Overview

The Clinton Health Access Initiative, Inc. (CHAI) is a global health organization committed to saving lives and reducing the burden of disease in low-and middle-income countries, while strengthening the capabilities of governments and the private sector in those countries to create and sustain high-quality health systems that can succeed without our assistance. For more information, please visit: http://www.clintonhealthaccess.org

CHAI's global malaria program provides management and technical support to countries around the globe to strengthen their malaria programs and reduce the burden of this preventable, treatable disease. We support governments to scale up effective interventions for prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and surveillance, with the goals of sustainably reducing the number of malaria-related illnesses and deaths worldwide in the short-term and accelerating progress towards malaria elimination in the long term.

CHAI is seeking a highly motivated individual with strong public health experience and analytical skills to support vector control, entomology, and operational activities related to malaria elimination efforts in Guatemala. The Technical Associate will focus primarily on supporting Guatemala's national malaria program by providing analytical and operational assistance with planning effective vector control interventions, monitoring and evaluating programs, analyzing intervention and entomological surveillance data, and other relevant activities for malaria elimination. The individual will work as part of a team providing technical, operational, and coordination-related support to the government and will interact with a wide range of national stakeholders, necessitating strong communication and organizational skills.

Malaria elimination involves both technical and logistical challenges. The successful candidate will need to be highly skilled at problem-solving, troubleshooting, and relationship building. He/she must have a deep personal commitment to producing results and working independently without daily supervision and be willing to spend time in the field. CHAI places great value on the resourcefulness, tenacity, patience, humility, and high ethical standards of its staff.

The base location for this position will be Guatemala City, Guatemala. This role requires regular travel (up to 50%) to high risk, remote regions of the country with limited infrastructure and medical care.

Responsibilities

- Serving as a trusted adviser to the Ministry of Health staff on issues related to malaria elimination, including vector control and entomological surveillance
- Providing guidance and analytical support to the malaria program on vector control and entomological investigation, monitoring and surveillance, and interpreting intervention results. This requires translating evidence, current research, and normative guidelines in these fields into practical programmatic and field operations
- Providing technical and operational support with implementing vector control interventions, including indoor residual spraying, larval source management, and long-lasting insecticidal nets in targeted foci of transmission
- Translating results of analyses to national and sub-national government partners to support evidence-based decision making, and disseminating findings through high-quality and clear presentations, reports, and publications
- Identifying key impediments to the successful execution of malaria elimination plans and work with malaria programs and other partners to develop solutions to rapidly address those bottlenecks
- Proactively developing and maintaining strong working relationships with key stakeholders across government and non-governmental organizations

- Developing detailed operational plans, operating procedures, and associated training materials to build government capacity and support effective execution of malaria program
- Designing and facilitating implementation of operational research projects, including conducting background research, designing surveys, writing protocols, conducting data analysis, and writing reports
- Working with CHAI's technical teams, country teams, and regional managers to develop and implement coordinated program support
- Any other tasks identified

Qualifications

- Fluency (reading, writing, and speaking) in Spanish and English
- Master's degree in Public Health epidemiology, entomology, biology, or related fields preferred, and 3+ years of working experience with increasing levels of responsibility and leadership
- Proven experience in building and maintaining relationships with partners from government and/or other complex organizations
- High levels of proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Knowledge of major global infectious disease problems, specifically malaria
- Superb problem-solving skills, and enthusiasm for applying analytical methods to solve global health problems
- Excellent written and oral communications skills, including report-writing skills
- Exceptional attention to detail
- Excellent organization and management skills, including time management and project management
- Demonstrated ability to work independently in unstructured settings and to adapt to new environments and challenges
- Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously and set priorities in remote settings
- Ability to be effective, patient, and thoughtful in high-pressure situations
- Demonstrated ability to quickly learn and act upon technical information and to translate scientific knowledge into actionable insights for decision-making
- Ability and willingness to spend time in the field and work effectively in fast-paced and multicultural environments
- Experience and willingness to work in high-risk, development settings for extended periods of time
- Experience working in the Latin American region

Advantages

- Experience implementing vector control interventions and entomological surveillance, particularly in relation to malaria and/or other major vector-borne diseases
- Experience working remotely with a decentralized team
- Experience working with electronic data collection and management
- Teaching, training, and mentoring experience
- Experience working in Central America
- Experience working with governments and institutions from Latin America

If you are interested in applying for this position, please, click on the offer **Associate, Malaria Vector Control, Guatemala** and follow the instructions indicated there, in order to send your CV.