



## ELIMINATION 8

ANGOLA • BOTSWANA • ESWATINI • MOZAMBIQUE  
NAMIBIA • SOUTH AFRICA • ZAMBIA • ZIMBABWE

### JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>Malaria Expert</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Windhoek, Namibia</b>
<b>REPORTING TO</b>	<b>Head of Technical Support and Research</b>	<b>LENGTH OF CONTRACT</b>	<b>Start Date: 01 November 2020 End Date: 30 September 2021</b>
<b>ROLE TYPE</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>DIRECT REPORTS</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>TRAVEL INVOLVED</b>	<b>40%</b>		

### Organizational background

The Elimination 8 (E8) regional initiative, formed in 2009, was established under the auspices of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) to provide a platform for coordinating regional E8 malaria elimination efforts. The E8 aims to accelerate zero local transmission in four low transmission “frontline countries”— Botswana, Eswatini, Namibia, and South Africa, and elimination in four middle- to high-transmission “second line countries”— Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe — by 2030, through enhanced collaboration and coordination. Specifically, it has the following mandate:

1. To strengthen regional coordination to achieve elimination in each of the E8 member countries.
2. To elevate and maintain the regional elimination agenda at the highest political levels within the E8 countries.
3. To promote knowledge management, quality control, and policy harmonization to accelerate progress towards elimination;
4. To facilitate the reduction of cross-border malaria transmission; and
5. To secure resources to support the regional elimination plan, and to ensure long term sustainable financing for the region’s elimination ambitions.

### Job Description Overview

The **Malaria Expert** role will be to work closely with the national malaria control programs (NMCPs) of the eight countries to share the findings of regional analyses and to support the translation of regional and other relevant research findings into national program policies, as well as to ensure synergy between the regional/border strategies and the national elimination strategies. The successful candidate is expected to have a thorough understanding of all aspects of malaria control and elimination and will have a proven track-record in capacity building and the ability to provide appropriate technical assistance to NMCPs. S/he will be a creative, innovative, and strategic thinker, with excellent communication, analytical, interpersonal, and cross-cultural skills.

### Key Results Areas

### Technical Collaboration with National Malaria Control Programs and Partners

- Work closely with the NMCPs in-country on strategic and technical approaches towards malaria elimination.
- Participate in the development of malaria control and elimination policies and collaborate with E8 partners and NMCPs to promote and apply knowledge in regional malaria epidemiology, parasitology, and entomology.
- Facilitate processes of developing and reviewing the regional malaria technical strategy with input from NMCPs and E8 specialist Technical Working Groups.

## **Support Regional Capacity Building**

- Participate in the assessment of regional capacity needs to inform development of regional capacity building programs for elimination.
- Support technical capacity building for elimination, including coordinating between the WHO, and other technical partners, to support the integration and alignment of regional and national elimination strategies.

## **Facilitate Regional Knowledge Management and best practices**

- Participate in the development and implementation of an operational research strategy focused on translating cutting-edge developments from global research and technological innovation into operational design of E8 programs
- Manage the synthesis of regional operational research outcomes to improve program design
- Promote packaging of regional and global malaria elimination best practices and provide platforms for knowledge dissemination
- Strengthen use of surveillance analysis to provide feedback to NMCPs to enable evidence based decision-making and response to cross-border transmission.
- Promote effective malaria knowledge management within the E8 region, the Secretariat team, and collaborating partners including translation of research knowledge to practice environments, and other activities to promote utilization of research knowledge generated in relevant field settings.

## **Qualifications Required:**

- MPH, MSc or equivalent, with sound understanding of malaria epidemiology, malaria diagnostics, malaria case management, parasitology, entomology, vector control and principles of malaria elimination.

## **Experience Required:**

- At least 10 years of experience designing and implementing integrated malaria programs at national and/or regional, and/or international level;
- Experience in applying surveillance and other data to inform program design and impact evaluation;
- Demonstrated experience in results dissemination and translation of research into policy and practice; and
- Experience in building and managing partnerships in a complex, multicultural, and multi-disciplinary environment, including with ministries of health, as well as development and research partners.

## **Competencies Required:**

- Proven excellent written & oral communications skills;
- Ability to interact effectively with a broad and diverse audience;

- Demonstrated ability to sensitively mobilize and coordinate partners around priority malaria intervention policies, strategies, and approaches;
- Ability to operate in a flat organisational structure;
- Demonstrable track record of high performance;
- Strong leadership, interpersonal, problem-solving skills;
- Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously, set priorities and work independently;
- Proven ability to work efficiently in a fast-paced environment and to troubleshoot and follow projects through to completion, consistently on schedule, without loss of attention to detail;
- Fluent in English;
- Working knowledge of **Portuguese will be an added advantage;**
- Strong data analytical skills, including a proven aptitude for epidemiological analysis;
- Fully skilled in the use of Microsoft Office suite;
- Candidate must be a citizen of one of the SADC countries; and
- Willing to travel up to 40% of time.