**Global Maternal and Child Health Research Associate**

**Responsibilities**

*Summary and Overview*

The Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard School of Public Health seek a Research Associate to join a dynamic team working on maternal and newborn survival projects in lower and middle-income countries. Two years of funding is available initially for work in Ethiopia with potential to expand the scope of work through new grants and contracts. With funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, project work in Ethiopia provides significant opportunities in the increasingly important global health area of maternal and child health. Our scope of research ranges from the discovery of interventions to the delivery of care to advance health.

Our HaSET (“happiness” in Amharic) team works closely with partners in Ethiopia and Ethiopia’s Federal Ministry of Health to generate evidence to improve maternal and child health programs and policies. In addition, we provide significant technical capacity building to colleagues in program implementation, data analysis and use of evidence through direct collaborative work and workshops. This position will provide full-time research and managerial leadership in Ethiopia, working closely with the Boston and Ethiopia team.

*Specific responsibilities:*

* Lead and contribute substantially to the design and execution of project research, draft protocols, analyze quantitative and qualitative data, and write-up of research results, including co-authoring scientific papers and publishing in reputable journals.
* Take primary responsibility for leading specific research efforts and contribute to overall research project management and coordination.
* Oversee project implementation.
* Make critical technical and programmatic decisions that will require competency in areas of epidemiology, maternal and child health, and operations.
* Manage high performing collaborative and working relationships between Boston project staff, staff in Ethiopia and partner organizations, consultants, trainees, and senior personnel in collaborating governments.
* Oversee and delegate work to a diverse team. Participate in staff hires.
* Train and build capacity of team members.
* Draft donor reports, develop proposals for new research.
* Significant travel and time in Ethiopia will be required, at least 35% of effort and up to 50% depending on needs.

**Requirements**

*Qualifications*

* Doctoral qualification in epidemiology, public health or related field with previous experience related to one or more of the project focus areas.
* Applicants should have a demonstrated ability to conduct collaborative and methodological research and work independently in the design, conduct, monitoring and analysis of research studies and interventions.
* Skills and experience applying appropriate quantitative and mixed analytical methods to data and to primary field investigations in resource-constrained settings.

Research Associate level appointment typically requires a minimum two years of postdoctoral experience. Appointment as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow may also be possible for appropriate qualified applicants.

*Skills/Abilities/Competencies*

* Strong writing skills and exceptional oral and written communication skills
* Substantial experience in applied research
* Excellent problem solving, communication, supervisory, and organizational skills.
* The ideal candidate will have demonstrated success leading collaborative projects and achieving exceptional project results
* He/she will have excellent interpersonal and cross-cultural skills and be able to support and collaborate with diverse partners in a positive and productive partnership

To apply, please submit your cover letter, CV, writing sample, and two letters of recommendation to Michelle.Long@childrens.harvard.edu with the subject “Global health research associate”.