

Case Management Officer Bioko Island Malaria Control Project

The Bioko Island Malaria Control Project (BIMCP), funded by Marathon Oil Corporation, seeks to substantially reduce morbidity and mortality caused by malaria on Bioko Island. The BIMCP's interventions are centered on indoor residual spraying, distribution of long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets, case management, and monitoring and evaluation. The project includes a substantial investment in human resources development and a strong commitment to capacity-building and integration. The objective will be to prepare the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Equatorial Guinea to assume full responsibility for the management of the BIMCP's malaria control activities. MCDI implements the BIMCP together with partner organizations including Yale University, Texas A&M University's AgriLife Research, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the South African Medical Research Council (MRC).

Overview of Position: The Case Management Officer (CMO) is responsible for the development, implementation, technical backstopping and coordination of MCDI's activities in the field of malaria case management at hospital and health center levels and at the patient and/or caretaker level. The CMO oversees the BIMCP's capacity building activities (relating to malaria detection and case management) within the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, and ensures close collaboration between project staff and the MOH staff seconded to the project. The CMO is also responsible for back-stopping the Health Management Information System.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience required of the Case Management Officer

- Medical Doctor with Master's degree either in Public Health, Medical Parasitology or Tropical Medicine, and at least 5 years experience in clinical medicine, preferably internal medicine/pediatrics and/or infectious diseases/tropical medicine.
- At least three years of experience in the planning and management of malaria control projects in developing countries. Experience in the management of uncomplicated and complicated malaria and use of new combination treatments and rapid diagnostic tests.
- Good interpersonal skills, team player, able to work under stress. Sensitivity to the concerns of the developing world and able to work with local and national authorities and community-based providers from different cultural backgrounds.
- Adequate experience with data analysis, technical report writing, scientific publications. Experience in producing articles for peer-reviewed journals
- Good oral and written communication skills, Spanish with knowledge of English and/or French an additional asset.
- Highly computer literate, familiar with Windows® programs for word-processing, spreadsheets, database management, statistical analysis, presentations, and electronic communication.

Roles and Responsibilities include:

Program Oversight

Developing and regularly monitoring and updating the in-country program action plan for case management, and ensuring its timely and effective implementation; providing technical assistance for malaria case management activities at Government hospitals and health centers; ensuring the supply of appropriate quantities of ACT and other drugs and medical supplies procured by the BIMCP and undertaking regular supervision rounds in collaboration with MOH counterparts; providing technical assistance for enhanced provision of Intermittent Preventive Therapy for pregnant women (IPTp); working with the BIMCP Monitoring and Evaluation Officer to support and enhance the health information system; and fostering the integration strategy developed by the BIMCP and approved by Marathon Oil Company.

Capacity Building of National Staffs

Coordinate with the BIMCP II HRD Consultant to develop a realistic and measurable set of capacity-building and job-transfer benchmarks against which performance in transferring skills, competencies and responsibilities for technical and managerial duties to designated national counterpart(s) are assessed. Also work with the HRD Consultant to identify sources of training overseas in relevant aspects of case management and laboratory procedures and quality control, and assist with coordination of training arrangements. In addition, provide on-the-job mentoring, job coaching and supervision to national counterpart(s), ensuring that progress is achieved in transferring skills, competencies and job responsibilities as per the performance benchmarks established.

IEC/Behavior Change Communication

With technical support from the BIMCP IEC/BCC Consultant, implement an effective IEC program for case management, based on the IEC/BCC Strategic Plan developed for the BIMCP. Ensure that IEC activities are implemented in a coordinated/integrated manner wherever possible.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Supervise and reinforce the Malaria Information System (MIS), ensuring that data from patient registers are being compiled and processed in a routine, accurate and timely fashion; organize and participate in quarterly supervision rounds of all Government health facilities in close collaboration with the MOH and the National Malaria Control Program; facilitate the collection and analysis of clinical data on resistance to malaria drugs, and the institutionalization of such activity.

Representation/Outreach

Represent MCDI and the BIMCP in relevant meetings with the MOH, the National Malaria Control Program, Marathon Oil and partner organizations.

Interested parties should submit CV and at least three professional references to: jobs@mcd.org

The Subject line should read: BIMCP Case Management Officer