

Job Title:

Director, Health Finance

Company Profile:

The Asia Pacific Leaders' Malaria Alliance ("APLMA") unites 22 governments in Asia-Pacific who have committed to eliminating malaria in the region by 2030. APLMA translates evidence to advocate for policy change at the highest levels of government and supports leadership collaboration across the region. By convening senior officials beyond health, monitoring and reporting on progress and bottlenecks and facilitating cross-border collaboration, APLMA, in collaboration with APMEN, empowers tangible elimination progress across the region with a heavy focus on high malaria burden countries. The Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) and Asia Pacific Malaria Elimination Network (APMEN) are partners working towards the elimination of malaria in the Asia-Pacific by 2030.

Progress against malaria is one of this century's greatest public health successes. Over the past ten years, the countries of the Asia-Pacific region have reduced cases of malaria by more than half, putting them on a positive course towards the 2030 goal. But over 2 billion people in the region remain at risk. In some areas, malaria is staging a comeback-aided now by the Covid-19 pandemic, which is diverting attention and resources. It is imperative that these threats get urgent attention and that the region's gains aren't wasted.

APLMA and APMEN are working together to generate evidence, build capacity and raise the awareness and commitment of our stakeholders to ensure the region's progress towards eliminating malaria by 2030 remains on track. For more information go to: <https://www.aplma.org/> and <https://www.apmen.org/>

Role:

As the Director in Health Finance, you will play an integral role in supporting APLMA's mandate to achieve a malaria-free Asia Pacific through supporting countries transitioning from donor funding and strengthening domestic financing for malaria.

In partnership with the University of California San Francisco (UCSF)'s Malaria Elimination Initiative (MEI), you will represent APLMA-APMEN and lead a team to work closely with national malaria programs and other stakeholders to develop malaria donor transition plans for both Cambodia and Vietnam to be implemented over a multi-year period under a new grant. Additional work in Thailand as well as other countries in the Asia Pacific is also envisioned.

Responsibilities:Overall program management:

- Lead a team of staff and in-country consultants to support planning efforts as countries prepare to transition to country-financed and managed malaria programs and strengthen domestic financing for malaria
- Lead donor relations, including regular check-in calls and timely reporting of progress on grant deliverables
- Facilitate the partnership between MEI and APLMA-APMEN, and track joint work plan
- Oversee day-to-day management of project budget, including monitoring projections and expenses to ensure alignment with grant deliverables
- Lead strategy development to expand the workstream to other countries in the Asia Pacific

Technical design:

- Work with country stakeholders and malaria programs to identify priorities and develop malaria donor transition plans to be implemented over a multi-year period
- Work with National Malaria Control Programmes (NMCPs) in Cambodia and Vietnam, and other partners, to design a capacity building curriculum tailored to specific subnational conditions to strengthen domestic financing for malaria through subnational leadership and advocacy

- Lead collaboration with MEI and the Thailand NMCP to integrate public sector malaria activities at the provincial level.

Consultant management:

- Identify and work closely with in-country consultants and local organizations across multiple geographies to ensure the smooth delivery of programmatic goals and outcomes
- Manage consultant contracts and deliverables

Government relations:

- Establish strong relationships with key stakeholders, including representatives of NCMPs; ministries of health, finance and foreign affairs; the Global Fund; and the World Health Organization (WHO), among others

Requirements:

Qualifications

- An advanced university degree in public health, public policy, health economics, health management or a related field.

Experience

- 10 to 15 years of professional experience of increasing responsibility in a development, public health, or finance institution, or comparable experience in the private sector
- Work experience in Southeast Asia, ideally in engaging with government officials
- Experience working in the field of health financing and/or budget advocacy, ideally in the design or management of innovative financing systems for national health programs
- Proven track record in managing multi-year strategies, work plans and programmatic budgets
- Experience leading a team

Knowledge and Skills

- Excellent written and presentation skills in English
- Knowledge of other Southeast Asian languages will be an asset
- Strong understanding of the policymaking landscape in Southeast Asia
- Existing relationships with key government and non-government stakeholders in the region will also be an asset

Personal Attributes

- Willingness to travel
- Proven ability to work in multi-cultural teams
- Possess an entrepreneurial spirit
- Collaborative and innovating thinker
- Excellent interpersonal and people engagement skills

The successful candidate will be offered full-time contract employment in line with the approved grant duration.

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to recruitment@aplma.org by **10 February 2022**. We thank you for your application and regret to inform that only candidates shortlisted for interviews will be contacted.