

## **Project Coordinator Networks for Optimized Diagnosis to END-TB (NODE)**

### **Organization:**

Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) is established in India as an independent non-profit created under Section 8 (Indian) Companies Act, 2013 with its office in New Delhi. The organization is dedicated to activities that result in: 1) new diagnostic tools; 2) expanded access to these tools; and 3) strengthened diagnostic testing capacity for poverty-related diseases. FIND India has several projects in TB, Hepatitis C (HCV), COVID-19, Malaria, Fevers and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

### **Background:**

FIND India is supporting the NTEP lab network through continued sustenance of service delivery and expansion of NTEP's diagnostic capacity for Drug Resistant-TB through development of 20 new C-DST labs, operationalisation of genome sequencing equipment and scaling up of the LIMS to all C-DST labs.

One of the strategic pillars in the NTEP's national strategic plan (NSP) is "Detect" which focuses on creating a comprehensive, high-quality TB diagnostic network to accurately and rapidly diagnose TB and link the patients with appropriate and timely treatment. The patient pathway analysis has highlighted the frequent disconnect between the availability and placement of diagnostic services and patient care seeking behaviour. Network design that is better aligned with patient health seeking behaviour is expected to help alleviate barriers to care and will assist governments and donors to improve the efficiency of investments and service delivery.

Under the project FIND India will work to scale up the diagnostic network optimization exercise to cover 10 large states across the country which contribute to majority of the testing volumes. These include Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Odisha, Telangana, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh.

The key activities and outputs under the project will include:

1. Coordinating collection of data from the identified districts in the State related to location of the Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT), TrueNat, their current capacity and utilisation, patient flow and status of sample referral systems.
2. Optimizing placement of existing CBNAAT and TrueNat devices in the public sector testing sites.
3. Estimate future demand for testing as upfront CBNAAT/NAAT is expanded to all newly diagnosed TB patients.
4. Map the location and capacity of TB diagnostic testing services in selected private sector labs and propose engagement models and referral patterns to optimize overall network efficiency and increase patient access to diagnosis.
5. Recommend the optimal sample referral network design from health facility to molecular testing site, plus on-referral for Culture (C)/Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST)/Linear Probe Assay (LPA) using multi-stop estimation method.

*For more information about the organization, please visit <http://www.finddx.org/>*

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**Location:** New Delhi

**Job description:**

The Project Coordinator shall be working under the supervision of the Regional Technical Specialist and Medical Officer of FIND India at FIND's office in New Delhi.

Responsible for project management, planning and supporting the concerned states and sites to ensure the smooth implementation of project;

- Coordinate with the state, sites, NRLs and CTD
- Oversee and provide necessary technical support to facilitate data collection and validation, coordination for implementation of project activities and communication with all stakeholders.
- Supervise and support the State Coordinators under the project.
- Support mapping of Health services and patient pathways to diagnosis.
- Provide technical inputs and state health infrastructure context to support data analysis and building optimization models.
- Support development of strategic plan for implementation of optimization models including specimen collection & transportation models in states.
- Follow up on project implementation and support evaluation of project progress to provide regular updates to key stakeholders.
- Lead in development of relevant documents under the project including guidance document, project report etc. with the help of technical team of FIND.
- Support reporting of indicators as per the M&E framework of the project.
- Any other responsibilities as identified from time to time.

**Experience and qualifications:**

- MBBS + MPH/MPA/MHA/MHM/MBA (Health administration/Health management) with 5 years of relevant work experience.
- Experience of leading a team in a similar assignment.
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate between multiple sites and ensure state adherence to project targets and mandates.
- Should have good communications skills and be proficient in basic computer applications like Word, Excel and Power Point.
- Have sound knowledge of data analysis, analytical software and ability to make meaningful interpretation for effective supervision.
- Willingness to travel if required and at short notice.
- Experience of working with a National Health program
- Experience of managing teams in the past.

**Nature of appointment:**

The selected candidate shall be offered a Fixed Term Employment contract for 3 years

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**Compensation offered:**

The gross remuneration budgeted for the position shall be commensurate with the qualifications, experience, and salary history, of the selected candidate.

**Deadline to send your application: 15 May 2021**

Please mail a motivation letter, a detailed resume and three references to [HR-IN@finddx.org](mailto:HR-IN@finddx.org).

(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.