

Senior Consultant specialized in the programmatic management of drug-resistant TB

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KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the fight against tuberculosis (TB), still the second most deadly infectious disease in the world.

KNCV is an international center of expertise for TB control that promotes effective, efficient, innovative and sustainable tuberculosis control strategies in a national and international context. We are an organization of passionate TB professionals, including doctors, researchers, training experts, nurses and epidemiologists. We aim to stop the spread of the worldwide epidemic of TB and to prevent the further spread of drug-resistant TB.

Over the past century we have built a wealth of knowledge and expertise, initially by successfully controlling TB in the Netherlands. Since the 1970s, we are contributing experience in TB control to other countries as well. We operate from a central office in The Hague in the Netherlands, a regional office in Central Asia and country offices worldwide. KNCV raises funds from private, institutional and corporate donors and governments.

KNCV is the lead partner in Challenge TB, the USAID-funded 5-year global program to decrease TB mortality and morbidity in high burden countries. We lead an international consortium with eight partner organizations. The overarching strategic objectives of Challenge TB are to improve access to quality patient centered care for TB, TB/HIV, and drug-resistant TB services; to prevent transmission and disease progression; and to strengthen TB platforms.

Purpose of the position

KNCV TB foundation assists the development and implementation of comprehensive, evidence based and country specific packages of interventions on:

- a. Prevention of transmission of TB;
- b. Prevention of progression from latent TB infection to TB disease;
- c. Early diagnosis and effective treatment of all forms of TB disease;
- d. Overcoming barriers to care for special patients' groups.

The country specific packages are jointly developed with the respective national TB programs, based on epidemiological data, a thorough gap and resource analysis, and in

close consultation with stakeholders. Emphasis is placed on rational priority setting, sustainability, and the buy in from relevant stakeholders.

The specific purpose of this position is to assist countries and local partners to further develop their programmatic management of drug resistant TB (PMDT) as an integral part of good quality TB control.

The consultant will engage in the rapidly evolving spectrum of global developments in the field of PMDT and contribute to the Access Care team's effort to continuously develop the KNCV approach to drug resistant TB, in line with technological developments, through internal and external exchange.

Job profile

The senior consultant for PMDT:

- Provides regional and country level technical assistance and stimulates innovation in PMDT;
- Conducts or coordinates projects in his/her specific technical area, in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders;
- Participates in country teams, advising the KNCV country/regional directors on country-specific needs and content, and quality aspects of technical areas;
- Advises local partners on PMDT related issues;
- Contributes to the development and formulation of KNCV approaches and positions regarding PMDT in the framework of comprehensive TB control;
- Advises KNCV staff on developments and innovations in PMDT;
- Encourages and supports in-country operational research;
- Represents KNCV in international forum;
- Actively maintains personal in-depth knowledge of PMDT;
- Contributes to the KNCV knowledge management processes;
- Identifies and contributes to the development of new funding opportunities for KNCV-led projects, countries and local partners;
- Contributes to proposal writing;
- Maintains relations with partners and institutions.

The Senior Consultant PMDT reports to the Technical Coordinator of Team Access Care, based within the Technical Division. The Access Care team aims to improve access to quality prevention, early diagnosis and patient centered care for patients with all forms of TB in the framework of a comprehensive public health approach, to achieve better individual outcomes and public health impact.

The job requires frequent travel (25% -30% of the time).

Who are we looking for?

Education

- Medical Doctor with a masters' degree in public health, epidemiology or other relevant additional education.

Knowledge/Experience

- In depth knowledge and at least 4 years of post-qualification experience in the programmatic management of drug resistant TB;
- Demonstrated ability to review, analyze and advise all aspects of PMDT at national and international level;
- Hands-on experience in the clinical management of drug resistant TB is an advantage;
- Up to date knowledge of WHO policies on all aspects of the management of drug resistant TB, especially in relation to vulnerable groups;
- Up to date knowledge of ongoing and emerging issues in PMDT, including epidemiology, international policy, evidence development and (MDR) TB control strategies, especially regarding shorter MDR regimens, new drugs and new diagnostics;
- Is familiar with the global support mechanisms for PMDT (GDI, rGLCs, GDF, GFATM, GLI);
- Experience in developing and managing projects in coordination with Ministries of Health and international partners;
- Experience in the use of surveillance data for strategy and policy development;
- Knowledge of electronic tools for (second line) TB drug management;
- Experience in writing publications;
- Experience in teaching/training and capacity building;
- Experience in working in resource poor settings and/or Eastern Europe, Central Asia;
- Knowledge of relevant software applications;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English and one other relevant language.

Behavioral competencies and skills

- Ability to work as part of a team and independently;
- Ability to cope with a demanding work environment and to organize and prioritize workload;
- Ability to work in an international team.

What does KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation offer?

- A fixed-term contract for a year, with the intention to extend the contract;
- An informal work atmosphere in an international environment where initiative is appreciated;
- A highly-motivated team of experienced, self-driven colleagues;
- A salary commensurate with education and relevant working experience;
- KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation has its own Employment Conditions Scheme;
- Full-time employment consists of 38 hours per week.



Country:
Netherlands
Duty station:
The Hague
Organisation:
KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

Application and information

Your application (with curriculum vitae, motivation letter, 3 professional references) should be sent before 25th October 2015 to: KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, PO Box 146, 2501 CC The Hague, The Netherlands for the attention of: Ms. Larissa Lutmers. E-mail: recruit@kncvtbc.org under subject "170604 Senior PMDT Consultant".

For more information please contact us by phone: +31(0)70-4167222. For further information on KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation, please see www.kncvtbc.org.

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Apply before:
Sunday, October 25, 2015

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