processes;
 - c. Engage experts and stakeholders to peer-review and vet landscape analyses;
 - d. Contribute to articles, reports, and other resources related to UNITAID's core work.
3. Identify potential areas for intervention where UNITAID could intervene to accelerate introduction of new innovative medicines, devices and systems to enable the global community to achieve higher impact of their investments.
4. Provide crucial technical support for UNITAID's call for proposal processes, including:
 - a. Contribute to the design and drafting of calls for proposals;
 - b. Assess proposals for technical merit and fit with UNITAID business model;
 - c. Provide technical support to the operations unit during grant development;
 - d. Review, revise, and edit proposal tools as needed to maximize effectiveness and efficiency of the proposal submission and review system.
5. Provide crucial project management support to UNITAID's market dynamics projects including, but not limited to:
 - a. Identification, collection, and use of intelligence on active pharmaceutical ingredients used to produce commodities for HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria;
 - b. Development, maintenance, and use of information systems for UNITAID's market intelligence;
 - c. Collection, analysis, and use of data from private sector markets across HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.
6. Provide expert technical support to the grant development and implementation to support the Operations Unit.
7. Draft and deliver reports, presentations, briefing notes, and other materials for the UNITAID's Executive Board, Strategy and Policy Committee, and Proposal Review Committee.
8. Disseminate reports, lessons learned, and new analytic methods via satellites/symposia at International Conferences, reports and web-based materials (in collaboration with UNITAID Communications Team), and peer-reviewed publications.
9. Develop and maintain strong networks of experts and other global health stakeholders working in the areas of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria.
10. Perform any other activities required by UNITAID Senior Management.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: Advanced level university degree (Masters level or above) in one of the following areas: business, management, public health.

Desirable: Studies in medicine, pharmacy or in a discipline related to healthcare products access (quality, price, etc.).

Experience

Essential: At least 10 years of experience in health strategies with a focus on pharmaceuticals or diagnostics. At least 5 years of experience in designing projects to address healthcare product market issues (quality, price, etc.). Experience in working with a strong network of partners active in healthcare product markets, especially for malaria. Experience in designing, managing, and evaluating strategic programme approaches to improve public health. Experience in interaction/coordination with diverse audiences, such as Executive Board, Senior Management, key partners. Demonstrated experience in production and presentation of documents to technical/scientific audiences.

Desirable: Demonstrated thought-leadership in health strategy development and market issues, especially pertaining to malaria. Experience in technical malaria committees.

Skills

Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Strong planning, organizational, and project management skills. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a small team to deliver high impact results. Strong interpersonal skills, tact, discretion and mature judgment. Strong knowledge of how to apply market approaches to improve public health.

WHO Competencies

Communication

Moving forward in a changing environment

Producing results

Teamwork

Knowing and managing yourself

Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Use of Language Skills

Essential: Expert knowledge of English.

Desirable: Intermediate knowledge of French.

REMUNERATION

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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