

## Program Consultant Position – Ghana

The **U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP)** is a scientific nonprofit organization that sets standards for the identity, strength, quality, and purity of medicines, food ingredients, and dietary supplements manufactured, distributed and consumed worldwide. USP's drug standards are enforceable in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration, and these standards are used in more than 140 countries.

The **Promoting the Quality of Medicines (PQM) program** is a program funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by USP. Since 1992, USP has worked in partnership with USAID to support developing countries in addressing critical issues related to medicines quality. The PQM program provides technical assistance to build capacity of medicines regulatory authorities and quality assurance systems in countries with emergent health systems and it supports manufacturing of quality-assured priority essential medicines for malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, neglected tropical diseases, and maternal and child health. There is increasing recognition of the burden of poor-quality medicines and their threat to public health, especially in low- and middle-income countries. Falsified and substandard medicines can cause treatment failure and adverse reactions, can increase morbidity and mortality, and may contribute to antimicrobial resistance. These medicines represent not only a waste of scarce resources but also a substantial risk to public health. Further, they risk undermining decades of health investments, including those made by USAID.

### Summary of Position

Under the guidance and supervision of the Ghana Program Manager, the Program Consultant will lead implementation of activities in the USAID approved work plan to strengthen the medicine regulatory and QA/QC systems in Ghana and other activities related to medicine quality, including support for local manufacture of quality assured medicines.

The Program Consultant will provide high-level inputs in work plan development, implementation strategies, and reporting to relevant stakeholders such as the Ghana Ministry of Health, Ghana Food and Drugs Authority (GFDA) and others. The Consultant will maintain effective communications with program country and international partners.

### Roles and Responsibilities:

- In country technical lead and resource to the USAID Ghana mission, Ministry of Health, GFDA and other in country stakeholders for all PQM activities.
- Manage in-country implementation of PQM activities
- Facilitate the conduct of program activities including seminars, meetings and workshops and any other technical program activity to meet PQM goals
- Assists the program manager in the preparation of PQM country specific quarterly and annual reports and other reporting requirements as and when requested.
- Review reports prepared by partners and make needed technical or programmatic suggestion for improvement.
- Participates in local meetings with USAID and/or PQM partners as requested.
- Perform other responsibilities requested by the Program Manager or PQM Director

### ***Education and Experience***

- Bachelor degree in the areas of public health, medicine, pharmacy, pharmaceutical quality control, or pharmaceutical chemistry
- Minimum 5 years of project management experience and coordination in a public health related field (Malaria, MNCH, and /or infectious disease) or pharmaceutical industry in Ghana required
- Experience working with Ghana government (Ministry of Health programs especially Malaria or HIV/AIDS programs) and international donor agencies (USAID, Global Fund, World Bank, WHO etc.) is an advantage
- Good understanding of the national pharmaceutical supply chains especially for Malaria, TB, MNCH and HIV/AIDS medicines.

### ***Knowledge, Skills and Abilities***

- Possess managerial skills and good communication skills
- Results driven with demonstrated successful outcomes
- Must possess ability to handle multiple priorities in a fast-paced environment
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communications skills
- Must be proficient in the use of Microsoft software (word processing, email, spreadsheet, database, and Internet)
- Effective communication skills as a team player, and experience with project implementation at regional, national and local levels
- Fluency in English with proficiency in written and oral English is required and responsive to programmatic related activities with Program Manager, PQM and USAID/Ghana.

The Ghana based consultancy runs through September 30, 2017 with the option for annual renewal. **Please send CVs to Timothy Nwogu, Manager, Africa Programs, PQM, at [TYN@usp.org](mailto:TYN@usp.org).**