Research Associate, M&E

CHAI Liberia Overview

Founded in 2002, by President William J. Clinton and Ira C. Magaziner, the Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc. ("CHAI") is a global health organization committed to saving lives, reducing the burden of disease and strengthening integrated health systems in the developing world.

In 2006, CHAI was the first international NGO to help Liberia's government rebuild after a decade-long civil war in Liberia had killed an estimated 270,000 people, decimated the nations' health infrastructure and hindered the country's ability to deliver vital health and social services. The partnership between Liberia's Ministry of Health (MOH) and CHAI evolved from being HIV specific to addressing key healthcare challenges ranging from supply chain management, health workforce, and health financing, across various vertical programs including HIV, Maternal and Neonatal Health and Malaria. To date, the CHAI Liberia office has since helped the government achieve a nine-fold increase in HIV care and treatment and more than doubled access to a basic package of health care services.

Commencing in January 2018, CHAI Liberia will be initiating a Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH) program to address some of the country's more significant challenges. Liberia has one of the highest maternal mortality ratios in the world, and it has nearly doubled over the last two decades. The percentage of women using modern contraceptives remains low and women continue to have an unmet need for family planning. To address these challenges, CHAI will partner with the Liberian MOH's Family Health Division (FHD) at the national level and with deeper engagement in seven target counties (Gbarpolu, Grand Bassa, Grand Kru, Rivercess, River Gee, Montserrado and Sinoe).

The **Research Associate, M&E** will be responsible to provide M&E support to CHAI Liberia's SRH Team, working closely with other members of the team and collaborate regularly with stakeholders such as the MOH FHD, the Health Management Information Systems, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research (HMER) Unit, Supply Chain Management Unit, Community Health Services Division, County Health Teams, and health facilities. The Research Associate will be responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of program activities, outputs, and outcomes, and will undertake the necessary assessments to determine opportunities to strengthen existing SRMNH data systems, develop systems where needed, and generate user demand for data. The Research Associate will report directly to CHAI Liberia's Deputy Country Director. The Research Associate will be based in Monrovia (Montserrado) or Sinoe and undertake travel to target counties when necessary.

Responsibilities:
- Lead the maintenance and updating of the SRH program M&E framework, and provide technical assistance to the requisite data collection, management, and analysis activities to generate timely, actionable, and accurate SRMNH information
- Ensure alignment of program M&E framework with existing data systems and results frameworks (such as those included in the GFF Investment Case, FP2020, other partner programs)
- Develop tools such as survey instruments, protocols, and databases for program monitoring and evaluation purposes
- Establish baseline and endline measures and targets for SRMNH indicators across target counties and at the national level

- Develop tools for the presentation and dissemination of SRMNH information to inform program design and modifications by decision-makers and for optimization of program strategies
- Evaluate current use of DHIS, LMIS, CBIS, or other data systems at the facility, county, and central level and provide recommendations for integration of program M&E with existing systems and using existing population-based surveys and assessments
- Build capacity of county and health facility staff in timely and accurate health data collection, management, and dissemination, and in the use of HMIS
- Contribute to donor reports
- Conduct other formative and operational research as necessary
- Represent CHAI at relevant technical working groups and meetings

Qualifications:
- Bachelor's degree and at least 4 years of professional experience or Master's degree with 2 years of relevant experience
- Master's degree in epidemiology, biostatistics, public health, information management, economics or relevant subject matter strongly preferred

- Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing M&E systems for health programs from end to end (frameworks, information systems, data collection tools, data collection and analysis, reporting, etc.)
- Experience with public health research, implementation science, and the relevant evaluation models and methods, particularly in establishing baseline figures and assessing post-intervention changes and targets
- Experience with health information management systems and relevant platforms
- Excellent analytical skills, qualitatively and quantitatively; high proficiency in MS Office Suite, including Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Access, and other relevant software packages
- Exceptional attention to detail, with strong organizational and problem solving skills
- Ability to work under pressure in a fast-pace environment, and collaborate effectively with a multidisciplinary and multicultural team of colleagues and stakeholders
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English, including the ability to effectively synthesize large amounts of information and potentially complex analyses for consumption by a wide audience
- Must have good understanding of M&E challenges and limitations in post-conflict and low-resource settings, particularly for hard-to-measure and sensitively public health issues
- Prior experience in West Africa or other low-resource settings required
- Prior experience in SRMNH strongly preferred

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