



## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

### Neglected Tropical Diseases Senior Programme Officer

**Post Title: NTD Senior Programme Officer**

**Reports To: ALMA Chief Technical Advisor**

**Duty Station: TBD**

**Start Date: December 2017/January 2018**

**Application Deadline: Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

**Application Instructions: Please send cover letter, resume, and two professional references to [info@alma2030.org](mailto:info@alma2030.org). Documents must be sent as PDF files attached to email.**

#### About ALMA

The African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) was launched by African Heads of State and Government during the United Nations General Assembly in September 2009. ALMA is comprised of 49 African Heads of State and Government who are committed to eliminating malaria by 2030.

ALMA implements a monitoring, accountability and action mechanism to track results, identify bottlenecks and facilitate appropriate action through the ALMA Scorecard for Accountability & Action, and more recently through the ALMA 2030 Scorecard Towards Malaria Elimination. The ALMA Scorecard was developed in response to a request from heads of state and government for a progress-tracking and action mechanism to facilitate cross-country comparisons and to increase transparency and accountability around national action towards achieving key malaria targets.

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are a mixture of treatable and preventable diseases that continue to place a heavy burden on over one billion people on the planet. They affect the world's poorest, most marginalized, and most remote communities. They are a consequence and cause of poverty as they thrive where access to clean water, sanitation and healthcare is limited. Although NTDs were largely omitted from the Millennium Development Goals, they are explicitly mentioned in Goal 3.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - "By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, waterborne diseases, and other communicable diseases." NTD indicators could also be used as tracer indicators for monitoring other SDG targets, especially those relating to equity, for example. Recognizing the impact of NTDs on individuals and communities, the links with poverty and equity, and the increasing desire from countries to address them, now is the time to further enhance accountability and action against NTDs at the highest level, by

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incorporating NTDs into the ALMA Scorecard for Accountability & Action, as well as into country scorecard management tools, as appropriate.

ALMA is recruiting a Senior NTD Programme Officer to coordinate and support the integration of NTD indicators into the ALMA Scorecard for Accountability & Action, as well as country RMNCAH Scorecards. Working with key technical and implementation partners, particularly WHO, UNICEF and Uniting to Combat NTDs, ALMA will support five countries to incorporate NTD indicators into national malaria and/or RMNCAH scorecards over the next three years.

### **Major Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Oversee the introduction of NTD indicator(s) in the ALMA Scorecard for Accountability & Action
2. Work with Uniting to Combat NTDs and country focal points to craft tailored and specific recommended actions for incorporation into country quarterly reports
3. Work with Uniting to Combat NTDs and NTD country focal points to highlight essential actions required to drive action and impact for NTDs, where performance is not on track.
4. Track progress in implementing the recommended actions related to the NTD composite indicator
5. Join the malaria and RMNCAH teams within ALMA on at least five country support missions to incorporate NTD indicators into national malaria and/or RMNCAH scorecards and strengthen implementation of scorecard management tools at country level, including decentralization to district level and enhanced social accountability, and action tracking
6. Support training and capacity building of key MOH staff and partners particularly in the areas of accountability and action, and social and community accountability mechanisms.
7. Participate in international NTD co-ordination meetings and discussions
8. Document and disseminate key lessons learned in relation to action and accountability for progress and enhanced performance in tackling NTDs
9. Participate in regular monthly co-ordination and planning calls with the Uniting to Combat NTDs Support Centre
10. Support the ALMA Secretariat as directed by the Executive Secretary

**Travel:** Frequent travel to countries in Africa, as well as international meetings

### **Qualifications or specialized knowledge/experience required:**

- At least fifteen years of experience working in international development
- Experience working in the NTD area, preferably in one or more developing countries
- Fluency in English and French highly desirable
- Diplomacy and networking skills
- Ability to work in a dynamic and changing environment
- Significant Training and Facilitation experience
- Post-graduate qualification to Masters level in health, science, or a related discipline