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## **CONSULTANT Project Lead: Local production of blood glucose test strips**

### Project

FIND's NCD programme has a strong focus on better accessibility and affordability of blood glucose test strip for diabetes in low-and middle-income countries (LMIC). In the context of this project, we aim to analyze the current manufacturing situation, processes, suppliers and market opportunities for blood glucose test strips at global and LMIC level to assess if production of glucose test strips locally, i.e. in LMICs, can address the commonly encountered pricing and supply issues that hinder good access to these essential diabetes management tools in LMICs.

The project has four sets of activities across two workstreams (see high-level below). The activities will be executed by a team of FIND cross-functional staff, external consulting agencies and the project lead.

**Workstream 1 (WS1):** Global situational analysis – the glucose test strip production ecosystem

Activity 1 (A1) – Technical mapping and economic understanding of glucose test strip production

Activity 2 (A2) – Global & local manufacturing landscape

**Workstream 2 (WS2):** Country scenarios – concrete LMIC opportunities

Activity 1 (A1) – Deep-dive with two local manufacturers

Activity 2 (A2) – Market insights

### Your mission

The project has a duration of 10 months, and we are looking for a project lead to dedicate up to 40% of time to oversee and manage all project activities, as well as execute a specific set of activities.

In this position, you will be responsible for:

#### **Overall project management:**

- Ensure alignment between workstreams and activities; share insights and best practices across activities to maximize synergies and efficiency
- Coordinate and facilitate regular meetings with cross-functional staff, consulting agencies, and stakeholders to ensure alignment and progress
- Provide regular updates and reports to stakeholders on project progress, risks, and mitigation strategies
- Monitor project budget and resources allocation to ensure efficient use of resources throughout the project duration
- Ensure the quality of the final deliverable and its alignment with the expectations of FIND stakeholders

#### **Managing the different workstreams and activities:**

WS1A1: Technical mapping and economic understanding of glucose test strip production

- Coordinate with and guide consulting agency that will lead this activity

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- Facilitate the collection of feedback from FIND team throughout this activity.

WS1A2: Global & Local manufacturing landscape:

Lead this research, with support from cross-cutting teams at FIND. This will include:

- Perform desk research and analysis to identify global and local manufacturers, sources for regulatory frameworks, building of local production scenarios, understanding of market dynamics
- Develop and execute discussion guides for interviews with key public and private sector stakeholder interviews

WS2A1: Deep-Dive with Two Local Manufacturers & WS2A2:Market insights:

- Coordinate with and guide FIND cross-cutting team and consulting agency that will lead this activity
- Provide guidance based on learning from WS1

**Developing recommendations and final report:**

- Consolidate and analyse findings from both workstreams and develop recommendations
- Present findings and recommendations to stakeholders, including policymakers, healthcare providers, and industry partners, to advocate for policy changes and potential investment in local production capabilities

## Who you are

You are a highly motivated individual that is driven and committed to achieving our mission. You are a proactive, determined and goal-orientated person, strategic-minded and with proven leadership and management skills.

**Required qualifications and experiences:**

- Master's degree in a related field such as business administration (MBA)
- Market research experience including a minimum of 2 years in LMICs
- Experience with in vitro diagnostics or medical device manufacturing process is an advantage
- Strong project management experience, with a preference for candidates who have previously worked in a consulting firm

**Advantageous skills/competencies:**

- Ability to think strategically, handle ambiguity, and problem solve in a fast-paced, limited-structure, multicultural environment
- Pro-active and assertive approach, strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Proficiency in preparing clear and concise reports and presentations
- Capacity to adapt to changing projects requirements and resilience to overcome challenges encountered during the project
- Fluent in English, written and spoken

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**Type of role:** Consultancy for 10 months up to 40%

**Location:** Globally, within 5h of CET zone

**Reporting to:** Director Non-Communicable Diseases

Please note that due to high volume of applications, ONLY short-listed candidates will be contacted. FIND is dedicated to building an inclusive workforce where diversity is valued. FIND is an equal-opportunity employer. Every qualified applicant will be considered for this role. FIND does not discriminate based on race, colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, age, national origin, marital status, pregnancy, disability status, political ideology, military status, or any other attribute protected by applicable law.

**How to apply:** Should you be interested, please send a summary explaining why you are interested, what attributes and skills you bring to this role and a copy of your CV to [ncds@finddx.org](mailto:ncds@finddx.org) with the title: Application NCD programme Consultant Project Lead by 12-Apr-2024.

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