

Senior Technical Medical Advisor: Surgical Services, Quality and Safety

Location: Mwanza, Tanzania

DESCRIPTION

The Touch Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving access to quality, basic healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa. Touch emphasizes the development of educational infrastructures, expansion of the health workforce, and consideration of health systems solutions. For more information about Touch Foundation, please visit our website www.touchfoundation.org.

We are seeking a Senior Technical Medical Advisor to play a lead role in the development and implementation of a new program in Tanzania.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Working directly with the Senior Vice President (Head of Program), the Senior Technical Medical Advisor will be responsible for supporting the implementation of Touch programs in the Lake Zone region of Tanzania.

This individual will be responsible for leading a clinical education team (surgery or ob-gyn depending on specialty) in one of the regional/district hospitals as well as assisting with overall program oversight and advising on the technical aspects of the programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS

Program Implementation and clinical instruction

- Lead the clinical education team providing clinical training to Bugando students in one of the regional/district hospitals in the Lake Region
- Assist with the improvement of the referral network between the regional/district hospital and the tertiary hospital
- Assist with community engagement around the regional/district hospital
- Provide input into academic curriculum
- Assist with coordinating program participation of clinical teaching staff including those from partner organizations, contractors and volunteers
- Serve as academic and clinical point of contact for all implementing partners in Treat and Train program

Technical Advisory

- Provide technical expertise and advise on overall program development and delivery
- Refine program plans and long-term strategy through close collaboration with the Senior Vice President and organizational leadership; manage and modify, as necessary, program implementation based on existing in-country realities

- Collaborate with Program Operations Manager and the Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator to inform the development of monitoring and evaluation system and on-going monitoring processes of projects and maintain effective project reporting, evaluation and communication systems
- Assure that quality and safety are addressed in program implementation, M&E systems and that each are addressed in a setting and resource appropriate manner
- Keep informed of best practices to ensure that the project's work remains highly innovative, professional and fully succeeds despite the many challenges

Organizational Representation

- Lead development and publication of articles referencing Touch's work in journals and professional publications
- Develop and maintain proactive, positive and professional relationships with all of our local stakeholders, including implementation partners and prospective partner organizations, other NGOs, donors, clients, key government officials, etc.
- Maintain regular written and oral reporting to leadership on key program and staff issues
- Support activities aimed at building visibility and presence in-country, potentially including leading tours of program sites, organizing and leading donor trips and cultivating potential partnerships in-country
- Serve as in-country representative for all academic and clinical implementing partners when Senior Vice President is out of the country

As job descriptions cannot be exhaustive, the Senior Technical Medical Advisor may be required to undertake other duties that are broadly in line with the above key duties.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

Knowledge, Education and Experience

- Medical Degree with Board Certification in General Surgery or Obstetrics and Gynecology; additional degree in public health, international development or a related field a plus
- >10 years experience practicing medicine
- Experience in an academic setting providing clinical education to medical students and residents
- Experience working directly with developing country program clinicians, managers or policy makers, preferably acquired while based in developing country
- Demonstrated project management experience
- Experience working with donor regulations; information analysis and report writing
- Good judgment and discretion to represent the Touch Foundation in a highly professional manner, as well as respect for local "culture."
- Demonstrated understanding of international health issues

- Experience working with cross functional and external groups, including managers, clinicians and other stakeholders.

Skills

- Strong analytical, leadership, organizational and problem solving skills
- Excellent attention to detail
- Superior organizational and planning skills for balancing multiple projects and responsibilities
- Ability to respond to shifting needs with flexibility while maintaining a positive approach and sense of humor
- Ability to multi-task while leading a complex team
- A problem-solving approach to challenging situations
- Solid relationship-building skills: ability to interface with external constituents
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to proactively work independently and as an effective team member
- Comfort with managing multiple assignments in a dynamic, developing nation context
- Capacity to contact and interact openly, honestly, and professionally with individuals in a culturally appropriate manner
- Excellent skills in the functional use of Excel, PowerPoint and Microsoft word.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Reports to: Senior Vice President

In consultation with: Managing Director

Partners / Primary Stakeholders: USAID; Implementation Partners; Host Institutions

LIVING CONDITIONS/ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

The position is based in Tanzania, with time split among Mwanza and Sengerema

Touch Foundation team members represent the organization both during and outside of work hours when deployed on an in-country posting. Staff are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and respect local laws, customs and Touch Foundation's policies, procedures, and values at all times and in all in-country venues.

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TO APPLY

Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Touch_Foundation_Jobs@McKinsey.com