

# **District Vector Borne Diseases Specialist**

#### **Organization:**

TCI Foundation an autonomous organization works in the development and implementation of national development programs/projects in coordination with the Government, Public Sector Undertakings, National and International development agencies to serve the nation with motto of equality and better life for all citizens in the country.

### Global Fund Support for Intensified Malaria Elimination Project (IMEP-2)

TCI Foundation is one of the Principal Recipients of Global Fund Grant for the period 2021 to 2024 and has been assigned the responsibility to work in unison with National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) Government of India for Intensified Malaria Elimination Project (IMEP-2).

#### **Job Description:**

TCI Foundation invites applications for the position of **District Vector Borne Disease (VBD) Specialist** purely on contractual basis. The selected candidate on this position would be required to maintain good liaison with the authorities and officials of NCVBDC, State VBDC, District VBDC, internal and external agencies for the progression and completion of program activities within the given timeframe.

## (i) Purpose:

The position has been approved to support the District VBDC for effective implementation of GFATM supported Intensified Malaria Elimination Project (IMEP-2) at different levels (District / Sub-district and below levels). The position shall be based at District VBDC HQs and would play a critical role in evidence-based decision making at various levels to bring efficiency and effectiveness in the programme and in bridging the gaps between planning and implementation.

#### (ii) Responsibilities:

- Support the District VBD Officer (DMO)/ Block Medical Officers and assist in all technical components of the project/ programme implementation.
- Ensure that Project/ Programme guidelines for planning, training, service provision, monitoring, supervision, and surveillance of VBDs are effectively implemented at all levels and by all health officials/ workers in the assigned district(s).
- Guide District VBD Consultant for establishing good practices of supportive supervision in the district and for ensuring timely data analysis and reporting to State VBDC and Nodal Officer NCVBDC to strengthen VBD surveillance and response.
- Supervise District VBD Consultant in carrying out project activities including distribution of logistics (LLINs, RDT, ACT etc.) and supply chain management.
- Supervise MTS at Sub-district level and critically analyze & verify monthly reports submitted by them.
- Undertake regular field visits (at least 12 days per month) for ensuring quality implementation of the IMEP-2 project and provide technical support to the concerned staff on site. Field visits should be clubbed with other staff of GFATM/ other health programmes for ease of mobility. Routing of the trip should be such that it maximizes coverage of health facilities/ villages and minimizes wastage of resources.
- Carry out capacity building of MTS, ASHAs and other healthcare staff during supervisory field visits.
- Monitor the VBD control logistics at District and Sub-district levels so as to ensure no stock outs at all times.
- Regularly update Senior Consultants (M&E) and Senior Consultants (IEC/BCC) and Nodal Officer NCVBDC about the problems faced in Project implementation with suggestive actions for improvement.
- Supervise IRS rounds to ensure quality and coverage of spray.



- Ensure regular & timely disbursement of incentives to healthcare staff, especially those working at the grassroots.
- Actively seek involvement of District Collector, District Health Administration, NGOs, CBOs, FBOs and the private sector (health and non-health) under various schemes for community mobilization and its participation towards achieving malaria elimination and other VBD controls in the district.
- Assist Senior State Consultant (IEC) in developing and implementing IEC/BCC plan for the district with special emphasis on IPC tools and innovations in IEC/BCC.
- Plan, coordinate, facilitate, and prepare relevant documentation for getting malaria elimination certification for the assigned District(s).
- Undertake any other task assigned by the Reporting authority.

### (iii) Qualifications and Experience:

MBBS with Post-Graduate qualification (Degree/Diploma) in Preventive & Social Medicine (PSM)/ Community Medicine/ Public Health/ Community Health Administration (CHA).

OR

MBBS with MPH/ MAE.

OR

MBBS with at least 2 years' relevant experience in Public Health at National/ State level.

OR

BDS/BHMS/BAMS/B. Pharmacy with MBA (Health Management)/ MPH/ MAE with 2 years' relevant experience in Public Health at National/ State level.

OR

Masters in Demography and Population Studies/ Biostatistics with 2 years' relevant experience in Public Health at National/ State level.

OR

BDS/ BAMS/ BHMS/ B.Pharmacy/ Science Graduate with Post Graduate degree in Zoology / Entomology / Life Sciences/ Social Work with MPH/ MBA in Health Management with minimum 5 years' post-qualification relevant work experience. Two years' relevant experience of working in a health programme at National or State level is desirable. For Life Sciences candidates, Zoology/ Entomology is must as one of the subjects at graduate level.

## (iv) Skills required

- Expertise in the domain of surveillance, field epidemiology, outbreak response, VBD control.
- Computer proficiency with commonly used software/ packages like MS Word, Excel, Power Point & Web surfing.
- Knowledge and proficiency in statistical software packages such as SPSS, Epi Info etc.
- Excellent communication (oral and written) and presentation skills, analytical and interpersonal abilities.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment.
- (v) Nature of appointment: The appointment will be on contract basis initially for a period of one year and thereafter extendable for specified period based on performance appraisal to be assessed for work output, personal attributes, functional competency etc.
- (vi) Reporting: Reporting will be to DMO/ SPO under the overall supervision of Nodal Officer GFATM NCVBDC.
- **(vii)** Age: Upper age limit is 50 years (may be relaxed in exceptionally qualified/ experienced candidates) and ready to travel extensively.
- (viii) Remuneration and Annual Increment: Up to Rs. 65,000/- per month (consolidated); would depend on qualification, experience & performance during written test/ interview. Annual increment would be based on performance appraisal and as per Global Fund policy.



- (ix) Posting Place: District VBDC Headquarter with travel to PHCs/ SCs/ Villages and other places as relevant.
- (x) Deliverables: The District VBD Specialist will be required to submit a Monthly Activity Report and Annual Report to DMO, SPO and Nodal Officer NCVBDC. Performance appraisal would include review of monthly activity reports, field visits, timely completion of activities & innovations done and annual assessment.
- (xi) Selection: Selection and appointment shall be carried out through advertisement followed by walk-in written test/ virtual or in person interview, if short listed.
- (xii) Training: The District VBD Specialist would be trained by NCVBDC Nodal Officer or representative on programme management, capacity building and technical issues on malaria prevention, control, and elimination.
- (xiii) Service Tenure: The candidate would be required to serve the organization till 31st March 2024 provided there is no termination of services by the organization.
- (xiv) Equal Opportunities: TCI Foundation is an equal opportunity employer. Employment at TCI Foundation is based solely on individual's merit and qualifications directly related to professional competence. TCI Foundation does not discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, caste, creed, colour, religion, gender, origin, disability, marital status, or any other basis protected by law.
- (xv) How to Apply: Candidates applying for the position are requested to adhere to following:
  - a) Check your eligibility.
  - b) Duly filled Application Form (link placed below)
  - c) Given the large volume of applications we receive, we are unable to respond to all applicants and our responses are limited to those who are short listed.
  - d) Merely fulfilling the eligibility and applying for the position does not entitle the candidate to be called for interview.
  - e) No TA/DA will be paid to attend the interview in person, if invited.
  - f) The advertised position can be cancelled/varied as per the discretion of the employer.

Last Date to Apply: 22 July 2022

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