



**Technical Officer  
Strategic Data, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning  
Resolve to Save Lives  
Abuja, Nigeria**

**Vital Strategies** is a US-based international public health organization working in more than 70 countries to strengthen public health systems and address leading causes of morbidity and mortality.

**Resolve to Save Lives** is a global health initiative of Vital Strategies that since 2017 has been working closely with governments, international organizations, community organizations, academic and other partners in more than 40 low and middle-income countries to reduce preventable deaths from cardiovascular disease and strengthen national capacity to prevent, detect and respond to epidemic threats. For more information about our Prevent Epidemics and Cardiovascular Health initiatives, visit: <https://www.resolvetosavelives.org/>, <https://preventepidemics.org/>, and <https://linkscommunity.org/>

In Nigeria, Resolve to Save Lives (RTSL) Prevent Epidemics activities are aimed at advancement of Federal-level efforts and initiation of state-level initiatives to improve capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to disease outbreaks. We provide a range of technical support for implementation of the National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS) /REDISSE strategic planning as well as project management support and legal and financing technical assistance for emergency preparedness and response. RTSL also mobilizes global resources (e.g., Gavi, GFATM, World Bank REDISSE project) for emergency preparedness and response and provides funding for programs in laboratory quality assurance, specimen transportation, event-based surveillance, state-level data use and emergency operations strengthening.

RTSL collaborates with the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to strengthen national health security and emergency preparedness and response at the state level in Kebbi, Kano and Enugu states. A key aim of this project is improving the use of data for decision making and action at the state level to be able to actively manage outbreaks.

RTSL is also partnering with the Federal Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization on a hypertension prevention and control project, Nigerian Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI), in selected Local Government Areas of two States. The project aims to improve population hypertension control through screening, treatment, monitoring, and health education at the primary health centre level. Part of the scope of the project includes improving the procurement, storage, distribution, and management of medications/commodities to avert and eliminate stock-outs/unavailability which has been identified as one of the key challenges impeding uninterrupted delivery of services at health facilities. It will be essential to support the development and roll out of a data management and a

monitoring and evaluation system for the NHCI. The outcomes of the NHCI project include the establishment of the baseline hypertension control and loss to follow up rates for the program. By the conclusion of the project, introduction of electronic data collection tools would be critical including a clear process for development and implementation of the NCD module for hypertension within the National Health Information Management System (NHMIS).

#### **Overall Role:**

**The Technical Officer, Strategic Data, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning** will support the reporting function and strategic knowledge management. They will support data analysis, provide strategic coordination of the data products for the Prevent Epidemics and Cardiovascular Disease programs. The Technical Officer, Strategic Data, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning will report to the Country Representative. They will receive technical supervision from the Director of Global Hypertension, Senior Technical Advisor, Prevent Epidemics and Director, Epidemic Intelligence Unit at the RTSL HQ.

#### **Specific Duties:**

##### Cardiovascular Health

- Prepare outcome metrics and regular data dashboards to track progress toward goals of the Cardiovascular Health program in Nigeria. Use multiple sources of data, including both national, state and facility level data sources and external data sources, to identify and predict barriers to success and areas where improvement is needed.
- Use data to understand how successful the NHCI is by providing technical assistance to the states for monitoring client enrolling, retention and data quality; support NHCI and the Non-Communicable Disease programs at the national and state levels in using data to identify strategies to improve program quality.
- Create actionable intelligence to guide Cardiovascular Health programs efforts.
- Support development of analytic products, such as reports or a data dashboard, to communicate NCHI efforts and successes.
- Identify and coordinate opportunities to improve data dissemination at the national and state levels and to other stakeholders, including to provide greater data insights for policy makers at the state and national levels.
- Support the implementation of relevant studies and surveys being conducted as part of the cardiovascular health program in Nigeria.

##### Prevent Epidemics

- Ensure analytical rigor of data analyses and interpretation and work closely with the National Public Health Institute (NCDC) and partners to align analytic methods with best practices.
- Work with epidemiologists and other analytical staff to conduct basic data analyses with close guidance from national and state surveillance teams
- Support the development of programmatic and technical progress reports for all RTSL activities
- Support implementation of activities aimed at improving data for action, addressing bottlenecks, and developing monitoring and evaluation indicators for national and subnational health security

- Capacity building for strategic data management, monitoring and evaluation, data visualization and big data management through mentoring, workshops, and training for project officers at the national and state level
- Undertake any other duties as may be assigned RTSL Directors

**Qualifications, Skills and Experience Required:**

- Master's degree in public health, epidemiology, public policy, or other health-related field is required. Bachelor's degree with at least ten years' relevant experience will be considered.
- At least 5 years' progressive experience in data management, data sciences, monitoring, evaluation, and learning for large scale projects, additional experience is preferred and will be considered as a strength in the evaluation of a candidate.
- Experience with applied data analysis highly desired. This could entail experience conducting data analysis or synthesizing existing research to inform operational or strategic decision-making.
- Moderate technical skills preferred, including proficiency in Excel and data visualization platforms like Power BI. Experience with statistical software, (R suite, SPSS, SAS, Advanced Microsoft Excel, and Access) is desired. Advanced certification and experience in big data management would be an advantage
- Candidate should have high degree of comfort interpreting data analysis and research findings, integrating and synthesizing information from across data sources, and understanding the strengths, shortcomings, and applications of various data sources.
- Familiarity with performance management desirable, including developing outcome metrics, tracking, and interpreting trends, and presenting ongoing performance metrics in digestible and compelling manner. Ability to present complex information in an easy-to-understand manner is key.
- Exceptional ability to work across teams. Staff member will need to build close relationship and meaningful day-to-day integration with teams from the national and state level and across the stakeholders/partners of the PE/CVH programs
- Demonstrated ability to work with individuals from diverse professional backgrounds, and with varying levels of comfort with data.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Experience of implementing monitoring and evaluation of health programs at a national level
- Demonstrated evidence of developing high level technical reports and peer reviewed publication would be an advantage

**To Apply:** Please submit your resume and a cover letter to [recruitment@christopherkings.com](mailto:recruitment@christopherkings.com) and [recruitment@ng.christopherkings.com](mailto:recruitment@ng.christopherkings.com) indicating in the subject line the position you are applying for. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

