



The European Public Health Alliance is searching for:

A full time *Advocacy and Policy Officer* based in Brussels as part of a European Global Health Network.

Context:

Out of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), three are directly health-related with many of the remainder indirectly related to health. This is the recognition, in line with the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, that health is an important driver of economic development, rather than just an indicator. However, the most recent review concluded that these goals are unlikely to be achieved, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Health MDGs are not comprehensive - however, as commitments made by donor countries, they offer the best catalyst for increased action to improve global health. With ten years remaining for the targets and substantial bodies of work to guide actions, the years 2006-2011 offer a window of opportunity.

In Europe, advocacy for global health has a long tradition but has been almost entirely focused on specific health topics. Although issue-specific advocacy has been successful in Europe, cooperation between different health topics has been limited. Advocates often seem to be competing for the same share of limited resources and attention. A consensus on shared objectives for global health has not been developed across the different NGOs working on these issues.

The project:

The European Global Health Network project sets out a programme for developing the capacity of European civil society to advocate collectively for global health, using the Health MDGs as a focus. The project will create a cross-Europe NGO Network based in UK, Italy, Spain, Germany, France and Brussels (Belgium) to advocate for increased support by those governments and the European Institutions for the achievement of the Health MDGs. The Network will also seek broader public awareness and support for the achievement of the Health MDGs.

The European Global Health Network is a five years project lead by ActionAid International.

In Brussels the partner organizations are:

European Public Health Alliance: The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) represents over 100 non-governmental and other not-for-profit organisations working on public health in Europe.

Stop AIDS Alliance: The mission of the Stop AIDS Alliance is to support communities, both in developing countries and the wider world, to play a full and effective role in the global response to AIDS.

Marie Stopes International: MSI Brussels is involved in an on-going advocacy campaign to raise awareness of sexual and reproductive health issues in the European Union (EU).

One fulltime Advocacy and Policy Officer is being recruited for the European Public Health Alliance, mandated to work together with the advocacy officers of Stop AIDS Alliance and Marie Stopes International in building the Brussels Network on Health MDG advocacy and policy, as part of the wider European network.

Job purpose for Advocacy and Policy Officer's post

Through advocacy and policy work to realize increased support from the European Union to enable developing countries to make substantial progress towards the Health Millennium Development Goals by 2015, and to work with European partners towards Europe-wide support.



The specific health-related areas targeted by this proposal include child mortality, maternal health, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other poverty related diseases such as tuberculosis. Together with the advocacy officers from the other two Brussels-based partners, the Officer will have to cover all these specific health issues as well as prioritising over-arching issues of health systems and financing. However, the European Public Health Alliance full time post will have a greater focus on public health.

Responsibilities

1. Policy analysis

Create baselines for assessing current policies, and develop a model of effective action

Regular monitoring and reporting on progress against the baseline, including production of annual reports.

Ongoing participation in policy dialogues, participation in EU consultation, conferences and web fora

Contributing to the content of conferences and events

2. Dialogue with decision-makers

Making use of policy analysis and support of policy recommendations, establish and maintain dialogue with key decision-makers within EU institutions and other relevant organisations

Hold meetings with EU officials

Participate as Representative of the Network at international meetings

Support North-South dialogue and facilitate Southern spokespeople communicating with Northern decision-makers

3. Networking among NGOs and civil society in support of the Health MDGs

Hold and attend cross-Europe meetings of funded partners

Contribute to building up the communication tools (website, newsletter, list-serve, etc)

Part-take and facilitate peer review meetings of partners

Hold and attend meetings in Brussels on EU policies related to the Health MDGs

4. Influencing stakeholders

Ensure media attention to causal links between global health, poverty and development

Private sector liaison

Involving the academic world

5. Public campaigning

Participation in existing campaigns to promote higher profile for Health MDGs

Involve in planning for future public campaigning with partners

6. Cooperation with Brussels Network partners

Work closely with partners at Brussels level

Maintain relations with overall project and financial manager of lead organization

Terms and conditions: Monthly gross salary of 2500 Euros (12 month basis) plus luncheon vouchers.

Timing: start as soon as possible in January 2007.

Applications (CV and cover letter only) are to be sent **electronically by Friday 3 November 2006** to the following email address: jobs@epha.org Interviews will be held in Brussels in early December 2006 and will include a writing test. **Only short listed candidates will be contacted.**



	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
Qualifications		
University degree	X	
Post-graduate qualification: relevant sectoral area		X
Skills		
Fluent written and spoken English	X	
Good written and spoken French		X
Excellent interpersonal communication, presentation and public speaking skills	X	
Well developed research skills	X	
Well developed policy analysis skills	X	
Excellent writing and editing skills	X	
Able representative and networker	X	
Administratively self-sufficient: word processor, spreadsheets and power point, competence to intermediate level	X	
Experience		
2-4 years of work experience on policy and advocacy	X	
Experience of high level representation and liaison	X	
Demonstrable track record in achieving policy and advocacy goals	X	
Experience working with EU institutions and NGOs	X	
Experience of managing research and utilising it effectively in policy / advocacy work	X	
Experience of producing high quality publications		X
Experience working collaboratively with a wide range of people and organisations in the North and South		X
Experience working with the media		X
Knowledge		
Strong awareness of current issues of health within the context of the MDGs	X	
Good knowledge of relevant global development institutions, policy and frameworks	X	
Good knowledge of relevant EU development institutions, policy and frameworks	X	
Personal qualities and aptitudes		
Dynamic, enthusiastic, creative and articulate	X	
Flexible, collegial, non-hierarchical style. Excellent at working closely with others over geographical distance and different cultures.	X	
Reflective and self aware; high personal integrity	X	
Tactful and diplomatic	X	
Responsible, team-player as well as able to take the initiative and work - independently	X	
Happy to work in organizational network structure with mix of reporting relationships	X	
Personal situation		
Ability and willingness to travel within Europe	X	