



Job Posting Title

Innovation Policy Analyst, Access Campaign

Company

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international humanitarian organization that delivers impartial medical care to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from health care in over 70 countries.

We welcome candidates who bring a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences to join us in working toward MSF's common mission.

Department

Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, healthcare exclusion and natural disasters. MSF offers assistance to people based only on need and irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation.

Created in 1999, the MSF Access Campaign (AC) is an MSF advocacy entity guided by MSF's charter, and dedicated to serve MSF's social mission. Deeply rooted in MSF's medical operations, the AC works to tackle barriers to people's access to medical care, ensuring that quality products such as medicines, vaccines and diagnostics are available, affordable and adapted to people in MSF projects and beyond, now and for the future. The AC is hosted by MSF International, the legal entity that binds MSF's 21 sections, 24 associations and other offices together.

Project

The Innovation Policy Analyst reports to the MSF USA Director of Programs and the Head of Policy of the Access Campaign. May supervise interns, volunteers or consultants.

Tasks

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE POSITION

To conduct analysis and monitor policy and political developments in the US on issues related to medical R&D and access to affordable innovation, including on transparency, intellectual property and other incentives for innovation, and how these may impact innovation and access discussions globally.

- to conduct research for and development of advocacy materials on medical R&D and policies to ensure access to appropriate (needs-based) and affordable products.
- to perform external representation of MSF Access Campaign, in particular on issues connected to medical R&D.
- to liaise with MSF-USA team members engaged in medical research, field, medical support and innovation to share analysis.

As needed, (s)he also contributes to the development and execution of advocacy strategies, development of communications materials and administrative activities of the Access Campaign in MSF USA.

II. MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Policy Analysis and Research (50%)

On behalf of the Access Campaign, conducts policy analysis and research that critically analyzes the research, innovation and access policies and practices of critical public and private institutions in the US, including opportunities for change, in order to inform the AC's engagement and possible advocacy strategies towards catalyzing specific R&D activities of interest to the AC while fostering an enabling environment for needs-driven innovation and access to essential medicines, vaccines, and diagnostic tools. This includes:

- Monitoring the research community for original initiatives/projects that provide alternative thinking and practice around medical innovation, and as appropriate engage, document, and catalyze their participation to the national/global debates on medical innovation
- Analyze policies, practices and new proposals from the United States impacting availability and affordability of preventative, therapeutic, and diagnostic tools
- In collaboration with the MSF-USA Advocacy Advisor, analyze the policies, practices and new proposals from global health actors represented in the US and involved in medical R&D;
- Informed by MSF operations medical needs, provides regular inputs to the policy team and other members of the AC on the state of play and evolution of policies and debates in the United States on R&D and access to medical innovations to feed the discussion and work of the AC;
- Develop, propose and conduct advocacy and strategic engagement actions, in particular on transparency on R&D and access to medical innovation, funding and public return on public investments in R&D, and other topics as suggested by the Head of policy.

b. Writing support to the AC Policy team (15%)

- Prepare background documents and briefing notes on the above.
- Contribute to development of new Access Campaign documents, including drafting and editing reports, articles, briefings.
- Prepare memos and reports with recommendations for policy positions, strategic projects and advocacy for the AC.

c. External engagement and representation (25%)

- Directly engage external stakeholders in support of MSF Access Campaign analysis and advocacy strategies and objectives, including represent Access Campaign at external events, speaking in public events and responding to media queries when necessary.
- Cultivate and develop a network of contacts with key US stakeholders within public institutions, private sector, academic networks, and civil society organizations.
- Respond to requests for information and assistance from within MSF.
- Coordinate and/or support meetings organizations, external events planning, and execution related to Access Campaign work.

d. MSF-USA engagement (10%)

- Attends and prepares updates to biweekly MSF-USA Advocacy meetings
- Coordination with AC Advocacy Advisor on MSF-USA AC initiatives
- Contributes to content creation for Dynamics system for AC contacts
- Participation in Advocacy and Policy discussions, debates and programs at MSF-USA
- Participation in strategic plan implementation, annual plan/annual budget organization and documentation for MSF-USA US based Access Campaign

- Support as needed in Program Department or other departments for policy and advocacy related tasks
- Availability to contribute to MSF-USA Development and/or Communications initiatives as requested
- Support to MSF-USA Associative engagements as they relate to AC priorities (General Assembly, Evening Debates, etc).

Supervision

Supervise interns, volunteers or consultants to manage their work and provide needed administrative or research support. Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws.

Accounting

May assist in submitting general departmental invoices, credit card and expense reports for processing by Finance.

III. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to sit for long periods and to concentrate on work. Must be able to proofread own work and work of others accurately so that only minor corrections are needed on an infrequent basis.

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully performs the essential functions of this job.

IV. WORKING CONDITIONS, TRAVEL AND ENVIRONMENT

The duties of the job require regular attendance 5 days/week for a minimum of 35 hours. Must be available to work before 9:00 am, after 5:00 pm or on weekends, as required.

Must be able to travel as required for standard domestic and international business travel as well as to MSF field projects. While performing the duties of this job in the field, the employee may be exposed to precarious settings under high security and/or very basic living conditions and outside weather conditions, as well as to infectious diseases.

Qualifications

- Genuine commitment to MSF's medical and humanitarian principles.
- At least 4 years of experience of international advocacy related to health issues, in particular access to medicines and medical innovation, and deep understanding of medical R&D and of A2M policies, with a demonstrable network of contacts with relevant policy makers, the research community, NGOs, academics in the international health field.
- Preferable previous related experience and or knowledge and interest congressional and US government policy-making processes.
- Demonstrated experience in research and policy work around R&D pathways and portfolio's, R&D priority setting and R&D incentive mechanisms, in particular in the context of global health needs and access.

- Master or graduate degree in biomedical research, pharmacy, medicine or global health preferred.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Strong written and oral communication skills, including non-technical writing.
- Excellent research skills.
- English fluent, additional languages an asset.
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment.
- Flexibility in schedule, including availability to travel (up to 20%).

Type

HQ

Pay Class

Full Time Exempt

Contract Type

Open ended Contract

Additional Information

Starting salary high 80s to low 90s (commensurate with experience).

Desired Hiring Date

Mid-April

Working Time %

100,00

How to Apply

To apply, send letter of interest/cover letter and resume to: employment.msfusa@newyork.msf.org,

ATTN: **Innovation Policy Analyst, Access Campaign** position. **Submissions without cover letter will not be reviewed. No phone calls please.**

Please note that relocation assistance and visa sponsorship will be offered for this position.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 20, 2019