



# KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Opening date:** March 10, 2023

**Vacancy No.** CVDC/013/03/23

### **Project description**

BOHEMIA (Broad One-Health Endectocide-based Malaria Intervention in Africa) is a UNTAID funded project affiliated to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) conducting a cluster randomized controlled trial (cRCT) to evaluate ivermectin mass drug administration (MDA) to humans and cattle for malaria prevention trial in Kwale county. The project's local implementing partner is KEMRI, through Kwale and Kilifi KEMRI Centers.

The project is seeking to appoint laboratory technologists to support the team in implementing a robust, multi-faceted cluster randomised controlled trial based in Kwale country.

**POSITION: Laboratory Technologists** (2 position)

**Job Grade:** KMR 8

**LOCATION:** Kwale,

**REPORTING TO:** Laboratory supervisor.

### **Position summary**

The candidate will be expected to support laboratory activities in Kwale KEMRI laboratory. The Laboratory Technologists will be asked to coordinate and process sample receipt, storage, processing and shipment. The Laboratory Technologists will have good knowledge of quality assurance procedures, be able to draft, follow and review standard operating procedures (SOPs) as well as laboratory analytical plan. The Laboratory Technologists will work together with a team of field workers, scientists and clinicians and will provide support in the lab when requested.

### **Job Specification**

- i. Learn and follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the study including: receipt and registration of samples, sample quality control, storage of biological samples, follow-up of samples and resolution of anomalies, among others;
- ii. Keep all sample registration and recording and ensure it is conducted appropriately;
- iii. Participate in training of field workers;
- iv. Ensure adequate sample labelling and storage.
- v. Perform quality assurance activities and anomalies resolution;
- vi. Ensure that the handling of samples follows the flow established in the SOPs;

- vii. Keep an open communication with the Laboratory Supervisor to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements for the protection of human participants;
- viii. Assist in the preparation of the shipping of samples to the processing laboratories in Kilifi, Kenya, and Basel, Switzerland;
- ix. Follow the biosafety rules applicable in the work area;
- x. Attend all necessary trainings;
- xi. Whenever necessary, other tasks may be assigned.

### **Person specification**

- i. Diploma in biomedical sciences, laboratory technology or any other related field;
- ii. IATA certificate will be an added advantage;
- iii. GCP and GCLP training will be an added advantage;
- iv. Proficiency in reading and writing in English and Swahili
- v. Experience working in biomedical studies and following study protocols and/or study specific procedures.
- vi. Experience in Laboratory Techniques.
- vii. Knowledge of Good Clinical Practices (GCP) and Good Clinical Laboratory Practices (GCLP).
- viii. Knowledge of basic informatics: ability to input data into a tablet.
- ix. Experience working in Kwale County or knowledge of the area (desired, but not essential)
- x. Excellent organizational skills.
- xi. Team player and proactive.
- xii. Flexibility and adaptability.

### **Terms of Employment**

Eight (8) months renewable contract as per KEMRI scheme of service. Probation period for the first 3 months. Salary is payable within the stated job grade.

Applications MUST include the following:

- Letter of Application (INDICATE VACANCY NUMBER)
- Current Curriculum Vitae with telephone number and e-mail address
- Contacts of three referees including telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses
- Copies of Certificates.
- Contact telephone number.

All the applications to be done through KEMRI Website [www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment portal](http://www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment-portal)- on or before March 24, 2023, latest 5.00 p.m. Please visit the KEMRI web site [www.kemri.go.ke](http://www.kemri.go.ke) for more details on the advertisement.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted