

# Health Adviser (Global Health Funds)

- **Long Term Adviser position to 30 June 2024, Canberra based with occasional international travel**
- **Apply your expertise to provide policy and technical health advice to progress Indo-Pacific interests**
- **Contribute to DFAT's regional health portfolio**

## Background

Health security in the Indo-Pacific is a priority for Australia's development program. Australia's investments seek to prepare for emerging threats in our region and promote resilience through strengthening health systems; advance regional cooperation; accelerate access to innovation and respond to the threat from COVID19. Major investments include:

- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, the leading global partnership against the three diseases and a critical actor against drug-resistant TB and malaria in the region (\$242 million for 2020-2022).
- Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, helping developing countries roll-out effective and comprehensive routine immunization systems (\$300 million for 2021-2025).
- The World Bank's Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF), Advance UHC (\$76 million 2015-25).

Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative, aiming to inform evidence-based planning, help prevent avoidable epidemics, strengthen early detection capacity, and support rapid, effective national and international outbreak responses (\$300 million 2017-2022 and \$375 million 2023-2027). Bilateral health programs in Cambodia, PNG, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, and the Pacific.

## About the Opportunity

The **Health Adviser (Global Health Funds)** will provide policy and technical health advice to the Health Funds section in Canberra and to key posts to advance Australia's strategic goals. Specifically, the position will operate to progress Indo-Pacific interests in Australia's engagement in the Global Fund – in the Board and its committees, and through the Global Fund's Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs). The position will also operationalise DFAT's regional/country grants as part of Australia's set-aside. Expertise in the Global Fund's processes and operations is needed to assess the work of the Global Fund in the region and recommend approaches to further our interests, with the position supporting DFAT in two principal areas:

1. Country-facing support on Global Fund grant implementation in the Pacific, Melanesia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste and overseeing Australia's set aside investments.
2. Support to Australia's engagement at the Global Fund Board and its Committees.
  - a. The Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) is a key feature of the Global Fund model. The CCMs are national committees comprising representatives of government, the private sector, technical and bilateral partners, civil society, and communities living with the diseases. They play a critical role in the development and governance of Global Fund investments, as the Global Fund itself does not have a country presence and relies on partners in country to support grant implementation.
  - b. Australia advocates for the Global Fund's Catalytic Investment Fund (CIF) to advance our health and health security objectives in the region.
  - c. Additionally, the Global Fund has made up to US \$1billion available to fight COVID-19 and mitigate the impact on HIV, TB and malaria programs.

*Country-facing support on Global Fund grant implementation*

This adviser will support posts engagement in Global Fund country and regional operations – including representing DFAT on the Pacific regional CCM and providing advice to DFAT on the PNG and Indonesia CCMs.

Where Posts are not directly engaging on the global health funds in country this position will track performance and liaise with the Global Fund secretariat on key issues (in consultation with Post) to ensure investments in our priority countries are performing well or allow for course correcting.

*Support to Australia's engagement at the Global Fund Board and program design and management of DFAT's 'set aside' contribution*

Australia is a member of a Global Fund Board constituency with Canada and Switzerland, and the position will provide analytical and policy advice as well as tactical guidance to ensure Committee and Board decisions are in line with Australian priorities. The position will also engage in overseeing the development and management of Australia's 'set aside' investments through a range of delivery partners.

The Adviser will have the following duties:

*Support to Australia's engagement at the Global Fund Board (estimated 40%).*

- Provide analysis and policy advice on Global Fund governance in briefing for boards and committees.

*The Global Fund Country Facing (estimated 30% time)*

- Provide policy and technical input to the Global Fund country facing work supporting Posts focusing on identifying opportunities to strengthen grant performance and governance (with particular focus on the Pacific and Indonesia) and the strategic use of information to improve program outcomes.
- Represent DFAT on the Pacific Regional Coordinating Mechanism (PIRM CCM).
- Brief Posts (including HoMs) as required on Global Fund activities (and Australian funding) and support Posts with comms material (e.g., social media).

*Design and management of DFAT's Set Aside investment (estimated 30% time)*

- Work closely with HEF to design and implement Australia's Global Fund set aside. This involves liaising within DFAT and delivery partners; and supporting development of the required financial and contractual approvals.

The Adviser is expected to align their work with DFAT's Partnerships for Recovery: Australia's COVID-19 Development Response 2020 and to incorporate the priorities of DFAT's cross-cutting strategies Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy (2016) and Development for All 2016-2020 Strategy for Strengthening Disability-Inclusive Development in Australia's Aid Program.

### **Selection Criteria**

We are seeking an individual who will bring:

- Substantial (10+years working with multilateral health partners and up to date understanding of global developments in health
- Developing country and health program experience in the Indo-Pacific region
- Previous experience working with the Global Fund
- Post-graduate qualifications in public health, health management or equivalent
- Excellent written and spoken English skills
- Ability to communicate with influence and shape strategic thinking and policy development

- Ability to cultivate productive working relationships across teams
- Previous experience working with DFAT

## How to Apply

To view the position on the Abt Careers Website please copy and paste the link below into your browser:

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Please submit your application online; attach your resume/CV and a cover letter (as a single PDF document) addressing how you meet the requirements of this role.

***Closing Date: Sunday 15 May 2022 – midnight (Brisbane time)***

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