



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA
INSTITUTE OF
MEDICAL RESEARCH**



POSITION VACANCY

Acceptability Research Officer - NATNAT

Newly Adapted Tools & Network Against mosquito-borne disease Transmission

The Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research (PNGIMR) is a statutory organization tasked with conducting medical research into the primary health problems facing the people of Papua New Guinea. It produces research of international quality that attracts global attention and funding from a variety of international agencies. PNGIMR is a well-known research institution with a strong focus on vector-borne diseases research.

The PNGIMR and PNG National Department of Health (NDoH) are working together on NATNAT to adopt a 'framework for rapid assessment and adoption of new vector control tools' (VCTs) for PNG, allowing for a more rapid pathway for the implementation of VCTs identified as being efficacious to the country. The project has four specific aims:

- 1) Strengthen laboratory and field capacity to test new VCTs;
- 2) Conduct rigorous field evaluations of new VCTs;
- 3) Investigate the community and health system acceptability of new VCTs;
- 4) Support a NMCP-led formal network for evaluating and establishing recommendations for vector control tools and interventions in PNG.

Summary of the position:

The Acceptability Research Officer (ARO) will be based full-time at PNGIMR in Madang. The role will work in close collaboration with the malaria control program of the National Department of Health, PNG Neglected Tropical Diseases Control Program, James Cook University, Rotarians Against Malaria and Burnet Institute. The main focus of this role will be to support the acceptability research component of the NATNAT project by being involved in the design, delivery and analysis of the acceptability surveys for the introduction of new vector control tools in PNG.

Reporting and supervision:

The successful candidate will report to the PNGIMR Health Systems Research Officer and the VBD Unit Head. The health systems research officer at PNGIMR will provide supervision on a daily basis including tasking and attendance to work.

Technical oversight will be provided by the NATNAT Program Directors and researchers. For project administrative support, the incumbent will be required to report directly to the NATNAT Project Partnership Manager.

Key Responsibilities & Tasks:

- i) Support the development and implementation of high-quality qualitative research led by PNGIMR.
- ii) Contribute towards the development, implementation and integration of qualitative research activities, including the operational planning and implementation, compliance with regulatory requirements, data management and analysis/reporting.

- iii) Maintain regular coordination with key stakeholders for harmonisation of activities.
- iv) Support activities of related projects at PNGIMR.
- v) Support preparation of and participation in relevant project meetings and workshops, including information dissemination and updates.
- vi) Contribute to preparation of progress reports.
- vii) Perform other duties as requested.

Minimum Requirements:

- Degree/diploma in social sciences or health (Anthropology, Sociology, Demography, Public Health, Environmental Health or equivalent work experience in social science or qualitative research.
- Experience working in vector-borne diseases.
- Technical experience in conducting qualitative research techniques; interviews, focus group discussions and structured observations.
- Experience working in health sector at national, provincial level, community level or the private sector Experience with conducting data entry and analysis.
- Excellent communication skills and ability to work effectively and collaboratively with others.
- Commitment to duties and willingness to take on extra duties as required.
- Strong initiative and self-motivation to progress project aims.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Willingness to travel and assume field work duties in rural PNG.
- Fluent in English and Tok-pisin.

Salary and Benefits:

- Salary & benefits will be based on PNGIMR salary structure and will be negotiated with preferred candidate.

A copy of the job description will be provided upon request.

Application closes on Wednesday, 23rd June 2021. Please send your application and current CV to:

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