

## Job description

<b>Job title</b>	Consultant – Health Economist
<b>Location</b>	Kenya – National and County level (Possibility for remote inputs)
<b>Reporting to</b>	Programme Team Leader
<b>Responsible for</b>	Development, Adaptation and Rollout of tools and models to support Public Finance Management Policies at subnational level, and other inputs agreed on a case-by-case basis
<b>Liaison with</b>	Programme Team Leader, wider programme team and Options London Office
<b>Hours</b>	TBC – normal working hours of 9-5 will apply
<b>Type of contract</b>	Fixed term contract – Programme dates expected to be November 2020 – September 2021
<b>Organisation</b>	
<p>Options Consultancy Services Limited was established in 1992 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Marie Stopes International. We are a consultancy organisation providing technical and management expertise in the health and social sectors to governments and international development partners to transform the health of women and children. We provide information, expertise and influence to governments, health workers, NGOs and businesses to catalyse change so that health services can be accessed by the people who need them most.</p>	
<b>Health Systems Programme and main purpose of the role</b>	
<p>Options is seeking to establish a consultancy framework of exceptional health systems experts to drive the delivery of a Technical Assistance (TA) programme that is focused at sub-national levels of the Kenyan health system. The programme will provide TA to build county capacities in planning, budgeting, monitoring, reporting, to promote the use of data for decision making and monitoring and evaluation (M&amp;E) skills more generally. The over-arching goal of the project is to improving Reproductive Maternal New-born Adolescent and Child Health (RMNCAH) outcomes and reduce maternal and child mortality specifically.</p> <p>We are seeking an exceptional technical consultant from the field of health financing/ economics who will be responsible for providing strategic policy advice and lead on the development of specific tools, templates and models for use at sub-national levels. We require both national and international consultants with relevant experience working in Kenya. The team will be led by a strong team leader and working alongside technical experts and operation staff, the consultants will provide additional essential expertise.</p> <p>This role will report to the in-country Programme Team Leader, and the Director of Programmes based in Options London office and work closely with Options management and administrative teams. The post holder will ensure that specific outcomes and deliverables are met as required.</p>	
<b>Main duties</b>	
<p>Tasks will be agreed with consultants directed by the needs of the programme and county capacities, as well as the consultants' interests.</p> <p><b>Expertise should include the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong familiarity with the Kenyan Public Financial Management (PFM) structures, the PFM Act and other policy and legal frameworks guiding county budget preparation, approval, execution and oversight.</li> </ul>	

- Familiarity with the annual budget cycle and corresponding health processes and products including Annual Work Plans and Programme Based Budgets, Annual Performance Reviews, County Fiscal Strategy Paper, County Budget Review and Outlook Paper etc.
- Previous experience in supporting health sector decision-making through health financing methods and tools, such as resource (fund) identification, priority setting and resource allocation, expenditure tracking, mapping funding flows, budget accountability mechanisms and instruments etc.
- Understanding of the governance structures and policy levers intended to support devolved health systems, including the structures that are tasked with decision-making, accountability, transparency and oversight of the budget cycle.
- Familiarity with the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) or other public financial management system, including report configurations
- Familiarity with the Kenya Health Information System (KHIS) or other DHIS2 system, health sector indicators and performance data
- Awareness of the contexts and limitations faced in Kenyan county health systems and the financial systems that support them

A minimum 5 years relevant experience support strengthening health systems and or health policy and or implementation of health sector reforms.

Roles will be based in Kenya, candidates interested in long term positions must have the right to work in Kenya.

Experience working with World Bank, DFID, DANIDA, USAID or other similar donors is desirable