

## **JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE HEALTH ADVISOR EMBASSY OF IRELAND, TANZANIA**

The Embassy of Ireland, Tanzania manages Ireland's development programme (Irish Aid) in Tanzania. The Irish Aid programme has a focus on agriculture, health and nutrition and the Embassy works with the Government of Tanzania and other partners to support national systems for the delivery of services that matter most to households across Tanzania.

The Health Advisor provides technical and analytical support to the Embassy on health and coordinates and manages Irish Aid's health programme in Tanzania.

### **Responsibilities of Health Advisor**

The Health Adviser will assist senior management in the design, planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of a range of health programmes supported by Irish Aid. His/her responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- **Formulate and recommend appropriate technical and policy approaches** to achieve Irish Aid's objectives in the health sector in Tanzania, specific areas of focus include primary health care, human resources for health, maternal and child health, equity, and governance. The Health Advisor will ensure that Irish Aid's country programme is informed by up-to-date global and local trends, evidence, and best policy practice in the health sector.
- **Build strong and effective working relationships** with Government of Tanzania, civil society, and other Development Partners.
- **Manage Irish Aid programme partners in the health sector** in a proactive and effective manner
  - Contribute to a range of civil society and Government-led health initiatives at design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation stages.
  - Ensure that fund disbursements adhere to Irish Aid's accountability mechanisms and that progress, impacts and risks are highlighted to Irish Aid's management and relevant stakeholders.
  - Monitor, assess and report on progress on Irish Aid's health programme and on overall health sector performance
- **Engage in health sector working groups and dialogue mechanisms**, representing Irish Aid's agreed positions, and supporting coordination and harmonisation with bilateral and multi-lateral development partners in the health sector.
- **Review, analyse and summarise** key discussions, reports and policy papers and contribute to key discussions, sector reviews, evaluations and audits prepared by Government and other development partners, representing Irish Aid's positions.
- Track developments in HIV and AIDS in Tanzania, in particular the use of global funds.

- **Prepare technical and programme briefings and regular quarterly and annual reports** on the Irish Aid health programme and on development in the health sector.
- Prepare speaking points and speeches as required.

As a member of the Embassy Development Team, the Health Adviser will be expected to contribute to the delivery of the Irish Aid programme and collaborate effectively with other team members. The Health Adviser may be asked to support other aspects of the Embassy's work when relevant.

The Health Adviser will also engage with Irish Aid headquarters, in particular the Essential Services Policy Team on issues of global health and HIV/AIDS, to ensure consistency with Irish Aid policies and strategies.

### **Requirements**

Specifically the following qualifications and competencies are required:

- Qualified health professional with a post graduate qualification in a health or a related discipline (e.g. Master of Public Health);
- Fluency in spoken and written English language essential, proficiency in spoken and written Kiswahili as advantage;
- Minimum of five years relevant experience
- Good knowledge and understanding of the Tanzanian public health systems and national health sector strategy.
- Understanding of the global health context and the implications for Tanzania
- Strong analytical and conceptual skills and the ability to think and plan strategically
- Strong skills and experience in all aspects of programme cycle management
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and presentation skills and experience with developing working relations with government, civil society and other development partners.
- Ability to network effectively, work in teams and influence decisions.
- Ability to plan, manage and deliver results.