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Jhpiego is an international, non-profit health organization affiliated with. For 40 years and in over 155 countries, Jhpiego has worked to prevent the needless deaths of women and their families. Jhpiego Corporation has been providing technical support to the Ministries of Health in partner countries across the globe for the past 40 years in a variety of technical areas including cervical cancer treatment and prevention, community health, HIV and AIDS, maternal and new-born health, health workforce capacity development (both pre-service and in-service), family planning, malaria, and IPC/WASH.

MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership (MCGL) is part of a suite of innovative awards funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to holistically improve family planning (FP) and maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) in host countries around the world. MCGL Sierra Leone is a field buy-in project focused at the national and district levels to support the Government of Sierra Leone and local partners to maintain the population's access to and use of essential MNCH services and FP/RH care within the current context of COVID-19. The project will also work towards ensuring the provision of safe water, sanitation, and hygienic (WASH) conditions within MCGL-supported facilities, and adherence to evidence-based hygiene behaviors within the COVID-19 context. MCGL Sierra Leone will work on capacity and systems strengthening at multiple levels of the health system.

The following vacant position is available for immediate filling:

Technical Advisor - Family Planning and Maternal Newborn Health/Quality Improvement (1 Position)

Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Position Reports To: Country Director

Position Overview:

Jhpiego is seeking a Family Planning and Maternal Newborn Health/Quality Improvement (FPMNH/QI) Technical Advisor to provide technical and program support in the areas of family planning, maternal and newborn health, with a wide range of potential activities, including support of the implementation of high-quality technical approaches to family planning, MNH service delivery continuity; translation of global guidance into recommended health system actions; and critical review of current evidence and corresponding gaps in policy, guidelines, and action at country level. The FPMNH/QI Technical Advisor will also work to improve the quality of health service implementation at district and facility levels by aligning interventions with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS), District Health Management team, and facility teams and collaborating with relevant local partners including Sierra Leone Midwives association, FOCUS 1000 and Health Alert, ensuring the institutionalization of quality assurance and quality improvement.

Responsibilities:

- Provide quality technical assistance to country programs by facilitating and implementing activities, and supporting country programs with strategic program guidance, training, and capacity building. Contribute to the development of evidence-based, methodologically-sound clinical training materials and standards, mentoring systems, and other materials needed for program implementation. Ensure that the programs that are assisted are technically sound, evidence-based, and responsive to the priorities and needs of the countries and donors.
- Provide input to and ensure quality technical approaches are implemented in county programs by working closely with program staff to provide inputs into country work plans and reports and to review program data and results to inform decision-making and technical strategies.
- Coordinate the assessment and analysis of clinical service delivery issues that impede access to care, and the development and testing of appropriate strategies for long-term, sustainable resolution. Support FP/MNH

innovations and the development of new products and approaches in FP/MNH including LARC service provision, essential and basic and/or comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care, advancement of program efforts to strengthen MNH service delivery platforms, family planning integrated into maternal health care (including postpartum and post-abortion care) and quality improvement strategies to support FPMNH care, and other areas. Coordinate the design of implementation research that may promote new initiatives and innovations for future adoption, i.e. in the area of MNH integration.

- Work with relevant parties to finalize national quality improvement clinical standards in Family Planning, maternal newborn, and child health, malaria, emergency care, and communicable and non-communicable disease prevention and control.
- Support training on quality improvement using MoHS quality improvement approach.
- Assess, identify gaps, provide feedback, and report on the status of meeting QI/QA FP/MNH clinical standards. Develop action plans to assist in the implementation of appropriate measures in healthcare facilities. Provide monitoring, mentoring, and refresher training when necessary.
- Provide technical assistance in building the capacity of the county and district-level staff related to FP/MNH quality standards.
- Submit regular activity reports on identified gaps, measures implemented, achievements, challenges, outcomes, and opportunities for improvement to the MoHS.
- Represent USAID Momentum /Jhpiego to donors, partners (including WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, FIGO and ICM), and other external stakeholders. Assist in establishing and maintaining strategic partnerships with counterparts and donors to maximize USAID's MOMENTUM /Jhpiego's impact. Engage in the business development/proposal process by identifying and supporting new opportunities and by contributing to the technical design, writing, and review of new proposals
- Actively participate in MNH knowledge management activities by ensuring knowledge sharing and best practices are shared with staff globally, and that existing knowledge is leveraged in planning, decision-making, and providing technical assistance. Support the documentation of program results in international conferences and peer-reviewed journals and publications
- Provide support to the realization of external communication priorities including supporting the development of success stories, blogs, and other program and technical-related communication materials that demonstrate Jhpiego's technical expertise, results, and programming excellence

Required Qualifications:

- Nurse, midwife, or physician with MPH or equivalent experience
- Five years of relevant technical experience implementing and/or managing field-based FP/MNH programs
- Demonstrated experience in the strategic design and implementation of capacity-building programs for improving service delivery and/or human and organizational performance
- Ability to develop technical programs and technical staff in the areas of family planning, maternal and newborn health, performance, and quality improvement
- Awareness of, sensitivity to, and experience in working in multiple socio-economic settings and with multi-cultural staff and groups
- Ability to develop productive working relationships with counterparts in other agencies and organizations worldwide
- Proven leadership and management skills with the ability to multi-task
- Strong verbal, written, and presentation skills
- Excellent skills in facilitation, team building, and coordination
- Fluent English language skills
- Flexibility to work in Kailahun and Pujehun

Preferred Qualifications:

- Strong clinical background and experience

Qualified persons are required to send their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and application letter to:
SL-Recruitment@jhpiego.org Clearly state the position you are applying for when applying.

The deadline for the submission of applications is 23rd December 2022. Please note that given the likely high volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.