I. MSF INTERNATIONAL

Médecins Sans Frontoières (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.

MSF International is the legal entity that binds MSF’s 21 sections, 25 associations and other offices together. Based in Geneva, MSF International provides coordination, information and support to the MSF movement, and implements international projects and initiatives as requested.

Médecins Sans Frontoières set up the MSF Access Campaign in 1999 to address systemic challenges and improve access to existing medical tools (medicines, diagnostics and vaccines) and to stimulate the development of urgently needed better tools for people in countries where MSF works and beyond. The priorities of the Access Campaign are guided by the medical challenges faced by MSF and its patients in its operational settings. The primary goals of the MSF Access Campaign are to increase affordable access to essential medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, and other health technologies critical to MSF’s medical operations, while simultaneously analysing the underlying political and technical barriers to access and advocating for both ad-hoc and systemic solutions.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE POSITION

Under the supervision of the MSF Access Campaign Head of Regional Advocacy, the MSF Access Campaign SEEAP (South East, East Asia, Pacific) Advocacy Advisor implements effective advocacy strategies towards governments, non-governmental stakeholders, pharmaceutical companies, and the research community in East Asia to support the objectives of the MSF Access Campaign (AC).

The position holder leads on customizing and delivering international objectives of the MSF AC in the South East, East Asia, Pacific region and supports collaboration of the Access Campaign with relevant MSF offices in the region.

The SEEAP advocacy Advisor is responsible to:

- Within the objectives of the Access Campaign strategy and annual plans: analyse trends and opportunities at regional level (both regional institutions and key countries) and advise on new opportunities and threats; based on this analysis, work with AC and other MSF colleagues to implement advocacy strategies and plans. Priority areas include Covid_19 vaccines and diagnostics, Intellectual property (TRIPS Covid Waiver), tuberculosis (TB), vaccines
✓ Develop Regional strategies (contextualization of global objectives, identification of clear and achievable objectives, Stakeholder mapping, regional global health / Political events, activity plan, budget.
✓ Develop and strengthen the engagement with civil society and governments, and interact with medical and research institutions;
✓ Ensure alignment and excellent collaboration between the AC internationally and the MSF sections in the region; identify concrete synergies and support the development of specific advocacy plans with the sections
✓ Strengthen alliance with MSF association
✓ Act as campaign liaison for East Asia-based operation teams to increase their awareness on medical-political issues affecting access in the field and support them to achieve access solutions and when appropriate advocacy plans.
✓ Report back on achievements and keep track of stakeholders interactions
✓ Participate in MSF AC calls (team call and dossiers calls)

III. MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Develop and support MSF AC advocacy strategy in SEEAP
   • Provide support and facilitate collaboration on advocacy strategies and approaches to achieve AC regional objectives in the region with a particular focus on Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, with MSF Japan and South Korea advocacy team and with MSF operations in the region when relevant to the medical priority dossiers;
   • Support and contribute to continuous monitoring and analysis of policies and stakeholders influential on issues relevant for the AC in the region to underpin the advocacy strategy;
   • Contribute to the development and strengthening of engagement with civil society and governments, and interact with medical and research institutions in the region;
   • Collaborate with other AC teams in the region and keep the management informed on potential developments;
   • Develop advocacy strategies and approach in SEEAP for Covid-19 products (priority to diagnostics, vaccines and transversal), TB project and access to insulin;
   • Coordinate with MSF AC Communications Department to support any relevant communications;
   • Support ad hoc delivery of other objectives in MSF AC SEEAP Plan of Action as needed;
   • Ensure representation and advocate for MSF AC messages on key global health events (WHO EB, WHA, regional meetings etc.);
   • Work with relevant MSF sections and AC colleagues to support planning and delivery of negotiations and campaigns to lower prices and/or secure production of diagnostics, drugs and vaccines by Japanese, Chinese and Korean companies;
   • Maintain excellent effective coordination with the Humanitarian Representative to the ASEAN and the Humanitarian Representation Team representative in Japan, South Korea and Australia supporting development and delivery of coherent messages to support the objectives of MSF’s Access Campaign in the region;
   • Develop collaboration with the MSF associations in the region, ensuring MSF AC activities are presented during MSF General Assemblies in the region.

2. Networking
   • Maintain and expand network with policy makers, NGO’s, academics (participate in meetings, panel discussions, briefings of policy makers etc.);
   • Monitor AC relevant government positions and ensure MSF positions are shared with governments;
3. **Access Campaign medical priority dossiers**
   - Liaise and Input into advocacy work plan in Japan Australia and South Korea
   - Raise awareness about access problems and the innovation crisis for neglected diseases, and the failure of market-based Research & Development mechanisms. Increase support for alternative models and entry of new producers
   - In coordination with the other advocacy Advisor in the region establish contacts with relevant research groups based in the region and facilitate cooperation with field projects when appropriate;
   - Ensure MSF AC messages are reflected Key Global Health events (UHC, G20 etc.)

4. **Generics and intellectual property**
   - Promote MSF analysis on fair pricing and R&D to relevant stakeholders and counter misinformation frequently disseminated by others;
   - Provide information to regional stakeholders and work with them on IP issues when necessary.

5. **Field support for operational cells based in East Asia**
   - Provide regular up-to-date information on access issues as well as relevant external developments and initiatives such as the Global Fund, WHO, WTO and others;
   - Respond to and support East Asia operational teams on access issues as and when they arise.

6. **Other**
   - Undertake other ad hoc tasks as required by the Head of Regional Advocacy

IV. **REQUIREMENTS**

**Essential skills and experience**
   - Genuine interest in and commitment to the humanitarian principles of MSF;
   - Minimum 6 years directly related professional experience, plus relevant Master’s Degree; or equivalent combination of education and experience;
   - Demonstrated advocacy experience in the area of global health;
   - Proven and demonstrated analytical and political skills; excellent judgment and diplomacy; comfort with advocacy role. Experience coordinating civil society advocacy activities;
   - Ability to research, analyse, and synthesise complex medical and political topics so as to write reports and high-level business correspondence, and effectively present information to internal and external audiences including senior government, NGO and UN officials;
   - Ability to work independently, move projects from conceptual stages to launch, and handle multiple and often competing deadlines;
   - Excellent verbal and written communications skills including ability to adapt style to suit a wide range of audiences;
   - Analytical and strategic thinking skills;
   - Proven ability to work under tight deadlines and to manage multiple tasks;
   - Ability to work independently to general guidelines; capacity to take initiatives and seize opportunities;
   - Strong interpersonal skills including accessible and friendly telephone manner;
   - Computer literate.

**Desirable skills and experience**
   - Policy and/or advocacy experience in Global Health with, TB, IP/R&D or vaccine policy preferred;
• MSF field experience or other developing country experience with an access-related component (e.g. HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria) strongly preferred;
• Knowledge and experience using media databases and media monitoring programs;
• Previous work experience in the region and in the field experience is a plus;
• Experience with MSF or other medical/humanitarian NGO experience in an advocacy role.

Other
• Fluent spoken and written English (mother tongue equivalent);
• Ability to speak and read a language of the region is an asset;
• Frequent international travel (estimated travel 30-40%).

At MSF, we are committed to an inclusive culture that encourages and supports the diverse voices of our employees. We welcome applications from individuals of all genders, ages, sexual orientations, nationalities, races, religions, beliefs, ability status, and all other diversity characteristics.