

Below is an announcement from CPA seeking a country coordinator for the Antimicrobial stewardship program SPARC. Please upload it on IPA website prominently to get some interested persons to volunteer to participate

"IPA is seeking applications from Community or Hospital pharmacists who play a prominent role in Curtailing AMR and checking antibiotic prescriptions who are willing to spare time to act as Technical In-country Consultant for SPARC programme. **Please apply with a CV and a statement of purpose ASAP**

**"SPARC 'Surveillance and Prescribing support for Antimicrobial Stewardship Resource Capacity Building'**

CPA are getting in touch to seek IPA's nomination of a suitably qualified and experienced pharmacist in your country to support our new antimicrobial stewardship programme, **SPARC**. The CPA is delighted to be implementing SPARC on behalf of the Fleming Fund, in up to 22 countries across Africa and Asia, including India.

As a registered charity, the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) supports pharmacists to strengthen healthcare systems through the safe and effective use of medicines; improving access and quality of medicines and vaccines, and the prevention of disease. Pharmacists are often an under-utilised resource in health systems and we believe that they have a key role to play in supporting the safe and effective use of medicines, including in improving use of antimicrobials to tackle the global health threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Since 2018, the CPA have been working through the Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship (CwPAMS) programme to improve AMS capacity through a health partnership approach in 8 African nations, with developing pharmacy leadership in AMS as a core component of this work. This has had an increasingly positive impact on AMS; raising the profile of the profession in the country and leading to many other opportunities to further develop the role of the pharmacist within health systems. We are delighted to have recently announced a new programme that builds on this work - **SPARC**, "Surveillance and Prescribing support for Antimicrobial Stewardship Resource Capacity building".

We Kindly Ask for your Support

The SPARC team is looking to engage a suitably experienced pharmacist as a technical in-country consultant (ICC) who would be keen to support us in the implementation of SPARC in your country. We would like to ask your support in recommending a **Pharmacist who has a prominent role at a national level in antimicrobial stewardship**.

As an ICC they would be engaged to support this programme by contributing across the projects, including:

- Country specific scoping assessments across the SPARC programme
- Engaging with key stakeholders at all levels across the country
- Supporting SPARC prescribing App development and implementation
- Providing feedback and supporting dissemination of SPARC outputs

This will be a paid part-time position, with availability to work to a tight project delivery timeline for September 2022.

**We would be grateful if you are able to identify and facilitate an introduction to a prospective ICC who would match the above profile description by End of March 2022.** This is a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of pharmacy in the area of AMS at a national and international level and we hope that you will support us based on this shared vision.

To help you identify a suitable candidate, please allow us to share with you some details about the programme and key deliverables:

[About SPARC - Delivered January - September 2022](#)

SPARC builds on the technical expertise of the [Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship \(CwPAMS\)](#) programme, which the CPA has delivered in partnership with [THET](#) since 2018; focussing on building strong multidisciplinary, quality improvement partnerships across 8 African countries. The CwPAMS programme successfully launched an antimicrobial prescribing smartphone App and supported surveillance of antimicrobial use via the Global Point Prevalence Survey (GPPS).

SPARC will build on this work and run from **January - September 2022** in each country, working closely with the Fleming Fund regional and national coordinators, in-country sites and colleagues. Through a centralised delivery approach SPARC aims to deliver on two main workstreams (details in the attached FAQ):

**1. A new mobile App to support prudent antimicrobial prescribing**

**2. Point Prevalence Survey (PPS) data collection on the use of antimicrobials, and support for continuous quality improvement in antimicrobial stewardship."**

**[SPARC](#)**  
**[Surveillance and Prescribing Support for Antimicrobial Stewardship Resource Capacity Building](#)**