



JOB DESCRIPTION

IDENTIFICATION	
JOB TITLE	Deputy Project Director Health Financing, USAID/PROPEL, Round 2 – Adapt
REPORTING TO	Director, Health Financing
DIRECTORATE	Institute of Capacity Development (ICD)
DEPARTMENT	Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Centre (SPARC)
PHYSICAL LOCATION	Nairobi, Kenya

Amref Health Africa was founded in 1957 and has since grown to become the largest African-based international health development organization, currently implementing more than 120 programs, directly reaching more than 12 million people across 35 African countries. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, Amref Health Africa has offices in ten countries in Africa and an additional eleven advocacy and fundraising offices in Europe and North America. In the spirit of Ubuntu, partnership and networking are key elements of our approach. Amref has a staff complement of over 1,500.

Amref Health Africa is driven by its vision of *‘Lasting health change in Africa’* and its mission *‘To catalyze and drive community-led and people-centered health systems while addressing social determinants of health’*. We believe that the power to transform Africa's health lies within its communities, and therefore strive to ensure that health systems are not only functional but that communities are empowered to hold these systems accountable for the delivery of quality and affordable health care.

OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PURCHASING AFRICA RESOURCE CENTRE (SPARC)

The Strategic Purchasing Africa Resource Centre (SPARC) – a resource hub hosted by Amref Health Africa with technical support from Results for Development (R4D) – is aimed at strengthening strategic health purchasing (SHP) capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa by connecting existing regional expertise and matching it with country demand to make better use of resources for health. Our vision is to empower countries with knowledge and practical tools to make access to affordable and quality health care a reality for all. SPARC is a complementary resource and partner to the many health financing initiatives on the African continent and globally. SPARC is supported by Amref Health Africa as the institutional host and Results for Development (R4D) as the core technical partner.

SPARC is not just a resource center — it is a movement. SPARC is engaging individuals from stakeholder groups across sub-Saharan Africa to understand, talk about and advocate for strategic purchasing as a way to make better use of limited resources for universal health coverage (UHC) and to hold decision-makers accountable for effective health spending. We are also working with partners to change how technical assistance is provided — tapping into and deepening regional expertise and building a coaching approach that emphasizes learning by doing. We are creating a network of regional experts who can support countries to develop practical, home-grown solutions that advance their strategic purchasing objectives.

JOB SUMMARY

SPARC seeks a **Deputy Project Director Health Financing** for the USAID/Promoting Results and Outcomes through Policy and Economic Levers (PROPEL), Round 2 – Adapt project. PROPEL Round 2 is a 5-year USAID

global project. The purpose of PROPEL will be to improve the enabling environment for equitable and sustainable health services, supplies and delivery systems through policy development and implementation; adequate, predictable, and sustainable financing; enhanced government stewardship, transparency, and accountability; and an engaged and informed civil society prepared to advocate for improved systems and outcomes. PROPEL will emphasize voluntary, rights-based FP/RH, and FP/RH integration with MCH and HIV/AIDS and will work across health systems and development sectors to achieve results in FP/RH demand, uptake, and improved health outcomes. Round 2 has a specific focus on policy, advocacy, financing, and governance (PAFG) unique to fragile settings, including responses to country epidemics or global pandemics such as COVID-19.

Purpose: The Deputy Project Director Health Financing will provide the USAID/PROPEL Round 2 – Adapt project with overall strategic direction and technical leadership in Health Financing.

Engagement: S/he will work collaboratively with USAID technical teams and relevant global, regional, and country actors to advance and inform policy dialogue and facilitate the uptake of state-of-the-art technical approaches within country programs.

Delivery: S/he will be responsible for ensuring sound technical leadership and strategic direction of the project.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

The Deputy Project Director is expected to perform the following primary duties:

- Work across programmatic areas to build local capacity and enable sustainable health systems in fragile settings.
- Provide strategic and technical leadership across the project and assist in the design and implementation of core and field funded activities as it relates to Health Financing.
- Responsible for overall technical leadership in the area of Health Financing.
- Oversee the project’s provision of technical assistance and capacity building activities.
- Oversee sub-awardee performance and coordinate with all relevant stakeholders.
- Support the Project Director to oversee project technical staff in ensuring the technical quality of all project work as it relates to Health Financing.
- Ensure that evidence-based Health Financing policy, advocacy, financing, and governance approaches and cross-cutting approaches inform and are integrated into core and field programs, and ensure that all project assistance is technically sound and appropriate.
- Provide support in managing the relationship with USAID, project partners, and stakeholders.
- Oversees private sector engagement.
- Identify collaboration and knowledge sharing opportunities across countries and regions.
- Work closely with the project team, USAID, and relevant global, regional, and country stakeholders to advance and inform policy and facilitate the uptake of technical approaches within country buy-ins.
- Support the development of the project’s global, multisectoral, technical strategy including targets and timely implementation of the project.
- Lead and participate in annual workplan development and implementation.
- Support the day-to-day implementation and management of project activities as it relates to Health Financing through improvements in policy, advocacy, financing, and governance.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education

- An advanced degree (MA, PhD) in Public Health, Health Care, International Development, Public Administration, Economics, Policy, Social Sciences, Law, Development Studies or a related field.

Required Experience

- At least ten (10) years of experience working internationally in health or health financing and technical knowledge of policy, advocacy, financing, and governance (PAFG) approaches, particularly as it relates to fragile settings and responses to country epidemics or global pandemics.
- Demonstrated senior expertise in developing and implementing effective partnerships with partners, government entities, and donors.
- Knowledge and proven experience in technical leadership, strategy development, and staff oversight.
- Demonstrated experience engaging private sector and private investment for health outcomes in fragile settings.
- Demonstrated leadership, management, coordination, teamwork, and planning skills, with proven ability to liaise effectively with and collaborate with diverse stakeholders, including global, regional, national, local, public and private partners.
- Strong interpersonal and capacity building skills including training, mentoring, and coaching skills.
- Experience working in and/or leading complex donor-funded programs in fragile contexts and nexus settings, with at least 5 years of field work in fragile settings.
- Fluency in English with strong oral and written communication. Proficiency in other languages, especially French, is preferred.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested? Please visit our website <https://amref.org/vacancies/> to make your application. You will be directed to our online portal where you will need to create an account in order for you to be able to submit your application. Your application should include a cover letter detailing why you are the best fit for this position and your CV with relevant skills and experience. The closing date will be **November 14, 2023**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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