

Vacancy Announcement **Research Manager**

Terms: 100%
Location: Flexible with international travel

Summary

This is a key role in analyzing and publishing NALA's impact. NALA aims to partner with international academic institutes identify at least one research question in each of its project and to publish results that will inform international public health policy. Our research methodologies include mixed qualitative and quantitative methods. As our work continues to grow in new areas, we are looking for the right candidate to grow with us and increase the depth and scope of our research.

About NALA

NALA is an internationally recognized expert in the fight to eliminate neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). NTDs impact more than 1.5 billion people worldwide, disproportionately affecting rural and high-poverty populations with the least access to clean water and sanitation. Our innovative and community-based solutions have led to a sustainable reduction in the burden of disease in project areas. Our model complements drug administration campaigns with a focus on promoting healthy behavior change, strengthening the capacity of the local community to improve public health, and increasing their access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).

About the Position

This position is 100% with an initial 3-month probationary period. The selected candidate will join the NALA team that is based at our headquarters in Tel Aviv. If the position holder will be based in a different location, travel might be expected at least 4 times a year for team meetings. The Research Manager will play a key role in measuring the impact of NTD prevention strategies, and advocating for investment in disease prevention.

Responsibilities

1. Research and analyze interventions:

- Identify, together with the NALA team, the main research questions and opportunities to influence the public health sector.
- Work closely with the Learning and Innovation Manager to identify relevant indicators and research methodologies.
- Coordinate all research efforts and ensure high research quality is maintained with minimum burden on operational teams.
- Translate Research Outcomes to organizational lessons learned.

2. Actively seek and connect with new academic partners and research grants

- Liaise with current and potential academic partners, build and strengthen relationships and explore joint opportunities.
- Recruit researchers and research students that can support and enhance NALA's research activities, and serve as a liaison between the research teams and NALA.



- Map research funding opportunities and prepare grant proposals with the support of the NALA team.
- 3. Publish findings in academic and professional publications, as well as international conferences and forums to promote adoption of disease prevention strategies by international partners.**
- Translate research outcomes into academic papers and work on publishing research results in the most relevant and impactful journals.
 - Ensure NALA presents its findings in all relevant professional forums, such as the NNN, ASTMH, COR-NTD.
 - Participate in public health research networks such as the GSA Research working group.
 - Initiate consultations on adoption of key models as standards of practice with international actors and the WHO.

Competencies

1. *Strong analytical skills*- able to identify research priorities, design research strategies, and analyze data independently.
2. *Excellent academic writing skills* – ability to author and edit academic papers.
3. *Ability to form high level partnerships* – can liaise and form formal collaborations with academic institutions and researchers.
4. *Good interpersonal skills*- Cultural sensitivity; Collaboration; Effective communicator.
5. *Strong work ethic*- Self-motivated and can work independently and adapt well to changing priorities and duties.

Qualifications

1. University master's degree, preferably in a relevant subject matter such as public health, social sciences and statistics.
2. Five years of relevant professional experience in research and/or monitoring and evaluation activities within the public health sector. Published work in academic journals.
3. Previous work in international development in the Global South, and in the NTD Sector is an advantage.
4. Mixed methods research experience is an advantage.

Application Process

Interested candidates are invited to send their CVs and names of 3 potential references to hr@nalafoundation.org by July 4th, 2024. Please include the following text in the subject line: 'Research Manager application'.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an exam and an interview.

