



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT- MSF OCB

Job Title	Mission Pharmacy Manager
Employer	Médecins Sans Frontières - Belgium
Duty Station	Damascus
Deadline for applications	20 th April 2025
Contract status	Service Agreement for 3 months, Possible Renewable
Type of contract	Full time
Start Date	May 2025

Introduction about MSF:

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / أطباء بل حدود is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people in 70 countries who are affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from healthcare. MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation and our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality.

We offer basic healthcare, perform surgery, fight epidemics, rehabilitate and run hospitals and clinics, carry out vaccination campaigns, operate nutrition centers, and provide mental healthcare. Our activities include the treatment of injuries and disease, maternal care and the provision of humanitarian aid. Where necessary, we set up sanitation systems, supply safe drinking water, and distribute relief to assist survival.

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Main Objective of the position:

Defining, coordinating and monitoring all pharmacy related activities in the Mission, according to MSF standards and values, the Medical Coordinator instructions and with consideration of national and international laws and regulations, in order to ensure the quality and proper organisation of medical supply process, procedures and protocols, the proper management of the medical stock in the projects and, in collaboration with the medical coordinator, the correct use of medicines and medical material



Accountabilities:

- Supporting the HoM and MedCo in representing and defending MSF's interests before the Ministry of Health and other local authorities or local suppliers for any issue concerning pharmaceutical supply, in order to ensure stock procurement in the projects while complying with the national laws and regulations and following MSF protocols. Ensuring a close follow up of the National Drug Supply particularly in projects where **MSF** is working in conjunction with MoH. Collaborating in budgeting and preparing drug and other medical material orders together with Medical and Logistic Coordinators.
- Supervising the running of the pharmacies across the mission, ensuring the proper implementation of **MSF** Safety standards, incl. pharmacovigilance follow up and waste management protocols, and to national and international legislation, in order to ensure the quality of the service given to the population and the accurate handling of drugs and products, including its proper disposal, in terms of hygiene and security. In case of integration of medical stock under the supply, this includes close involvement in the medical warehouse as regards procedures, operations and stock management but not direct supervision of same. Supporting the Medical Coordinator regarding the follow-up of EPREP planning and maintenance of medical emergency kits.
- Supporting and participating in all drug and medical material supply processes and ensuring its overall efficiency and effectiveness. This involves regular technical visits to project sites to ensure appropriate follow up of activities and management of field pharmacies; collecting and analyzing stock indicators according to physical records and logistic across different projects and together with the Medical Coordinator taking corrective decisions when necessary and providing technical pharmacy support regarding pharmaceutical information, medication use (protocols and rational drug use), management of side effects, adherence issues etc.
- Ensuring the collection of data for monitoring and surveillance of optimal quantity & quality of medicine use. Supporting activities at service level for effective drug distribution and control, quality prescription (rational drug use), medicines reconciliation, antibiotic stewardship interventions such as restricted use antibiotic review, follow up of pharmaceutical care plans, patient counseling, good dispensing practices and safe medication practices.
- Monitoring the procurement process and taking corrective measures when needed, ensuring regular communication with Medical, Logistics, HR and Finance departments regarding Medical Supply and Pharmacy Management. Supporting the Medical Coordinator in order to ensure local medical purchases are made from approved sources, subject to approval of Section Pharmacist
- Being responsible for the good maintenance of all drugs and equipment in the pharmacies and the appropriate storage and management of supply of narcotic and psychotropic medication with respect to national legislation, permitting traceability for these specific products.
- Facilitating correct stock management and transport/storage procedures, in order to ensure the availability of stock in all projects and to avoid expiries/overstocks and stock-outs. Ensuring that all inventories of drugs and medical devices exist and are updated. In close collaboration with Logistics Department, supervising storage conditions (e.g. humidity, temperature, light exposure, cleanliness, pest and rodents control, stock security, maintenance of cold chain, etc.), classification, organization and inventory, in order to guarantee the quality of the medicines and other medical material and prevent damage, financial losses generated by expired items, deterioration and robbery. Being responsible for follow-up of loans/donations and management of expired medications according to MSF procedures (and national legislation in case of expired drugs)
- Planning and supervising, in close coordination with the HR department, the associated processes (recruitment, training/induction, evaluation, potential detection, development and communication) of the staff under his/her responsibility in order to ensure both the sizing and the amount of knowledge required. In case of integration of medical stock under the supply, this includes providing support to Supply Log in this capacity to ensure the medical stock and pharmacy management according to recommended guide lines/procedures.
- Participating in reporting according to MSF guidelines (SitReps, medical statistical reports, etc.) and reporting on drug consumption and medical devices dispensed according to protocols, informing on unusual patterns.

MSF Section/Context Specific Accountabilities:

- **Selection of medical products:** by-yearly review of the medical standard list for each facility.
- **Ordering of medical products:** collaborating in budgeting and preparing drug and other medical material orders together with Medical and Logistic Coordinators twice a year.
- **Procurement of medical products:** monitoring the procurement process and taking corrective measures when needed, ensuring regular communication with Medical, Logistics, HR and Finance departments regarding Medical Supply and Pharmacy Management. Supporting the Medical Coordinator in order to ensure local medical purchases are made from approved sources, subject to approval of Section Pharmacist. Supporting and participating in all drug and medical material supply processes and ensuring its overall efficiency and effectiveness.



- **Management and distribution of medical products:**

- Technical visits to project sites to ensure appropriate follow up of activities and management of field pharmacies; collecting and analysing stock indicators according to physical records and logistic across different projects and together with the Medical Coordinator taking corrective decisions when necessary.
- Supervising the running of the pharmacies across the mission, ensuring the proper implementation of international Safety standards, follow up and waste management protocols, and to national and international legislation, in order to ensure the quality of the service given to the population and the accurate handling of drugs and products, including its proper disposal, in terms of hygiene and security.
- Close involvement in the medical warehouse as regards procedures, operations and stock management but not direct supervision of same. Supporting the Medical Coordinator regarding the follow-up of the emergency planning and maintenance of medical emergency kits.
- Being responsible for the good maintenance of all drugs and equipment in the pharmacies and the appropriate storage and management of supply of narcotic and psychotropic medication with respect to national legislation, permitting traceability for these specific products.
- Facilitating correct stock management and transport/storage procedures, in order to ensure the availability of stock in all projects and to avoid expiries/overstocks and stock-outs. Ensuring that all inventories of drugs and medical devices exist and are updated. In close collaboration with Logistics Department, supervising storage conditions (e.g. humidity, temperature, light exposure, cleanliness, pest and rodents control, stock security, maintenance of cold chain, etc.), classification, organization and inventory, in order to guarantee the quality of the medicines and other medical material and prevent damage, financial losses generated by expired items, deterioration and robbery. Being responsible for follow-up of loans/donations and management of expired medications according to standard procedures (and national legislation in case of expired drugs)
- **Use of medical products:** Providing technical pharmacy support regarding pharmaceutical information, medication use (protocols and rational drug use), management of side effects, adherence issues and pharmacovigilance. Supporting activities at service level for effective drug distribution and control, quality prescription (rational drug use), medicines reconciliation, antibiotic stewardship interventions such as restricted use antibiotic review, follow up of pharmaceutical care plans, patient counselling, good dispensing practices and safe medication practices.
- **Networking and Advocacy:** Supporting the Medical Coordinator in representing and defending the organization's interests before the health authorities and other local authorities or local suppliers for any issue concerning pharmaceutical supply, in order to ensure stock procurement in the projects while complying with the national laws and regulations and following international protocols. Ensuring a close follow up of the National Drug Supply particularly in projects where we are working in conjunction with local authorities.
- **Human Resources:** Planning and supervising, in close coordination with the HR department, the associated processes (recruitment, training/induction, evaluation, potential detection, development and communication) of the staff under his/her responsibility in order to ensure both the sizing and the amount of knowledge required. In case of integration of medical stock under the supply, this includes providing support to Supply Log in this capacity to ensure the medical stock and pharmacy management according to recommended guidelines/procedures.
- **Reporting:** ensuring the collection of data for monitoring and surveillance of optimal quantity & quality of medicine use. Participating in reporting according to international guidelines (SitReps, medical statistical reports, etc.) and reporting on drug consumption and medical devices dispensed according to protocols, informing on unusual patterns.



Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential: pharmacy degree (or equivalent 4-5 years diploma according to the country of origin of the pharmacist)
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential demonstrated two years' experience in (hospital) pharmacy management, previous experience with MSF or other NGO's in developing countries is desirable Emergency experience
Languages	Arabic and English are essential.
Knowledge	Essential computer literacy (word, excel and internet)
Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People Management• Commitment• Flexibility• Results• Teamwork

Application process:

In order to apply for this position please send your application via following email (msfocb-syria-jobs@msf.org), Write the Subject Line **Mission Pharmacy Manager**. Please send us your **CV, together with a motivation letter and all relevant work and education certificates**, without supporting documents the application will be not accepted.

Only Shortlisted Candidates will be contacted.
MSF has the right to extend or shorten the vacancy announcement.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION: 20th April 2025.

*We are an equal opportunity employer; we do not charge a fee for any applications received.
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.*