Infectious Diseases Policy and Advocacy Advisor
MSF Access Campaign

Title: Infectious Diseases Policy and Advocacy Advisor
Based: in any MSF offices
Contract: 12 months with possible extension- Full time position
Reporting to: Head OR Deputy of Policy and Advocacy, Access Campaign

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.

Created in 1999, the Access Campaign (AC) is an MSF Campaign 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 23 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.

II. POSITION BACKGROUND

The Infectious Diseases Policy and advocacy advisor works with the TB/AMR/HIV/HCV/ABR and diagnostics teams to develop and implement the Access Campaign’s ID streams advocacy strategies, raise awareness of the obstacles that prevent adequate care of populations in need, and encourage other actors to assume their responsibilities towards affected populations in MSF contexts.

Based on the current ID operational areas prioritized by MSF for the Access Campaign the current allocation of time:

- **Primary workstream is TB**
- Secondary workstreams include AMR, HIV, HCV, emerging infectious diseases – to ensure workload is manageable, allocation of time for secondary workstreams will need to be clarified and regularly monitored.

The Policy and advocacy advisor drives policy analysis and advocacy efforts to achieve the objectives and strategies of the Infectious disease dossiers of the Access Campaign, which are to (a) promote access to affordable, adapted and quality-assured health products for optimal program management (primarily diagnosis and treatment) and improved patient outcomes within MSF programs, based on
priorities set by Medical and Operations Directors. (b) ensure enabling international policies are in place, and (c) secure greater support for research and development (R&D) and supply of diagnostic and treatment tools adapted to the needs and realities in MSF settings and lower and middle income countries in general.

The ID Policy and advocacy Advisor supports the various disease streams of the Access Campaign and works in close collaboration with relevant AC colleagues and with MSF technical working groups of medical advisors.

The ID Policy and advocacy Advisor is responsible for driving and coordinating the policy analysis and advocacy activities of the Access Campaign and for:

- Coordinating relevant policy analysis, research needs and developing briefers, position papers and other relevant public material.
- Coordinating the development of global and specific advocacy strategies, in collaboration with relevant AC team members from policy and advocacy/Medical/Pharmacy/Communications focal points, Operational Centers and field teams for the various ID specific teams in the AC.
- Coordinate strategies, activities and internal and external communications of the TB dossier and supporting with policy input, analysis and strategy development in other ID dossiers
- Ensuring coherence, synergies and of AC disease specific action plans. Assuring alignments with key transversal policy areas and monitoring and reporting on progress/achievements in collaboration with MSF sections where appropriate.
- Working alongside members of the AC medical, diagnostics and pharma teams to identify opportunities and threats related to MSF operational priorities and positions for the Infectious disease dossiers.
- Working alongside members of the TB, AMR HIV, HCV, EID teams in identifying opportunities and strategic targets for advocacy; key government representatives, UN agencies, donors, NGOs, Global Health actors, CSOs, opinion leaders and experts.

### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

**Strategic Planning**

- Works with colleagues across the AC to coordinate development of overall strategic objectives as well as annual action plans, to be proposed to the AC MT.
- For the primary workstream of TB:
  - Coordinates and leads AC team members working on TB (clinician, pharma, diagnostic, law and policy, associated regional advocacy and coms referents) to develop annual plans, objectives, deliverables, aligned with the frame of the SC SP.
  - Oversees TB related strategic planning meetings and manages AC team presence and engagement at relevant high-level platforms and conferences.
- For the secondary workstreams, he/she will take a strategic policy advisory role in regular team and strategic planning meetings for the other infectious disease and transversal areas.

**Internal MSF coordination**

- Liaises with operations, medical advisors, and advocacy staff throughout the MSF movement providing or coordinating input into strategy and engagement on Access Campaign ID theme specific advocacy initiatives.
- Engages relevant MSF sections through regular advocacy calls, headquarter visits, liaison with MSF advocacy focal points for key global health actors, while also supporting analysis and advocacy of selected field projects in coordination with HQs.
Policy Analysis & Advocacy

- Coordinate and lead the process of developing the Access Campaign analysis and advocacy on the removal of policy barriers to improve diagnostics and treatment for the disease areas of focus.
- Act as a spokesperson for MSF with media, external actors and public events and oversees/coordinate the writing of policy papers, reports and other briefing documents.
- Provides analysis of relevant ID global health issue areas and implications for MSF field operations as well as an overview of MSF’s positions and operational experience.

Network

- Participate actively in, represent or coordinate MSF presence in key fora on ID health policy relevant to MSF context settings.
- Build and manage coalitions and partnerships with advocacy colleagues, scientists, and patient groups to promote expanded, accelerated research, treatment, and care for priority targeted disease areas.
- Represent MSF at national and international conferences and organize working groups, roundtables and other fora to strategize on specific policy issues.
- Explore the emerging wider social justice and ‘one health’ movement to build synergies and build collaborations on shared objectives.

IV. PROFILE REQUIREMENTS

Required

- Postgraduate degree in a relevant field such as public health, law, economics, public policy, international development, politics
- At least 6 years of experience in developing and implementing health policy analysis and advocacy at a senior level.
- Program and policy implementation (in resource limited settings and/or Humanitarian context) and advocacy experience in the area of TB and any one of the other ID thematic areas listed.
- Excellent strategic thinking and planning skills, with a track record of crafting and coordinating advocacy activities and public campaigns.
- Ability to conduct internal coordination (e.g., with technical platforms) and high-level external representation (e.g., WHO, UN Actors, Global Health Actors, Funders other NGOs, civil society/activist groups)
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills
- Experience working in projects in resource limited settings on health or related fields, ideally with MSF
- Sufficient technical understanding to inter-relate with policy, medical, scientific and operational experts.
- Strong knowledge of major institutions in the global health field and solid network in at least some of the thematic areas.
- Team player with the ability and interpersonal skills to succeed in a geographically dispersed and diverse team.
- Ability to adapt to changing circumstances, contexts, tasks, responsibilities and people.
- Ability to handle large volumes of work under pressure, tracking multiple projects or activities, and to deliver quality outputs within short deadlines
- Self-motivated, tenacious and enthusiastic
- Fluent written and spoken English. Additional language skills a distinct advantage.

Apply here