JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT- MSF OCB

Job Title	NURSE (Research Assistant-CRP Point-of care Testing Study)
Employer	Médecins Sans Frontières - Belgium
Duty Station	Damascus with frequent travels to project locations (Mainly Aleppo and Rural Damascus)
Deadline for applications	29th September 2026
Contract status	Service Agreement for 6 months
Type of contract	Full time
Start Date	October 2026

Introduction about MSF:

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) / أطباء بلا حدود is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people in 70 countries who are affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from healthcare. MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation and our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality.

We offer basic healthcare, perform surgery, fight epidemics, rehabilitate and run hospitals and clinics, carry out vaccination campaigns, operate nutrition centers, and provide mental healthcare. Our activities include the treatment of injuries and disease, maternal care and the provision of humanitarian aid. Where necessary, we set up sanitation systems, supply safe drinking water, and distribute relief to assist survival.

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Main Objective of the position:

Supporting the day-to-day implementation of the CRP point-of-care testing study at site level - including patient flow, informed consent, and structured data collection (screening log, exit questionnaires, follow-up calls, qualitative interviews support) - and contributing to patient and caregiver communication about the study, in line with study procedures and to a high ethical and methodological standard, within routine MSF primary care activities.

Accountabilities:

- Support the medical and study team with the flow of patients through study-related activities in the participating health facility, working closely with the clinical team so that routine consultations are not disrupted.
- Support administration of informed consent to patients and caregivers, explaining the study using the patient information sheet, seeking verbal assent followed by written consent, and appropriately maintain them as per study procedures.

- Distribute and explain patient-held study materials (symptom diary, study participant card) to enrolled patients at the index consultation, ensuring patients understand how and when to use them.
- Accurately complete, maintain and update study data collection tools (screening log, exit questionnaires, follow-up questionnaires, identifiable contact list) in a timely and confidential manner, in line with the protocol and data protection procedures.
- Contribute to community engagement and information-sharing about the study, responding to patients' and caregivers' questions and concerns and referring more complex queries to the site research focal point.
- Participate in study-related training and apply protocol and standard operating procedures rigorously, including consent, screening log and CRP-phase documentation requirements.
- Report implementation challenges, data quality issues or protocol deviations promptly to the project research focal point and, where relevant, the co-Principal Investigators.

MSF Section/Context Specific Accountabilities

- Support the study nurse/clinical team in identifying and directing eligible patients through the study pathway during both the routine-care and CRP-guided phases.
- Maintain the site screening log, recording excluded patients, refusals to participate, and (in the CRP phase) refusals of CRP testing, together with the study de-identified variables.
- Maintain the separate, password-protected identifiable contact list of consented follow-up patients, ensuring it is always kept apart from the de-identified study dataset.
- Create and maintain patients' study files, ensuring they are populated with the required documentation (e.g. consent forms, CRFs, screening log entries, exit interview and follow-up records).
- Administer the structured patient/caregiver exit questionnaire to a systematically sampled subset of patients during the CRP-guided phase as directed by the relevant responsible study team.
- Monitor recruitment against the exit-questionnaire sampling target (approximately 100-120 per site) and against key subgroups (adults vs children/caregivers; antibiotic prescribed vs not), flagging under-recruitment to the site research focal point.
- Conduct structured day-14 follow-up phone calls with enrolled patients and complete corresponding documentation.
- Support timely and accurate entry of screening log, exit questionnaire and follow-up data into Kobo Toolbox or the study database, or hand over completed forms to the designated data focal point.
- Support display and upkeep of study information posters and CRP algorithm materials in the facility.
- Support the qualitative team with the qualitative healthcare-worker interviews, where relevant.
- Support, if and as requested, with data entry and other tasks related to the maintenance of study files.
- Support any other study-related task as needed and as requested by the line manager.

Requirements:

Education	• Essential recognized nurse degree/diploma • Desirable bachelor's degree in science or nursing
Experience	• Essential: Experience in using qualitative Methodology • Essential: 2 years of previous experience in related field and previous experience in other NGO's • Desirable: Previous/prior experience in a clinical or research support role.
Languages	• Essential: English proficiency at a **B1 level (Intermediate)** or higher is required. • Native or native proficiency of Arabic language
Knowledge	• Basic computer literacy (Excel) and comfort using digital/mobile data collection tools (e.g. KoboToolbox). • Familiarity with community health, health promotion or research data collection concepts.

Application process:

The interested applicants should submit their applications, with their CV in English, and with supporting documents (certificates, diplomas etc.) to Médecins Sans Frontiers, People and Workforce department via the link below:

https://forms.gle/nL9qxjrhm1S3Ne5L6

Please save your CV and certificates with your full name.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATIONS: 28th September 2026.

- ✓ ***We are an equal opportunity employer; we do not charge a fee for any applications received.***
- ✓ ***Qualified Female applicants are highly encouraged to apply.***
- ✓ ***Only short-listed candidates will be contacted***