

ICAP is looking for suitable applicants to fill the following position:

### **Laboratory Technologist**

#### **Position Summary:**

The Laboratory Technologist will implement the day-to-day laboratory, activities of a CDC-funded disease surveillance project at government health facilities. This position will be based at Marsabit County Referral Hospital.

#### **Major Accountabilities:**

The Laboratory Technologist will be responsible for the implementation of laboratory aspects of the surveillance project at the health facility level. This will involve collecting biological specimens (blood and swabs), conducting bedside rapid tests, processing biological specimens and documenting laboratory results.

The Laboratory Technologist will report to the Surveillance Officer at this site.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Support screening and enrollment for eligible participants where applicable
- Collect quality biological specimens from eligible cases
- Process biological samples collected and ensure proper storage of collected specimens at the health facility before shipping to the testing laboratories
- Maintain refrigeration monitoring sheet to ensure cold chain maintenance at site
- Prepare and stain blood smears for malaria testing as described in the disease surveillance protocol
- Ensure proper packaging and transportation of labeled samples
- Liaise with the contracted courier service and testing laboratory on the scheduled specimen shipping
- Conduct bedside rapid diagnostic tests
- Manage all study laboratory supplies and maintain an up-to-date supplies log
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#### **Education:**

- A diploma in laboratory technology and current registration as a laboratory technologist with KMLTTB

#### **Experience, Skills, and Minimum Qualifications:**

- At least 3 years of experience working at or with public health facilities in Kenya
- Proficiency in English and Kiswahili languages. Ability to speak any local language will be an advantage.
- Previous public health surveillance or research experience would be an added advantage
- Ability to manage research at facility-level