

## **Background**

Akros is a cutting edge organization that establishes data-driven systems that improve the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged communities. We pride ourselves in our ground-level knowledge of the health systems where we work, and our ability to provide novel, lasting solutions implemented in developing regions.

The anticipated USAID Evidence for Health (EH) project will provide technical support to health offices, implementing partners, local partners and the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) stakeholders as each strives to improve data systems and utilization.

Akros is seeking a qualified Chief of Party for the upcoming opportunity. We present the anticipated scope of work for this position as follows. *Hiring of selected candidate is contingent upon successful award of the program to Akros.*

## **General Responsibilities**

The Chief of Party (COP) will be the principal point of contact in Zambia for procedural and substantive matters. The COP will coordinate and ultimately be responsible for results under this activity. The COP will be the primary liaison with USAID/Zambia and GRZ on technical matters. The COP will be responsible for responding to the COR and USAID/Zambia's Contracting Officer. The COP will also be responsible for ensuring control and the overall responsiveness of technical assistance provided under contract.

## **Specific Responsibilities**

1. Provide administrative, programmatic, and managerial oversight of all aspects of the project
2. Recruit, manage and maximize performance of the project team
3. Ensure full contract compliance, including deliverable achievement, budget adherence, workplan approvals, reporting and more
4. Communicate with USAID and work with relevant stakeholders at the national, provincial, district and local levels to gain consensus among key stakeholders
5. Ensure project financial plans, cost accounting, projections and reporting all accord with USAID and Akros requirements
6. Identify PEPFAR and MOH country-level coordinating bodies and working groups, align and implement workplan in tandem with these parties
7. Other duties as assigned

## **Minimum Qualifications**

- A minimum of a Master's degree in a related field
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in national health data systems, data management and use, or social science research
- Demonstrated experience in leading, managing, and implementing large international development projects with similar depth and complexity, ideally on a USG-funded project

- Demonstrated experience working in partnership with host governments, international donors, and implementing partners
- Significant experience with USG- or USAID-funded activities or other internationally funded activities
- Ability to work well as part of multi-disciplinary team
- Skilled in problem solving and troubleshooting
- Strong oral and written communication skills in English, including evidence of quality report writing and presentations. Demonstrated ability to meet deadlines with quality products
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Commitment to work in a team environment

**Location and Term**

This position is based in Lusaka, Zambia, and is open to international and local candidates. The COP position is contingent upon successful award of the USAID Evidence for Health program to Akros.

**Application Instructions**

If interested in a position, please submit a Cover Letter and CV to [careers@akros.com](mailto:careers@akros.com). Applications are due no later than November 3rd 2017. Please send applications with the the subject line: 'Application: EH – Chief of Party'. Submissions which do not indicate a position in the subject line will not be reviewed.

Candidates will be interviewed on a rolling basis and are encouraged to apply early. To learn more please visit [www.akros.com/careers](http://www.akros.com/careers).