

## Technical Midwife Adviser (2 posts)

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**The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)** envisions a world where every childbearing woman has access to a midwife's care for herself and her newborn and has as its mission "To strengthen member associations and to advance the profession of midwifery globally by promoting autonomous midwives as the most appropriate caregivers for childbearing women and in keeping birth normal, in order to enhance the reproductive health of women, and the health of their newborn and their families".

To facilitate its global work, the ICM is recruiting two highly motivated self driven midwives to join its 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, particularly '*Enhancing Midwives' Contribution to the Reduction of Maternal Newborn and Child Mortality*' 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 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.

Duties include international and regional travel.

## **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.
- 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.

**Duration:** Two-year contract, based upon satisfactory performance review.

**Location:** ICM Headquarters, The Hague.

**Closing Date:** Applications must be submitted by **Friday, 22 May 2009**

**Please send your curriculum vitae in English including two references to:**

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**\* Only successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.**

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