

Georgia MoDA Position Description

COCOM: EUCOM

Location: Tbilisi, Georgia

Grade: GS-13/14/15

Function: Wounded Warrior and Military Healthcare Advisor

Clearance: SECRET

Title: Senior Advisor

Tour length: 12 months

Background: The Government of Georgia and Ministry of Defense (MoD) are working to expand their capability and capacity to care for Wounded Warriors from recent Coalition operations, and their overall military medical capability. The Georgian Government recognizes the need for more sophisticated and specialized care to address soldiers' medical needs, particularly below the knee amputees. Currently the Georgian MoD, medical community, and higher education system do not have the necessary organization, infrastructure, multi-disciplinary medical and rehabilitation professions, experience, or equipment required to treat complex injuries or to provide follow-on care to meet Wounded Warrior and amputee rehabilitation needs.

Georgia, with U.S. assistance, is building the structural components required for basic long-term amputee care, including providing ministerial oversight, rehabilitation infrastructure, prosthetics manufacturing, case management and training of assistant specialists in amputee care disciplines. A comprehensive plan for Wounded Warrior care, amputee rehabilitation, and prosthetics has been developed addressing facilities, personnel, education, training, and equipment requirements with the goal of creating an amputee rehabilitation system in Tbilisi. However, the ministry currently lacks institutional capacity to manage an amputee care and a Wounded Warrior program.

The Georgian MoD desires to have an embedded U.S. Defense Department medical professional, working full-time in the MoD, to advise senior-level officials responsible for developing long-term amputee rehabilitation and Wounded Warrior programs.

Qualifications: The advisor must have education and experience in health care administration with experience in Wounded Warrior care or have clinical experience in a related speciality, such as physical therapy, orthopaedic surgery, prosthetist orthotist, occupational therapy or physical medicine, rehabilitation physician, or clinical nurse case manager.

Desired Skills and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in health care administration or a medical or rehabilitation speciality, Masters Degree preferred.
- Minimum of 5 years managing or working in a clinical environment supervising patient care in interdisciplinary rehabilitation programs.
- Project management experience with diverse complex programs in military or civilian organizations, knowledgeable in strategic planning and requirements driven processes.
- Experience in amputee care planning.
- Familiarity with security cooperation programs and processes.
- Demonstrated communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with counterparts to help them achieve goals through the provision of quality advice, support, and mentoring.

- Proven self-starter who can be successful working independently at various organizational levels and with executives/managers/leaders/staffs from multiple functional areas.
- Proven success in individual and organizational capacity building and demonstrated ability to share knowledge, mentor and coach others.
- Demonstrated ability to work in an environment with limited resources and to apply innovative and creative solutions to resolve problems.
- Demonstrated creative problem solving skills and the ability to work independently or as part of a team.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, preferably with experience in mentoring, training, and living in an international setting.
- Willingness and ability to partner with MoD officials on a daily basis.

Specific Tasks:

- Act as the principle advisor to the MoD and the U.S. country team for Wounded Warrior and military health care program development in Georgia.
- Assist the MoD in developing organizational structure and document Wounded Warrior and military health care roles, responsibilities, position descriptions, policies, and procedures.
- Coordinate MoD requests for reach-back support to address Wounded Warrior and military health care requirements for advice and assistance.

Additional Requirements:

- Incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a SECRET security clearance.
- Incumbent must be available for detail from their home organization for a period of 15 months to include training, preparation, and a 12-month deployment.