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Technical Advisor (Consultancy) Guinea Worm Eradication Program (GWEP)

(Multiple Assignments in various locations including: South Sudan, Chad, Mali, Ethiopia)

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Summary:

The Carter Center has multiple Technical Advisor assignments available in South Sudan, Chad, Mali, and Ethiopia. Technical Advisors (TA) provide technical and managerial support (on behalf of The Carter Center) to Ministry of Health Guinea Worm Eradication Programs in South Sudan, Chad, Mali and Ethiopia within a specific coverage area (county or district). Technical advisors are responsible for the implementation and oversight of all interventions to stop Guinea Worm disease transmission within their given program coverage area.

TA are primarily supervised by National Coordinators for the country GWEPs, The Carter Center's Country Representative and Deputy Country Representative, and more regularly and directly by Regional Senior Technical Advisors.

TA are independent contractors and as such are offered short term contracts up to 180 days (6 months). A contractor may be offered multiple successive contracts over time. The contract provides a daily honorarium commensurate with experience and education. The daily honorarium can vary, however, the starting rate per day is usually US \$150.00. The contract also provides a daily rate to provide for accommodation, meals and incidentals. The transportation costs (transatlantic flights, in country flights and land movement) are provided as well.

These positions will be based in rural remote field settings, with 80% of the time spent will be working within villages. TA must be willing and able to walk long distances, perform effectively in a rural remote environment with limited access to resources/infrastructure, spend a minimum of 80% percent of time outdoors in a hot climate, and have the ability to work and make responsible, effective decisions in a challenging environment

Responsibilities:

1. Manage 5-12 field-level staff to implement interventions to stop Guinea Worm transmission. Field staff management includes training, planning, and direct field-level supervision. 80% of technical advisors' time is spent with field staff in villages working in a supportive/supervisory capacity. Field staff responsibilities, which technical advisors supervise, include:
 - a. Maintenance and supervision of community-based surveillance system including
 - i. Daily village volunteer and weekly area supervisor village visits
 - ii. Community mobilization for intervention implementation / health education
 - iii. Accurate recording of case information in village surveillance books
 - iv. Hold community meetings for volunteer selection
 - v. Train volunteer staff
 - vi. Conduct monthly meetings with volunteer staff

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- b. Intervention implementation through volunteer network with direct supervision
 - i. Distribution of cloth and pipe filters
 - ii. Health education and training on cloth and pipe filter use / care and Guinea Worm transmission / prevention
 - iii. Village based containment of guinea worm cases: daily treatment, health education, prevention of patients from entering water sources, case detection, and case confirmation
 - c. Application of chemical larvaecide (Abate), including measurement of water sources and correct summary of information.
 - d. Village level supervisory village visits with a focus on endemic villages based on needs, planning calendars, and program guidelines.
 - e. Oversee monthly summary of village-level case and summary data into carbonized forms for submission to sub-offices to ensure 100% of villages report monthly.
 - f. Collection of geographic coordinates for mapping.
 - g. Maintain positive relationships and share relevant information with community leaders and local authorities.
2. Oversight of transportation resources (motorcycles and vehicle) and stock (intervention materials, compound supplies) including vehicle maintenance sheets and stock inventories.
 3. Oversight of all technical aspects of GWD eradication, including surveillance, implementation of interventions used to interrupt transmission of GWD, and staff compliance with the GWEP operational guidelines.
 4. Developing an effective relationship with residents of endemic communities to engage their active participation in the eradication of GWD.
 5. Effective communication and coordination with local, county, state, and national authorities regarding the status and needs of the GWEP, particularly advocacy for the provision and or rehabilitation of safe sources of drinking water.

Qualifications:

- Proficiency in written and spoken fluency in French required, as well as on the ground work experience in field-based international programs. Additional proficiency in Amharic is a plus.
- Master of Public Health degree and a minimum of 2 years of Public Health experience with community-based programs, preferably in Africa, is required.
- TAs are posted to remote rural areas where disease transmission is endemic, and must be prepared to work and live in such areas, operating out of sub-offices of the GWEP.
- Demonstrated experience with the preparation of technical reports, budgets, plans of action, and management of inventories.
- Demonstrated ability to build team work.
- Ability to make sound work judgments under difficult conditions, and to become technically effective with minimal level of attention from supervisors.
- Sound personal and professional conduct, and respect for the work of The Carter Center and the Ministry of Health.

To apply, all documents must be in Microsoft Word or PDF format. In the body of the e-mail, please indicate which location are you applying for: Chad, Ethiopia, Mali, or South Sudan.

Email Resume/CV, cover letter, location of assignment to: GuineaWorm.Recruitment@cartercenter.org.