

## Job description for Childhood TB Technical Officer

<b>Title</b>	<b>Childhood TB Technical Officer</b>
<b>Reports to</b>	NTP Manager
<b>Job Summary</b>	The main duties of the incumbent are to reduce the paediatric TB diagnostic and treatment gap, increase the uptake of new paediatric fixed-dose combination medicines, as well as scale up treatment of latent TB through innovative models of care for paediatric TB that focus on integration and decentralization
<b>Essential Duties and Responsibilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that Childhood TB is put high on the National TB Program Agenda</li> <li>2. Support the coordination of the Childhood TB TWG</li> <li>3. Coordinate the conduction of quarterly childhood TB TWG meetings</li> <li>4. Support the implementation of the National TB Strategic plan (2021 -2025)</li> <li>5. Advocate with MCAZ to accelerate registration of New TB medicines for Children</li> <li>6. Advocate with the parliamentary portfolio committee on health for annual national budgets to expand pediatric TB diagnosis and treatment</li> <li>7. Support the TB sample referral system from non-diagnostic sites to pediatric TB diagnostic facilities</li> <li>8. Coordinate the introduction of new Childhood TB diagnostic technologies and medicines through promoting policy dialogues on program areas that require change or new innovative approaches</li> <li>9. Support private-public partnerships to strengthen radiological diagnosis of Childhood TB</li> <li>10. Support strengthening of the use of alternate sample types (e.g., collection of respiratory, stool and other non-respiratory samples) in diagnosing TB in children</li> <li>11. Support the use and roll-out of TB LAM test in children</li> <li>12. Support introduction of EMB single dispersible formulation for treatment of drug sensitive TB in HIV co-infected children</li> <li>13. Coordinate implementation of TPT in children including the use of shorter regimens (3RH and 3HP) for treatment of latent TB</li> <li>14. Coordinate the development, printing and distribution of job aids, SOPs for LTBI</li> <li>15. Coordinate the review/development of Childhood TB normative guidelines for treatment adherence support by community health care workers</li> <li>16. Support the subnational level in the implementation of integrated strategies to improve access to TB care in non -TB services accessed by Pediatric population (e.g., MNCH, HIV, nutrition, and other entry points) at facilities</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Facilitate development and implementation of a robust data quality assurance strategy for the TB program, ensuring that data quality assessments are carried out periodically and measures put in place to improve the quality of data.</li> <li>18. Facilitate development and implementation of program optimization and quality improvement plans based on overall program and site performance reviews</li> <li>19. Coordinate compilation of data reports and inputting of data in all program reports including quarterly and annual reports.</li> <li>20. Support the development of national TB guidelines and training materials in line with international standards and best practices for implementing TB and TB/HIV activities.</li> <li>21. Support introduction of new TB diagnostic technologies and medicines through promoting policy dialogues on program areas that require change or new innovative approaches.</li> <li>22. Support introduction, systemic decentralization and monitoring of new Childhood TB diagnostics and treatment services.</li> <li>23. Support the national TB program to implement a public health, evidence based, data driven and human rights compliant Childhood TB and HIV response.</li> <li>24. Facilitate Childhood TB program research and evaluation activities including development of study tools and data management systems, data analysis, report writing and dissemination of findings.</li> <li>25. Spearhead the documentation and dissemination of “lessons learned” through technical reports, conference abstracts and manuscripts.</li> <li>26. Perform other relevant duties as assigned by supervisors.</li> </ol>
<b>Scope</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of Childhood TB Response within the NTP</li> </ul>
<b>Expected outputs/outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in Childhood TB notifications</li> <li>• Reduction in morbidity and mortality associated with pediatric TB</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical doctor with a Master’s degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, Biostatistics or other relevant advanced degree with a strong background in Statistics.</li> <li>• Sound training and experience in clinical management of TB</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge, Skills and Abilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 5 years proven working experience at provincial or national level in planning, training, surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, and implementation of public health activities related to TB control.</li> <li>• At least 2 years’ experience in monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS and TB control programs.</li> <li>• Excellent oral and written communication skills (English and Shona or Ndebele).</li> <li>• Ability to network, interact and influence at policy, provincial, district and facility level.</li> <li>• Excellent computer and word processing skills.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong analytical and report writing skills.</li><li>• Valid Registration with the Medical and Dental Practitioners Council of Zimbabwe</li><li>• Ability to travel regularly within and outside the country</li></ul>
<b>Key dates</b>	January 2022 to December 2023