

Job title	Programme Manager - Kenya
Department	Programmes
Location	Nairobi, Kenya (3 days per week from World Bank office)
Post holder	Vacant
Reporting to	Kenya Country Representative
Responsible for	
Liaison with	Team Leader / Project Lead, Finance, Business Development, Technical and Programmes department, Project Teams, clients, consortium partners
Hours	Full time, 40 hours per week
Type of contract	Fixed term – 1 year
Organisation	<p>Options Consultancy Services Limited is a leading global health consultancy established in 1992 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Marie Stopes International. We manage health programmes that ensure vulnerable women and children can access the high-quality health services they need. We work with partners to co-create and implement locally informed solutions to complex health problems. This includes governments, development partners, NGOs, civil society and health workers. Our programming is flexible, evidence-based and politically informed. This means we adapt to changing contexts, use data to inform our decisions and ensure our approach is appropriate. Our focus is always on building local skills and systems that last.</p>
Main purpose of job	<p>As Programme Manager you are responsible for the effective and efficient project management of the <i>Technical Assistance towards Evidence Informed Health Planning and Budgeting (EIHPB) for RMNCAH at county level in Kenya</i> component of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund managed by the World Bank.</p> <p>Under the guidance of the Team Leader or Project Lead you will work closely with other Options' Departments and project teams to enable the project to be carried out on time and to budget and within Options' quality standards of delivery.</p> <p>You will report to the Kenya Country Representative, and will be based in Options' offices in Nairobi, with some national travel.</p> <p>Regardless of level of position in the organisation all roles assume a level of responsibility for safeguarding. Accountabilities will align with the level and scope of the position and appropriate training will be provided.</p>

Main duties

Programme Specific Responsibilities (approximately 80% time)

1. Project Management

Manage the project within the Options portfolio ensuring all donor guidelines are adhered to. This includes:

- Under the leadership of the Team Leader / Project Lead contribute to the strategic planning and monitoring of the designated projects, resolving issues and initiating corrective action as appropriate.
- Track project deliverables and work with other Options departments to ensure they meet appropriate levels of quality, are on time and within budget, in accordance with the project plan.
- Lead on the routine maintenance and management of risks in relation to the programme's successful outcome, appropriately escalating risks including but not limited to quality delivery, financial, security, and safeguarding risks to senior members of the programmes department.
- Keep the senior management team informed about the progress of the project and potential risks on a regular basis
- In close collaboration with colleagues, lead in the coordination and delivery of activities and reporting, in line with the project workplan, across all relevant project counties.
- Support the Team Leader / Project Lead to define project tasks and resource requirements, including developing project work plans and supporting the design and implementation of effective technical assistance strategies.
- Manage and support effective communication and cooperation among partners, subcontractors and colleagues.
- Communicating effectively and persuasively, establish and maintain excellent relations with clients and implementing agencies / organisations as required.
- Support the Team Leader / Project lead in organisational reporting including support to producing monthly programme delivery reports for Programme Delivery Group meetings
- Support the Team Leader / Project Lead in the preparation and presentation of other reporting requirements.
- Ensure programme administration, travel and logistics management are in place and operating effectively, engaging with other teams (management services and the Kenya pooled team) as needed.
- Support the operational aspects of delivery on the project as required.

2. Financial Management

- Develop and manage project budgets (internal and client facing).
- Lead on programme specific re-budgeting and forecasting processes.
- Lead on internal and external financial reporting, including invoicing and expenditure tracking and variance analysis, monitoring the expenditures and costs against delivered and realised milestones as the projects progress.
- Work closely with the UK Finance Team on all aspects of financial management related to long- and short-term projects and programmes, and contribute to the monthly management accounts, annual audit and budgeting process, and regular budgeting and re-forecasting.
- Work closely with the Kenya Finance team to ensure project financial processes dovetail with organisational and Kenya financial processes.
- Responsible (under the accountability of the Team Leader / Project Lead and Country Representative) for ensuring commercial targets are met on the project.

3. Contracting and contract management

- Organise short term consultant inputs in line with organisational procurement policies and procedures including preparation of TORs, sourcing, negotiating, drafting contracts briefing and managing consultants liaising with and including HR and Legal and Compliance teams as required
- Under the oversight of senior members of the Programmes Department and Team Leader / Project Lead and in liaison with Legal and Compliance Team, manage relationships with subcontractors in line with organisational procurement policies and procedures, including

preparation of TORs, contracts and budgets and ongoing management of their inputs and deliverables.

- Work with HR and Legal and Compliance teams to ensure that the correct contractual arrangements are in place with long-term project staff,
- Manage the commercial aspects of contracts.
- Ensure compliance with the terms of the head contract
- In liaison with the Legal and Compliance team, support due diligence of consultants and sub-contracts

Cross organisational responsibilities (approximately 20% time)

4. Support business development and design and innovation

- Work with the Kenya Country Representative and New Business and Partnerships team to support the development of specific proposals, including technical and financial inputs. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Supporting pre-positioning on opportunities as required including, but not limited to, engaging with potential partners; developing early budgets; inputting to design of operational set up and early technical design, and
 - Supporting the development of specific proposals whether we are a sub or a prime which may include operational, technical and financial aspects of programme design and bid development and writing and/or reviewing technical and commercial proposals.
- Work with the Department of Design and Innovation to support the identification of innovations both from within our programmes and in global health. Contribute, where needed into the development of these into new initiatives from an operational, financial and technical perspective.

5. Other responsibilities

- Contribute to knowledge management within Options, highlighting key developments within programmes that can be communicated and shared.
- In the spirit of teamwork, provide flexible support to colleagues across all Options Departments as required.
- Contribute to the development of team tools/sharing best practice within the team/organisation.
- Assist in building and maintaining Options' portfolio of consultants.
- Cover for colleagues in their absence.
- Provide line management responsibility as required.
- Represent Options and the programmes in various fora.

Note: this job description reflects the present requirements of the post. As duties and responsibilities change and develop the job description will be reviewed and be subject to amendment in consultation with the job holder.

Signed by:

Date:

Person specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
Masters in relevant subject area or equivalent professional experience	✓	
Experience		
Significant experience of working in international development at Programme Management level	✓	
Extensive experience of the development and implementation of programmes, including risk manage approaches	✓	
Experience in people management and management of teams		✓
Experience in distance management of relations between a head office and an internationally based team		✓
Experience of managing large, complex donor-funded budgets	✓	
Experience in strategic planning		✓
Experience working in resource constrained settings and low- and middle- income countries	✓	
Experience of close working relationships with partners and consortia	✓	
Experience of contracts and contracting	✓	
Experience in delivering and managing commercial contracts		✓
Experience of networking to build successful relationships with potential clients, collaborators and consultants	✓	
Experience in fundraising/business development		✓
Skills and attributes		
Excellent financial management skills	✓	
Ability to work on a wide range of projects and other issues simultaneously	✓	
Self-starter, can work independently or as part of a team	✓	
Critical thinking and problem-solving skills	✓	
Ability to plan and manage work in a highly organised way	✓	

Excellent report writing skills for a donor audience	✓	
Effective and persuasive communicator both in writing and verbally who is comfortable engaging with clients.	✓	
Good negotiation skills	✓	
Strong ability to coordinate and deliver activities	✓	
Flexible attitude to work and ability to work in challenging working environments	✓	
Sensitive to other cultures	✓	
Knowledge of a spread of international donors, including FCDO, USAID, CIFF, BMGF etc.		✓
Knowledge of the health sector and international development issues, with particular knowledge in one of the following areas: health systems strengthening, health financing, advocacy and accountability, gender, prevention of violence against women and girls, maternal, newborn child and adolescent health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, or social norms change.		✓
Other requirements		
Commitment to equal opportunities	✓	
Fluency in written and spoken English	✓	
Commitment to the principles of Safeguarding	✓	
Pro-choice	✓	
Applicants must have the right to live and to work in Kenya	✓	