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Job Opportunity

Date: February 14, 2018

Title: Project Manager, AFI Surveillance Project

Number of Positions: One (01)

Application Deadline: Friday February 23, 2018

Program: Field Epidemiology Training Program

Duty Station: Liberia

Back ground:

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) has been supporting Ministries of Health in Sub Saharan Africa to implement field epidemiology training programs (FETPs) for public health workers at national and subnational levels of the health systems. FETPs are field-based trainings with participants spending 25% of the time in class room and 75% in the field providing public health services while acquiring core competencies in field epidemiology. In order to address the need to improve field epidemiology capacity at all levels of the health system, US CDC developed a three-tiered pyramid model for FETP implementation. At the base of the pyramid is the 3-month Frontline FETP that targets public health workers at the local level, the middle of the pyramid is the 9-month Intermediate FETP for regional level health workers and at the peak is the 2-year Advanced FETP for national level public health managers.

US CDC and AFENET have since 2015 been supporting the Liberia Ministry of Health to implement a frontline FETP and Intermediate FETP. AFENET has also received funding from CDC to support implementation of Acute Febrile Illness Surveillance project to determine the fraction of AFI attributable to select etiologies among children and adolescents (2-17 years) and adults (18+ years) attending selected health facilities in Liberia. The objectives of the project are: To describe the infectious disease etiology of AFI and epidemiological characteristics of AFI cases at selected health facilities in Liberia, including patient ages, sex, geographic area, and other risk factors; To provide a platform for the detection of emerging infections and/or disease outbreaks in Liberia; To improve epidemiologic and laboratory capacity in Liberia; To establish a bio-bank



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of samples that can be used to meet future surveillance needs in Liberia; To evaluate the performance of different specimen types and diagnostic technologies for the diagnosis of etiologies of AFI

AFENET is seeking to recruit **one (01)** highly qualified & experienced **Project Manager** to support the implementation of Acute Febrile Illness Surveillance project in Liberia through the LFELTP.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Work directly under the Resident Advisor (RA), AFENET Liberia and also Liaise with AFENET Director of Programs throughout the project cycle, informing AFENET on progress and obstacles in the implementation and provide necessary documentation upon request from AFENET and CDC to:

- Support the development of an effective AFI surveillance system and strengthen health system capacities to deploy multiple platforms to identify potential pathogens when investigating clusters of disease or deaths from unknown causes
- Support the development of a rapid diagnostic platform for potential Acute Febrile Illnesses (AFI) pathogens through procurement and deployment of specialized equipment and multiplex cards to support rapid diagnosis, and development of diagnostic capacities.
- Serve as the Team Leader for developing and implementing the project activities as per timeline, donor and the management agent requirements
- Manage and guide AFI surveillance project staff to work on the activities and objectives listed in the Work plan, and ensuring that their work is conducted in a timely manner and hold high quality;
- Review all deliverables and reports to be submitted to AFENET prior to submission and liaise with staff members and consultants to ensure that the quality of the deliverables and reports submitted to AFENET are according to relevant guidelines, and hold the expected standard of quality;
- Ensure accurate and timely submission of quarterly and annual activity progress reports, AFENET;
- Collect data and conducting monitoring and evaluation activities per AFENET policies.
- Participate in advocacy and policy dialogues with national counterparts on issues included in the portfolio of the project.
- Coordinate with partners and stakeholders;
- Any other tasks deemed necessary to achieve the project objectives



Position Qualifications:

1. Master of Public Health (with a concentration in epidemiology), MSc. Epidemiology/Biostatistics, Laboratory Sciences and/ or any other relevant qualifications from an Advanced Field Epidemiology Training Program in Africa.
2. Bachelor's degree in any of the following fields: Human Medicine, Public/environmental Health, laboratory Science, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine.

Experience and Skills

- The suitable candidate should be a senior public health professional with at least 6 years' experience in one or a combination of the following areas: laboratory diagnosis of AFI, disease surveillance, health system strengthening in low and middle-income countries or public health.
- Experience working with government particularly Ministry of Health, Liberia and international non-governmental organizations, or bi- and multi-lateral agencies is a clear advantage
- Experience verifying, analyzing and presenting data.
- Proficiency in the use of the following software: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Statistical Packages: Epi Info, Stata or SPSS or SAS; Additional IT knowledge would be an asset.

Required qualities:

- Ability to communicate and coordinate with government, and national and international non-government stakeholders, and UN agencies
- Ability to work efficiently and effectively in an IT environment
- Strong coordination, communication, and interpersonal aptitudes & Fluency in English
- Sensitivity to cultural differences and understanding of the ethical issues surrounding research and surveillance
- Good team player with ability to work collaboratively with multiple partners and teams at national and sub national levels.
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision
- Openness to new ideas and willingness to accept different opinions and feedback
- Patience and sense of humor
- Willingness to travel for extended periods of time within the country, sometimes through rough terrain and weather conditions



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Benefits: A competitive remuneration

Others: Candidate must be able to begin work in Mid-March 2018.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit their Application Letters detailing their experiences and skills, Curriculum Vitae, copies of relevant academic documents and 3 references to:

The Human Resource Office, African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET). Email: sec@afenet.net on Friday February 23, 2018 by 5:30 pm close of business (East Africa Time).

Note: In your application provide: Your name, nationality, email address, reliable telephone numbers.