



## **PROGRAM MANAGER/MNCH LEAD (2 positions)**

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**Duty Station:** Kilifi County Kenya or Arua/Nebbi Districts Uganda

**Reports to:** Technical Director

### **Background:**

The African Christian Health Association Platform (ACHAP) is an advocacy and networking platform for Christian Health Associations (CHAs) and Church Health Networks from Sub-Saharan Africa established through a declaration of commitment by the 3rd Africa Christian Health Associations Biennial Conference held in Bagamoyo, Tanzania in January 2007. ACHAP brings together more than 40 national level faith-based networks providing services in 32 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa to share resources, establish technical working groups (TWGs), and provide ongoing training and technical assistance (TA) to its members. In addition, governments see ACHAP members as critical players and in many African countries partner with them to provide health support services, even to government facilities.

### **Position Description:**

ACHAP is seeking a *Country Program Manager/ RMNCH lead* for a community health project whose focus is addressing key drivers of child and maternal morbidity and mortality. The project aims at increasing availability and utilization of high quality and high impact community interventions in maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH); family planning; nutrition as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

S/he will be in charge of overall leadership of the project in the country providing leadership and management of the implementation of the project in line with the designed work plan. S/he will also be the RMNCH lead to provide technical leadership and program guidance for the RMNCH component. S/he will provide technical support for program design, approaches, interventions that are scientifically proven and fit country context for implementation. S/he will be in charge of the country implementation plan and will work with the project officers during trips to ensure implementation is done as per work plan while aligning to MOH and other partner implementation plans. S/he will also travel for project evaluation and monitoring meetings where Kenya and



Uganda will have an opportunity to share best practices as well as challenges. S/he will guide and promote learning and knowledge sharing of best practices and lessons learnt. This is a full-time position.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide overall leadership to the ACHAP project team in the field.
- Lead field implementation of RMNCH project activities in line with project strategy, objectives, and activity plan
- Develop work plans (annual, semi-annual, quarterly and monthly) and ensure timely implementation of project activities with the support of the field project team, CHMTs, CBOs and community-based structures
- Plan and coordinate the training of project and partner staff to increase their capacity to deliver quality RMNCH programs
- Coordinate with field teams to ensure that guidance and mentoring are provided to healthcare providers and community partners
- Collect secondary data on key RMNCH indicators such as maternal mortality ratios, contraceptive prevalence rates, GBV data, and HIV/AIDS statistics.
- Review existing assessment reports by the MOH, ACHAP and other RMNCH partners
- Ensure linkages between existing country office RMNCH and health projects and ensure strategies build upon in-country expertise aimed at promoting sustainability
- Propose possible recommendations for improving community RMNCH strategies
- In collaboration with other team members, make sure that high quality technical reports are timely produced that clearly describe progress made, achievements, challenges and lessons learned
- In collaboration with the M&E Lead, design and develop supervisory, monitoring and evaluation systems for RMNCH interventions
- Ensuring the submission of data and reports from the field is timely, accurate and transparent
- Represent ACHAP's work and specifically SRHR activities in health sector steering committee, Reproductive Health working group meetings, as well as other coordination meetings with the MOHS and other relevant bodies.



- Coordinate with other sectors (Livelihood, Food & Nutrition Security, and WASH. etc.) to ensure a multi-sector approach to SRH
- In conjunction with the HR, recruit technical project staffs, built their capacities and provide support needed for their performance

**Key Competencies:**

- A Master's degree in Public Health, Social Sciences, International Development or related fields.
- At least 9 years working experience in a senior management role, preferably on MNCH/Nutrition/WASH programs.
- Experience in implementing MNCH/Nutrition/WASH programs at community level. Experience with large and complex donor programs and reporting requirements is an added advantage.
- Experience coordinating with ministries of health and local communities, in implementation of MNCH/Nutrition/WASH programs.
- Strong writing and organizational skills for monitoring and reporting on program and program outcomes and impacts.
- Proven interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to lead multidisciplinary teams
- Excellent command of spoken and written English

*Interested candidates should submit their applications to: [hr@afriachap.org](mailto:hr@afriachap.org) indicating preferred station (Kenya/Uganda)*

*Application Closing date: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020*