

## Clinical Nutrition Protocol Consultant

Position: Clinical Nutrition Protocol Consultant  
Location: Home-based (Or office-based dependant on location)  
Contract: Fixed-term  
Duration: 3 Months (Non-Extendable)  
Starting date: ASAP  
Deadline for applications: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### I. MSF INTERNATIONAL

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.

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### II. POSITION BACKGROUND

Hospital and disease-related nutritional care has been a neglected field in MSF. This is primarily because there have been several other competing priorities, especially in emergency settings, where the primary focus has been on paediatrics and managing malnutrition in children under 5 years old. The emergence of increasing numbers of large and complex hospital projects in MSF, highlighted the significant need to improve the delivery of nutritional care to ALL our patients to meet their specific needs.

The overall objective of this body of work, is to integrate nutritional care into general health care provided to patients, in a patient centred approach. The desired outcome, of this objective, is to assure the optimum nutrition status of each patient and to manage the disease related nutrition complications in the most effective manner by health care staff

The purpose of the position of Clinical Nutrition Protocol Consultant is to support the NWG to develop specific hospital & disease-related nutrition tools to be implemented in MSF hospitals.

### III. PLACE IN THE ORGANISATION

The Clinical Nutrition Protocol Consultant reports to the nutrition adviser of MSF operational centre Barcelona & Belgium (1.5 months each). These Nutrition advisers will further coordinate with the head of the Nutrition Working Group.

### IV. OBJECTIVES OF THE POSITION

The objective of this position is to develop and update, hospital nutrition protocols for implementation in the "humanitarian" setting.

Deliverables for this priority include a package of tools to:

- Assess a patient's nutritional status and needs

- Deliver simplified nutrition therapeutic interventions
- Improve inpatient monitoring & management of nutritional needs, along with realistic discharge strategies into outpatient care.

The consultant will also be responsible to update existing, or formulate new, hospital protocols for both adults and children adapted to a humanitarian setting. The clinical nutrition protocol will serve as an easy to use manual to be implemented as part of the daily care of patients by various clinical staff (not necessarily with a nutrition background).

## V. EXPECTED RESULTS

- A workplan and deliverables plan is prepared during the first week
- To develop or update the specific clinical nutrition protocols & tools (assessment, monitoring, referral, discharge), covering the following topics for both adults and children:
  - Burns
  - Enteral feeding
  - TB/HIV
  - Surgery

## VI. PROFILE REQUIREMENTS

- Degree Bachelors/Masters in Nutrition & Dietetics or equivalent
- Experience (more than 3 years) as hospital dietitian or in similar positions in the humanitarian/private sector at international/national level. (experience in developing countries/MSF/NGO is desirable)
- Preferred experience in both hospital adult and paediatric nutrition.
- Level of planning: strategic, priority setting for self or other
- Capacity for autonomy
- Language proficiency in English is essential (French is an asset)
- IT literacy
- Excellent writing skills

### **Specific Requirements:**

- Knowledge, and experience in hospital nutrition care related to: Enteral feeding, HIV/TB, Burns, Surgery, etc is an asset
- Specific technical skills in developing and writing clinical nutrition protocols is desirable
- Utilisation of updated evidence-based approach in developing clinical hospital nutrition protocols

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*Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted*

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