

## EU Policy & Advocacy Advisor – Access Campaign

Title:	EU Policy & Advocacy Advisor – Access Campaign
Location:	Brussels
Duration:	Long term contract, full time position
Reporting to:	Director of Policy and Analysis – Access Campaign
Starting date:	May 2016 (as soon as possible)
Application deadline:	26 January 2016

### THE MSF ACCESS CAMPAIGN

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is a leading international, independent, medical, humanitarian organisation, dedicated to providing medical humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations at times of conflict or disaster. In over 60 countries worldwide, MSF provides both life-saving emergency relief and longer-term assistance to make basic healthcare services available to the most vulnerable or excluded communities.

The Access Campaign was established in 1999 to 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. One of the important aspects of the Campaign's work is to advocate in key policy fora. The European Union (Council of Member States, European Commission and European Parliament) is an important actor in relation to access to medicines in developing countries and medical R&D, through its policies, legislation and its bilateral and regional free trade agreements. There is a crucial need to ensure that the EU adopts appropriate measures that will improve access to medicines in developing countries. There is also a need to advocate for EU policies that support needs-based innovation for resource-constrained settings.

### PLACE IN THE ORGANISATION

The EU Policy & Advocacy Advisor – Access Campaign reports directly to the Director of Policy and Analysis – Access Campaign.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE POSITION

The role of the EU Policy & Advocacy Advisor is to advise and to lead at the EU level the implementation of advocacy strategies across all the dossiers in the Campaign's portfolio (currently AIDS, TB, Hepatitis C, neglected tropical diseases, vaccines and innovation for neglected populations).

The main objectives of the position are:

- To establish and maintain fruitful contacts with the European Institutions (the European Parliament, European Commission, the Council of the EU, the permanent representations of the member states), the United Nations organisations EU representatives and the EU civil society, with the aim of influencing European policy developments relevant to access to medical tools in coordination with the MSF Representative to the EU.
- To advocate at the EU level for policies that stimulate access to and innovation for medical tools.
- To analyze and advise on the impact of EU policies on access to essential medical tools and recommend appropriate strategies to mitigate negative effects.

### **MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Advise on and then implement actions and strategies to influence policies that may be detrimental for access to medicines and to promote positive measures to improve access and innovation for medical tools at the EU level.
- Prepare background documents and briefing notes (for internal and external use) on the impact of EU policies on access to medicines; prepare regular updates for the AC team and MSF network on EU access issues.
- Provide members of the EU institutions with the Campaign's messages, and ensure an on-going relationship between the EU institutions and the Campaign, and in particular the European Parliamentary Working Group on innovation, access to medicines and poverty-related diseases.
- Maintain an EU external network of like-minded groups; Liaise with other EU NGOs, academics etc. involved in advocacy on access to medicines and medical innovation at European level.
- Identify and maintain contacts with the Brussels-based press corps on Access Campaign issues in cooperation with AC Press officer.
- Provide support on request to MSF sections on EU advocacy issues, in coordination where required with the MSF Representative to the EU.
- Provide support to the Campaign team and coordinate external and internal Campaign communication for specific advocacy or campaigning events involving the EU.
- Organise, coordinate external and internal EU meetings to increase knowledge and awareness about access to essential medicines at EU level.
- Present MSF Access Campaign positions on related issues for both external EU/Brussels conferences and internal MSF meetings at Operational Centre Brussels.



**PROFILE REQUIREMENTS**

- Masters in Politics /Law / Communication/Public relations with EU specificities
- At least 2 years of experience with EU level advocacy
- Interest in humanitarian issues and in the work of MSF
- Strong organizational and analysis skills and attention to detail
- Ability to work within a multicultural network and in a decentralised team
- Flexibility and ability to function well under pressure and independently
- Fluency in both written and spoken English required
- Strong communication abilities (oral and written) requested
- French is clear advantage

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"EU Policy & Advocacy Advisor" in the title.  
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