

Job description

Job title	Yobe State Accountability and Health Budget Advisor
Department	Evidence for Action
Location	Yobe - Nigeria,
Reporting to	Senior Transformation and Sustainability Advisor
Responsible for	None
Liaison with	Country Lead, E4A-MamaYe Nigeria Senior Advisors, State Advisors, E4A-MamaYe Kenya and London. State Ministry of Health and other local government bodies; Relevant partners from the health sector
Hours	40 hours
Type of contract	Fixed Term until February 2024

About Options

We are a global team of experts and innovators tackling some of the world's most pressing health challenges. We work with leaders and change makers around the globe to bring health strategies to life. We provide ideas, advice and technical know-how that enable our partners to build a path to lasting change.

With 30 years' experience in global health, we collaborate with our partners to explore existing evidence, combine expertise, scale up ideas and co-create solutions that accelerate change. This includes collaborating on policy design, managing initiatives, building powerful coalitions and galvanising social movements. Our impact is felt across whole communities, with a focus on women, girls and those who have been marginalised.

As part of MSI Reproductive Choices, all our profits go back into supporting MSI's own mission of children by choice, not chance.

We believe in a world where everyone can access the high-quality health services they need, without financial burden.

Main purpose of job

As the State Accountability and Health Budget Advocacy Advisor you are responsible for the overall progress of E4A-MamaYe programme objectives in Yobe. You will lead the capacity building of coalitions and other strategic partners within the state, provide technical support on maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response (MPDSR) systems, link health systems data to health budget processes and engage in state-level project management

You will provide technical guidance, training and mentorship on health budget and resource tracking and advocacy for the coalitions E4A works with, and support coalitions develop their transition plans and ensuring progress in the sustainability of E4A's accountability model.

About the E4A project

Local health challenges for mothers and children are best understood and tackled by in-country actors and networks that are linked to global initiatives. With funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) E4A-MamaYe (E4A) fosters sustainable local advocacy partnerships which bring together disparate actors to share information and navigate political processes and interests to make health systems accountable to women's needs. This approach changes accountability ecosystems by radically shifting power imbalances in favor of more equal participation in decision-making. This enables citizens, particularly women and marginalized groups, to exercise their power, elevate policy issues that are a priority for them to the forefront of government agendas, and collaborate to transform health services.

Note: All levels of position in the organisation assume some degree of responsibility for safeguarding. Your accountabilities will align with the level and scope of the position and appropriate training will be provided.

Main duties

Technical support on RMNCAH and evidence to advocacy coalitions for Yobe State

- Build capacity of advocacy coalitions, such as State Level Accountability Mechanisms (SLAMs) coalitions so that they can undertake advocacy on RMNCAH, influence political agendas relating to RMNCAH, mobilise financial resources to tackle gaps in quality of health care, and increase accountability for commitments in the health sector.
- Mentor coalitions conduct ongoing organisational capacity assessments under the guidance of the Senior Transformation and Sustainability Advisor.
- Work in conjunction with relevant partners to build the capacity of Nigerian advocacy coalitions, opinion-formers and decision-makers to improve accountability in the Yobe state.
- Work with the senior Transformation and sustainability Advisor to mentor coalitions to develop transition plans

Delivery of E4A-MamaYe work plan in Yobe State

- Develop a work plan and budget for Yobe State, coordinating activities of the programme team and consultants to support the smooth implementation of the programme
- Lead implementation of the Yobe State E4A-MamaYe workplan, coordinating activities with advocacy coalitions, and consultants to support the smooth implementation of the programme.
- Take responsibility for ensuring the workplan is delivered on time and to budget and track progress against indicators, in collaboration with the Senior Evidence Advisor.
- Provide technical input to overall E4A-MamaYe workplans and strategies, suggesting what works to achieve programme objectives

Sustainability of E4A accountability model

- Support coalitions align plans and activities that would sustain their active role in accountability for RMNCH in the state
- Train new grass roots coalitions on health budget tracking and advocacy
- Facilitate trained coalitions in the mentorship of new coalitions on resource tracking
- Contribute to the set-up (where needed) and functionality of CMPDSR committees and linking emerging data to health budget processes

Build capacity on health budget advocacy toolbox at national and subnational levels

- Identify opportunities where E4A-MamaYe Nigeria can support advocacy coalitions use the health budget advocacy toolbox to influence decision making on resourcing health
- Liaise with the Regional Peer Learning Advisor to provide technical assistance to coalitions on tracking implementation of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) and other PHC initiatives

Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) and communications

- Track programme results, identify lessons learned and package these strategically for sharing internally and with partners.
- Facilitate opportunities for cross-learning and sharing of technical skills between coalitions internally and across countries
- Collaborate with the senior evidence advisor on documenting key MEL points
- Liaise with the Senior Evidence Advisor on documenting MEL points against the results framework
- Identify opportunities to share lessons, learnings and materials more widely: for example, through national and international forums and conferences, through the development of Global Public Goods.

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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.

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Person specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications		
Degree in health economics or a related subject	✓	
Master's Degree in public health, health economics, health management or a related field.		✓
Experience		
Considerable experience in RNMCH program implementation at facility and community levels	✓	
Significant experience of engagement with government at State level and/ or a background working within government	✓	
A solid understanding of Public Financial Management (PFM) including annual budget cycles, Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEFs) and the principles of transparency and accountability, particularly health budget tracking and advocacy	✓	
Strong budget analysis skills with experience in analysing and interpreting annual budgets, particularly health budget tracking and advocacy	✓	
Experience delivering trainings	✓	
Experience designing capacity development activities and trainings	✓	
Experience in facilitating evidence-based planning processes to track progress on health indicators and commitments	✓	
Skills and attributes		
Strong administration and organisational skills, good time management	✓	
Excellent time management and organisational skills;	✓	
Excellent skills in health budget analysis and budget tracking		
Strong analytic skills for health systems data	✓	
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Excellent interpersonal skills, with experience interacting with government officials, development partners, civil society and other health sector stakeholders	✓	
Excellent influencing skills, with an ability to identify and act on opportunities to build buy-in and support among decision-makers	✓	

Strong written and verbal communication skills with a demonstrable ability to present complex financial concepts in easy-to-understand language for a range of audiences	✓	
Other requirements		
Pro-choice	✓	
Commitment to equal opportunities	✓	
A commitment to the programme's and Options' principles of Safeguarding,	✓	
Do No Harm, and to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights	✓	
Fluency in written and spoken English	✓	