ABOUT AFIDEP

The African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP) is a regional non-profit research and policy Institute established in 2010 to help bridge the gaps between research, policy and practice in development efforts in Africa. Our primary purpose is to contribute to sustainable development through using evidence and advocacy to strengthen political commitment and resource allocation for development issues; informing the design and implementation of effective interventions; and strengthening governance and accountability structures for tracking development challenges in Africa. AFIDEP is registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation in both Kenya and Malawi (where it has offices) and as a non-profit institution in the USA with 501(c)3 status. For further details about AFIDEP and its work refer to www.afidep.org.

JOB INFORMATION

We are looking for a project officer with expertise in vector control. The successful candidate will join the Institute’s multi-disciplinary team as a project officer to provide support in the implementation of the Emerging Health Technologies Project. The project has created the Platform for Dialogue and Action on Emerging Health Technologies in Africa. The platform facilitates informed, objective, transparent, and balanced discussions on development and use of transformational technologies and tools to address key health challenges in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The Platform is multi-faceted, operating at national, regional and global levels with multiple layers of conversations happening simultaneously among a wide range of stakeholders. The overall purpose of the project is to ensure that Africans are involved in driving conversations about the need for transformational technologies and tools, their design, development, testing, and uptake by governments, other development actors, and communities, including youth and women. One of the project’s priority technologies is the ongoing exploratory research on the potential of gene drive mosquitoes for the elimination of Malaria in SSA. The project is being implemented at regional level as well as at national level in Burkina Faso and Uganda.

Main Responsibilities

- Coordinate engagement with policymakers and regulators, including arranging meetings, and tracking action items through to delivery
- Conducting literature reviews, research synthesis, etc.
- Steer project planning, coordination and management, working closely with multi- country / regional / global groups to implement and track progress against the project’s workplan
- Manage and oversee data and information collected under the project
- Track project milestones and assess progress against contractual activities
- Coordinate Community Engagement
- Prepare regular project implementation reports.
- Build and nurture strategic partnerships and relationships with key stakeholders at the global, regional and project country levels
- Communicate with external parties on behalf of AFIDEP’s health Tech project
- Participate in process improvement
- Liaise with industry partners, project sponsors and key stakeholders, facilitating activity alignment on specific project targets and goals.
- Meet with clients or regulators to discuss, report or explain project activities
- Document and publish lessons from project implementation through global, regional and national conferences, and journal articles and other publications.
- Contribute to development of the Institute
- Any other duties as assigned by the project leadership

Qualifications and Requirements

- Masters degree in a relevant field including public health, malaria epidemiology, medical entomology, biology, with at least two-years' experience
- Expertise in malaria vector control with good understanding of emerging technologies for vector control including gene drive mosquito.
- Good understanding of Global Malaria control and elimination strategy, especially vector control
- Good understanding of malaria epidemiology in SSA context and emerging challenges
- Experience in designing and conducting a range of analyses to inform project implementation.
- Good understanding of public policy and political processes in Africa at the regional African Union level, sub-regional economic community levels, and at national level in Africa

Skills and Knowledge

- Strong research design and implementation skills
- Management and coordination of research, capacity development, or advocacy programmes and partnerships.
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills with effective team management skills.
- Excellent scientific writing and presentation skills
- Excellent problem-solving skills with ability to analyze situations, identify existing or potential problems and recommend solutions
- Willingness and ability to travel to relevant global and regional events as well as to project countries.

How to Apply

- Please send an application letter and a detailed CV which should include three relevant referees to hr@afidep.org not later than 28th February 2022.

Applications should include the title of the position as the subject of the email.

AFIDEP is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process.