

Technical Midwife Adviser (full-time)



The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) is the world's largest organisation for midwives, with over 250,000 midwives in 108 Member Associations in 98 countries. ICM supports, represents and works to strengthen professional associations of midwives on a global basis, and envisions a world where every childbearing woman has access to a midwife's care for herself and her newborn.

To facilitate its global work, ICM is recruiting a highly motivated self-driven midwife to join the team at its headquarters in The Hague.

Primary responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the Technical Midwife Adviser will be to provide technical support and advice on maternal, newborn and child health and midwifery issues; contribute to the capacity building of Member Associations and advocacy; contribute to ICM projects and other activities at headquarters.

Description of duties

Under the guidance of the Senior Midwifery Adviser, the Technical Midwife Adviser will:

- Provide technical support to countries through the member associations to strengthen midwives' influence on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health policy development for improving services.
- Support the implementation of programmes for capacity building and scaling up skilled care at birth.
- Work with Member Associations, to strengthen midwifery services as a strategy for the reduction of maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity.
- Contribute to the development of global guidelines including global standards for midwifery education and regulation, and essential competencies for basic midwifery practice.
- Facilitate the implementation and integration of global guidelines into national Maternal Newborn and Child Health services.
- Utilise evidence based approaches to support Midwifery Associations.
- Collect data and systematically analyse country experiences.
- Liaise with stakeholders and partners on project related activities.
- Produce progress reports for the Secretary General and / or ICM Board as appropriate.
- Support project implementation within budget, monitoring and evaluation in project countries.

Education and experience

- Educated at graduate level and a minimum of 5 years experience in midwifery/maternal and child health. A Masters degree in a relevant field will be an advantage
- Experience in developing workshop materials, coaching and mentoring, planning and facilitating workshops.
- Knowledge and experience of research methodologies and education programmes
- Ability to communicate effectively in a multi-cultural environment, among partners and colleagues and ability to work under pressure.
- Excellent command of English both verbal and written. French and/or Spanish an asset.
- Excellent computer skills and advanced knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
- Good interpersonal skills and the ability to integrate well in a busy, friendly multi-cultural environment.

Location

ICM Headquarters, The Hague, the Netherlands. Duties may include occasional international and regional travel.

Duration

Initial one-year contract, with possibility of extension based upon satisfactory performance review and funding availability.

Terms

Full time (37.5 hours/week)

To Apply

Applications and informal enquiries may be submitted in English to Emily Kibbler, Personal Assistant to the Secretary General, at e.kibbler@internationalmidwives.org

Closing date for applications: Friday, 9 March 2012 (Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.)