

## SSIC Regional Coordinators' Roles Profile

### Brief Summary

The Regional Coordinator serves as a pioneer and strategic lead for the Safe Supply Chain for Infection Control (SSIC) Project within their assigned region. Acting as both a change agent and facilitator, they are responsible for driving local implementation, fostering its activities, and building sustainable systems that align with SSIC's national vision.

### General Roles and Responsibilities of Regional SSIC Coordinators

#### 1. Supply Chain Monitoring & Coordination

- Ensure continuous monitoring of IPC supply levels across healthcare facilities in the region.
- Coordinate with central SSIC leadership and logistics teams to manage any challenges and avoid shortages.
- Oversee compliance with supply chain protocols for storage, distribution, and usage of IPC materials.

#### 2. Emergency Preparedness

- Participate in regional emergency planning to ensure IPC supply readiness for outbreaks or public health crises.
- Maintain an updated inventory of emergency IPC reserves and liaise with facilities to execute rapid response protocols.

#### 3. Training & Capacity Building

- Conduct or coordinate regular training for IPC teams in all healthcare facilities in each region on supply chain in infection prevention & control.
- Provide technical support on proper usage, inventory management, and quality control of IPC materials.

#### 4. Quality Assurance

- Ensure all IPC supplies received and distributed meet national standards and specifications.
- Coordinate product recalls or quality alerts in collaboration with national regulatory bodies.

#### 5. Stakeholder Engagement

- Act as a regional liaison between the national SSIC project, healthcare facilities, and regional medical supply authorities.
- Facilitate collaboration with medical supplies and warehousing team.

#### 6. Sustainability & Innovation

- Identify and promote region-specific solutions for sustainable supply chain practices.
- Create innovative strategies to ensure supply chain in the region.

### SSIC Ambassador

#### Required Competencies

- Proven experience in public health, supply chain management and infection prevention and control (IPC).
- Strong leadership, problem-solving, and systems-thinking skills.
- Ability to navigate complex stakeholder environments with diplomacy and influence.
- Demonstrated initiative in piloting or scaling national projects.
- Commitment to equity, sustainability, and resilience in delivering best practices in infection prevention & control field.

#### Key Responsibilities

- Serve as the primary **ambassador** for the SSIC project at national level, promoting its vision, values, and objectives.
- Identify the national opportunities and challenges, and shape strategies for adaptation and solutions.
- Advocate for policies and practices that support resilient supply chain systems in infection control.
- Pioneer new models for localized, procurement, distribution, and stockpiling of IPC supplies.
- Collaborate with SSIC central team to institutionalize best practices in supply chain management in infection prevention & control.
- Pilot and scale innovations that can be replicated nationally.
- Provide regular updates on milestones, challenges, and impact to the SSIC central team.
- Contribute to national reporting, learning exchanges, and policy development.
- Identify skill gaps and lead training, mentoring, and capacity-building initiatives for local IPC and supply chain personnel.
- Foster a culture of ownership, accountability, and continuous improvement at national level.

