Access Officer – Diagnostic Network Optimization

Organization

FIND is an international non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, dedicated to R&D activities to expand and accelerate access to new diagnostic technologies, and to build global capacity for diagnostic testing for poverty-related diseases in low- and middle-income countries. FIND's vision is a world where diagnosis guides the way to health for all people. The FIND team is devoted to driving the development, clinical trialing, and early implementation of innovative diagnostic solutions that can have a high impact on patient care and disease control in low-resource settings.

Contract Period: This is a full-time position with an initial 12 months contract and possibility for extension

Location: Location in South Africa or India preferred, but other countries will also be considered. This is not a FIND Geneva-based position.

Overall objective

FIND is working with development and implementing partners, national disease programs and industry to develop strategies that address diagnostics-related barriers to patients accessing treatment and care services. In many instances, diagnostics may be available but not currently used due to a variety of barriers including health system weaknesses, access challenges and/or insufficient relevant data to support use. Diagnostic network design that increases patient access to diagnostic services whilst also cost effectively maximizing the use of available resources will assist national programs and donors to improve the efficiency of investments and service delivery.

As Access Officer, you will be working in a team under the supervision of the Chief Access Officer.

Job description

The Access Officer will work with the Access team and identified partners to implement a diagnostics network optimization project aimed at increasing access to diagnostic services as part of countries' Universal Health Coverage strategies. The Access Officer will form part of a team that leads implementation of network design and optimization projects that enable countries to find synergies, introduce efficiencies and drive access to diagnostic services. The Access Officer will be expected to gather, compile, model, validate and analyze health data. The data will then be used to understand the current trends in the diagnostic network and to make well-informed decisions. The Access Officer will work with the Access team to establish/maintain links with national health programs, research institutions, local and international implementing partners and other

institutions in order to advance the objectives of the diagnostic network optimization projects.

The specific activities will include but not be limited to:
- Collect, review and analyze national disease program data
- Identify opportunities for optimizing the diagnostic network using data trending
- Become proficient in the use of supply chain management software and contribute to building and analyzing country models for diagnostic network strengthening. Access officer will be required to learn and utilize LLamasoft's supply chain software and open access tool under development
- Together with relevant Access team members, national disease programs and partners, use national data to develop models for optimization of national diagnostic networks in identified countries
- Contribute to the development of the open access diagnostic network optimization tool to be developed
- Manage implementation of project activities in identified countries and ensure alignment with project objectives and targets
- Communicate FIND's achievements through publications and scientific presentations
- Write and support the writing of publications and scientific presentations (incl. travel for presentations) and donor reporting
- Regularly update supervisor (Chief Access Officer) and other Access team members on the progress and difficulties experienced

Requirements
- A clear understanding of health systems in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). A good understanding of tuberculosis, HIV, or diagnostics programmes would be an added benefit;
- Advanced degree in public health (MPH), MBA, industrial engineering, operations research, data science or similar field;
- Demonstrated experience in delivering on health systems strengthening projects with a strong data analytic component;
- At least 5 years' experience in project planning, execution and monitoring. Strong project management skills are required;
- Ability to work without close supervision as well as to work under pressure and meet tight timelines on a result-oriented basis;
- Willingness to expand knowledge base and take on new topics;
- Work well in teams of multi-cultural backgrounds;
- Ability to collaborate with national health programs to promote country ownership;
- Good interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills. Team oriented.
- Fluent in written and spoken English;

- Available for at least 30% travel.

Added Advantages:
- Knowledge based on direct experience of health systems challenges in LMICs will be added advantage
- Ability to independently learn the use of various data software would be an added advantage
- Experience in technical writing, including peer-reviewed journal publications will be an added advantage
- Knowledge of French language is an added advantage

To apply
Please send a motivation letter, a detailed CV and three references to hr-in@finddx.org

Application deadline: **19 April 2020**
(But don't wait until the deadline! We will start screening right away and if we find the right person, we will stop searching.)

Please note that only applicants meeting the profile requirements will be personally contacted. Applications sent by recruitment agencies will not be considered.