

Job description: Project Manager

POSITION TO BE FILLED: **PROJECT MANAGER TO SUPPORT THE MAE PROJECT** (*project to support the training of midwives for better access to quality maternal and child healthcare in the Lao people's democratic republic*)

PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: **VIENTIANE, LAOS**

STARTING DATE: **OCTOBER 2022**

CONTRAT: **FULL-TIME LOCAL CONTRACT UNDER LAO LAW** (35h/week)

DURATION: **ONE YEAR (RENEWABLE)** (duration of the project 5 years until December 2025)

Partners presentation

Presentation of IRD



The IRD is a public scientific and technological institution, under the dual supervision of the French Ministries of Research and Foreign Affairs. A multidisciplinary organization working mainly in partnership with Mediterranean and intertropical countries, the Research Institute carries, through its network and its presence in about fifty countries, an original approach to research, expertise, training and knowledge sharing for the benefit of territories and countries that make science and innovation one of the primary levers of their development.

Presentation of the Fondation Pierre Fabre



The Fondation Pierre Fabre (FPF) is a foundation recognized as being of public utility by decree of the Council of State dated April 6, 1999. Its mission is to enable the populations of the least developed countries and those of emerging countries in the world, as well as populations exceptionally plunged into situations of serious crisis, of political, economic and/or natural origin, to have access, in terms of both quality and volume, to healthcare and more specifically to commonly used medicines defined by the WHO as essential to human health.

Presentation of the Faculty of Nursing Sciences, University of Health Sciences of Lao PDR



The Faculty of Nursing Sciences (FON) is under the aegis of the University of Health Sciences of Lao PDR (UHSL), Ministry of Health. This faculty was established in 2008 and is divided into 5 departments: Administration and Academic Affairs, Fundamental and Community Nursing, Pediatric Nursing, Adult-Geriatric Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing, Midwifery. Its objective is to train health professionals, nurses and midwives, to the highest level available in Laos (Bachelor of Science). It offers initial and continuous education in these two fields.

More specifically, in the midwifery department, two study programs are offered to obtain a Bachelor's degree in midwifery:

- The initial training program lasts 4 years. There are theoretical and practical courses composed of theoretical modules, a thesis, hospital internships and a final evaluation.
- The second program is for continuous education. It consists of continuous training for nurses or midwives. This training course is carried out over 2 years.

FON has a national and international network with links to healthcare facilities and universities.

Presentation of Mae* project (*mother in Lao)

The project to support midwifery training aims to form a visible and concrete bridge between midwifery training and the improvement of mother and childcare throughout Laos.

The project will

- Strengthen the capacity of human resources in mother and child health in Lao PDR at all levels (central, provincial, pre-service and in-service training), building on teaching staff already trained
- Raise awareness and inform the general population and the medical profession of the importance of access to quality mother and childcare by relying on the network of bachelor alumni
- Strengthen training and healthcare structures identified in the provinces to enable quality maternal and childcare

This approach should make it possible to achieve the common objective that the partners project have always set for themselves: to train with the aim of contributing to the improvement of public health of the population in the long term.

Mission and activities

Conducting the mission

The project manager will be under the technical supervision of the Fondation Pierre Fabre project manager. He/she will be in regular contact with the teaching staff of the midwifery department of the FSI, in particular the vice-dean. The local contract will be registered by the IRD Partner.

Place

Vientiane, Donkoy Campus, Faculty of Nursing Sciences, University of Health Sciences of Laos with travels to the provinces (North and South).

Activities

- Help in the implementation and follow-up of daily activities;
- Follow-up of teachers on long training programs (PhD, Master) and/or in short training programs abroad;
- Assistance in the organization of teaching and training missions;
- Assistance in the organization of awareness campaign;
- Assistance in the purchase of consumables, teaching materials and equipment;
- Monitoring of indicators;
- Various administrative tasks: certificates, letters, mailings;
- Drafting of activity reports;

- Participation in meetings;
- Communication of the project

Mission and daily activities may evolve according to the needs of the project, as they progress.

Candidate Profile

Experience

2/3 years of higher education in foreign languages, project management

Experience in a similar position would be appreciated

Experience with international actors would be a plus

Required skills

- Languages: Lao mother tongue, fluent written and spoken French and/or English
- Excellent writing skills;
- Full command of the Office package;
- Ability to synthesise information;
- Rigour and reliability;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills and excellent listening skills;
- Ability to work in an intercultural environment and to demonstrate flexibility and adaptability;
- Ability to seek information (inquisitiveness and initiative).

Application procedure

To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter **before 10/10/2022** to eric.deharo@ird.fr with the reference "**Project Manager - MAE Project**".