The Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health is seeking a Post-Doctoral Fellow focused on Maternal and Newborn Health

The Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health is a unique and collaborative Johns Hopkins academic program conducted jointly by the Bloomberg School of Public Health, the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing. It is hosted at and administered by the Bloomberg School of Public Health, and draws upon a variety of disciplines, including epidemiology, demography, emergency and disaster medicine, health systems management, nutrition/food security, environmental engineering, mental health, political science and human rights. The Center collaborates with a variety of organizations including national and international non-governmental organizations, multilateral and UN organizations, and Governmental agencies, as well as other research institutions on field-based research and humanitarian projects.

The Center’s vision is to pursue new knowledge and disseminate this learning to save lives and reduce human suffering and other consequences of humanitarian emergencies and disasters (http://www.hopkinshumanitarianhealth.org/).

The Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health is seeking an outstanding Postdoctoral Fellow interested in implementation science with a focus on maternal and newborn health in conflict-affected settings. The position is hosted at and administered by the Health Systems program in the Department of International Health in the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The selected Postdoctoral Fellow will be a key member of the Johns Hopkins team involved in the Ensuring Quality Access and Learning (EQUAL) for Mothers and Newborns in Conflict-Affected Contexts Consortium, a research consortium funded through the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office ‘Filling the Gaps in Evidence: Building Stronger and More Resilient Health Systems Research Programme Consortia mechanism. The consortium is led by the International Rescue Committee in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health, Somalia Research and Development Institute, Institute of Human Virology Nigeria, and Université Catholique de Bukavu (DRC).

The objective of this project is to produce rigorous, operationally relevant research and evidence to improve maternal and neonatal health in low-income, conflict-affected contexts. Specifically, the Center is working with partners to advance research on quality of care, maternal and perinatal mortality surveillance and midwifery workforce development. The Postdoctoral Fellow will support research in one or more of these areas, as well as related cross-cutting technical and research capacity sharing initiatives.

Scope of Work:

Work closely with EQUAL team members to:

- Contribute to development and implementation of research study protocols, data collection tools, data management systems and quality assurance mechanisms
- Contribute to training of study team members and data collectors on maternal and newborn health, measurement methods and research procedures
- Conduct analyses of primary or secondary data in one or more thematic areas of interest to the consortium
• Coordinate and contribute to cross-country learning exchange and skills building initiatives within the consortium

**Required Qualifications:**

• PhD/DrPH or Medical/Nursing Doctorate with MPH in international health or related field
• Excellent quantitative and/or qualitative research skills and attention to detail
• Previous operational, programmatic and/or research experience in maternal and newborn health
• Interest in generating and using evidence to inform health policy and programs
• Ability to build relationships and collaborate effectively with interdisciplinary teams across multiple locations and institutions
• Excellent organizational and communication skills
• Fluent in written and spoken English

**Assets:**

• Clinical experience in midwifery, obstetrics, neonatology or pediatrics
• At least 2 years of relevant work experience in humanitarian or fragile settings
• Experience conducting household surveys, health facility assessments, ethnographic, or community-based participatory research in low-income countries
• Fluency in French

**Job Type:** Full-time  
**Required education:** Doctorate  
**Location:** Baltimore, MD, USA  
**Travel:** Up to 20% foreign travel (conditions permitting)

**Application deadline:** Open until filled.

Salary is competitive.  
Interested candidates can send a cover letter, CV and contact information for 3 professional references to HumanitHealth@jhu.edu with the subject line “EQUAL Postdoctoral Fellow application”.  