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**Job Summary** 

**Position: Research Scientist (1 Post) Reports To: Principal Investigator** 

**Work Station:** Dar es Salaam February 13, 2023 **Apply By:** 

## **Institute Overview**

Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research and policy translation.

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Ifakara Health Institute seeks a qualified and experienced Research Scientist. The researcher will support the implementation of a research project implanted at IHI. The project intends to study various methods of paying providers and draw some recommendations for improving payment methods in Tanzania – in an effort to reach universal health coverage (UHC).

Many countries including Tanzania are implementing various health financing reforms. One dimension where reforms are envisaged is around provider payment mechanisms especially in reimbursing health providers and facilities from health insurance funds.

Ifakara seeks a researcher (health economist) to join the project and support the implementation of the research project in data collection, data analysis, report writing, and dissemination.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Review various grey and scientific literature, papers and reports on health financing in Tanzania and beyond.
- Synthesize evidence from reviewing different literature.
- Participate in developing data collection tools and testing.
- Oversee all data collection activities and prepare fieldwork reports.
- Work on quantitative data management and analysis related to health financing using STATA software and Excel.
- Participate in writing reports, scientific manuscripts, and other outputs to disseminate results in technical working groups, and in local & international conferences.
- Perform any other duty assigned by his/her supervisor.

## **Qualification and Experience**

- Master's degree in Health Economics or Economics specializing in health economics.
- Knowledge and familiarity with data analysis and management using STATA software and Excel.
- Experience in undertaking health-related research particularly on health financing.
- Experience in health system reforms particularly health financing reforms.

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## **Skills and Competencies**

- Possess the highest level of integrity.
- Team Player.
- Self-motivated and result oriented.
- Strong data management and data analysis skills.
- Proven interpersonal skills in dealing with different scientists, accountants and administrators.
- Be fluent in English and Swahili languages; written and spoken.
- Self-motivated with the ability to work independently.
- Ability to interact with government officials, health providers and patients.
- Adhere to Ifakara's core values (Transparency, Responsibility, Integrity, Respect and Initiative).

#### Remuneration

An attractive and competitive remuneration package will be offered to successful candidates as per IHI salary scales.

## **Equal Opportunity**

IHI is an equal opportunity employer. We prohibit intentional biases or discrimination and harassment of any kind at the work place and during recruitment. All employment decisions are based solely on job requirements and individual qualifications, and our recruitment process is governed by the labour laws of Tanzania.

## **Mode of Application**

All candidates who meet the above job requirements should send their application letters together with their detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) showing contact addresses including email, telephone/cell phone numbers and copies of academic and professional certificates to the email address below.

The **deadline** for this application is **17:00hrs on Monday, February, 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.** All e-mail application subject lines should include: **RESEARCH SCIENTIST – HEALTH ECONOMIST. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.** 

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