**PIIVeC Country Coordinators – Call for applications**

With funding from the UK Global Challenges Research Fund, we have established a new Partnership for Increasing the Impact of Vector Control ([PIIVeC](http://www.lstmed.ac.uk/research/collaborations/partnership-for-increasing-the-impact-of-vector-control-piivec)) and are currently recruiting three exceptional, in-country coordinators to support the programme in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, and Malawi. The post holders will be the key contact points for the activities of PIIVeC in each country. They will be responsible for establishing or joining in-country Technical Vector Control Advisory Groups, with which they will work to identify the key knowledge gaps needed to develop and implement an integrated vector control strategy in country. In collaboration with other partners in PIIVeC, they will develop an operational plan to address these research questions and to promote the use of evidence in decision-making.

Country coordinators will be members of the PIIVeC management team. As such, we expect the candidates to be fully capable of working in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary environment, to have an impeccable work-ethic, and to display a true commitment to improving the vector control strategies in the partner countries.

Given the breadth of experience required to successfully undertake the post, a job-share option between individuals with different, but complementary, skills and experiences could be considered. We also recognise that some individuals may only be available on a part-time basis due to pre-existing commitments.

In each country, the main duties of the coordinators will involve:

1. Map the stakeholders involved in vector control and establish the communication routes between partners, identifying any gaps or areas that need strengthening.
2. Where these are not already in existence, establish Technical Vector Control Advisory Groups (TVCAG), comprised of key stakeholders from Ministries of Health, finance, planning, agriculture, NGOs, researchers, implementers and community representatives, to identify challenges and opportunities for improving vector control and increasing integration across partners and diseases.
3. Identify research priorities within country and work with the PIIVeC management team to develop a costed plan to address these research priorities.
4. Work with PIIVeC management team to commission operational research and actively support its delivery.
5. Support other researchers within PIIVeC to develop an evidence base for vector control by facilitating access to research infrastructure, making introductions to key stakeholders and acting as ambassador for the objectives of the entire programme.
6. Facilitate secondments between research institutes, national control programmes and global bodies.
7. Assist the PIIVeC Research Fellows in their development as individuals and as an international cohort through the organization of training activities and creating networking opportunities.
8. Support the PIIVeC Research Fellows in presenting research findings to control programmes and government bodies in order to promote the use of evidence in decision making.
9. Help identify key questions requiring more in-depth policy analysis and/or systematic reviews.
10. Liaise with other country coordinators in other PIIVeC countries to identify and promote cross country activities
11. Contribute to pan-programme learning by actively engaging with other country partners.

**Essential Experience:**

Previous experience of working with national programmes involved in controlling vector borne disease

Excellent working knowledge of operational vector control

Strong negotiator with ability to communicate effectively with a wide variety of stakeholders

Experience of establishing partnerships and networks

Experience of chairing meetings and monitoring progress against agreed action points

Proven track record of taking responsibility and ownership for problems and following them through to resolution

Experience of conflict resolution

Working knowledge of procedures for obtaining ethical approvals for research in country.

Proactive and responsive team player

Fluent in English and/or French

Must be available to travel extensively within country and internationally

**Terms of employment**

Must be able to commit a minimum of 50% time to the project for two years, and will be subject to the six-month probationary period. The appointment will be based in one of several different PIIVeC partner institutes in Malawi, Cameroon, or Burkina Faso. In Malawi, this includes the [African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP)](https://www.afidep.org/) and the Malaria Alert Centre (MAC) at the College of Medicine. In Cameroon, this includes the Centre for Research in Infectious Diseases. In Burkina Faso, this includes the [Insitut du Recherche en Sciences de la Sante (IRSS)](http://www.irss.bf/) and the Centre National de Recherche et de Formation sur le Paludisme (CNRFP).

Salary will be commensurate with experience and the norms of the home institute.

In order to be considered for the post, please send your CV, a completed application form, and a completed personal statement form (available on the [PIIVeC webpage](mailto:PIIVeC%20webpage)) to the email [PIIVeC@lstmed.ac.uk](mailto:PIIVeC@lstmed.ac.uk).

The deadline for the receipt of applications is **31st January 2018.**

If you would like to discuss this role prior to applying, please email the PIIVeC PI: Professor Hilary Ranson ([Hilary.Ranson@lstmed.ac.uk](mailto:Hilary.Ranson@lstmed.ac.uk)).