

Local Consultant

Namibia

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.

Background

Akros Research is supporting a 3-year program, funded by the Mastercard Foundation and in partnership with the Africa CDC, to increase Covid19 vaccine uptake in Africa. This initiative, called Saving Lives and Livelihoods, includes multiple components and partners working to procure, distribute, and promote vaccine uptake in a safe manner. As a part of this consortium Akros Research will support Africa Union member states in the Eastern and Southern African regions to strengthen COVID-19 vaccine safety surveillance systems.

The Consultant will support Akros Research in implementation and coordination of program activities, ensuring a successful implementation of the SLL programme's COVID-19 vaccine safety surveillance. The Consultant will actively liaise with key actors within the respective government, district and sub-district stakeholders, stakeholders participating in the COVID-19 response, and Akros Research senior management and software development teams to facilitate the realization of program objectives and optimize resource flow.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Develop collaborative working relationships with key stakeholders (MOH, National Regulatory Authority, WHO, and sub-national levels) to ensure that project activities are highlighted, and good relationships established.
2. Collaborate with Akros' technical and software development teams and the Namibian MoH to conduct system engineering updates based on the proposed system changes such as advanced data integration and system stability upgrades.
3. Support the continued system maintenance and troubleshooting to resolve glitches.
4. Support the training/sensitization of system users as part of system changes implementation.
5. Coordinate logistics for implementation at provincial, district, and health facility levels (Manage advance requests and ensure all expenditures are in line with set budgets).
6. Make follow-ups as necessary with the Namibia Ministry of Health and National Regulatory Authority to ensure all the required data is collected.
7. Identify implementation issues and help to resolve them.
8. Maintain regular communication with implementation counterparts at the Ministry of Health and National Regulatory Authority.
9. Ensure all forms and records are documented and updated.
10. Liaise with Akros Research to ensure effective and efficient program delivery and provide detailed reports to project leadership
11. Other duties assigned



Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree (required) or Master's degree (highly preferred) in Health Informatics, Computer Science, Engineering or a related field.
- 3-5 years of experience in providing technology-related support for public health and/or international development.
- Strong knowledge of DHIS2 configuration, implementation and data model required
- Knowledge of development of scripting and utility tools, use of Web APIs, and SQL.
- Strong experience working with Government's Ministries of Health, donors, districts and sub-district structures and managing a dynamic team.
- Previous experience with project and organizational representation to the Ministry of Health at national/regional/local levels is an added advantage.
- Self-starter who will thrive through exemplifying ownership and initiative
- Analytical skills and knowledge of systems engineering software tools is an added advantage
- Demonstrate strong data architecture and programming proficiency
- Excellent technical writing, quantitative and critical thinking skills
- Excellent computer skills with fluency in Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- Candidate should be highly productive and internally motivated
- Candidate should work well against complex and challenging delivery schedules
- Candidate should be culturally adaptable and sensitive
- Demonstrated ability to operate with minimal instruction in a fast-paced environment
- Namibian national preferred

This position is contingent upon securing and maintaining program funding. It is also contingent upon donor approval.

Location and Term

This position is short-term not exceeding 20 days and will be based in Windhoek, Namibia. The position is open to local candidates and will involve minimal travel.

Reporting

This position will report directly to Country Manager

Application Instructions

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Candidates are encouraged to apply early. To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV with references to careers@akros.com with "Application: SLL Programme – Local Consultant - Namibia" as the email's subject line.

