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Job Opportunity

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Background:

The African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is a not for profit, networking alliance and service organization that brings together Field Epidemiology Training Programs (FETPs) across Africa working side by side with Ministries of Health, regional and international partners. AFENET works to strengthen epidemiology and disease surveillance capabilities of African countries that are critical to meeting the requirements of the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) strategy and the International Health Regulations (IHR). With technical & financial support from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AFENET has supported over 30 African countries to initiate and implement field AFENET is seeking to recruit highly qualified & experienced person to serve and fill this vacancy in the Accra-Ghana:-

Title: Technical Advisor for Surveillance and Outbreak Response

No. of Vacancies: (1)

Duty station: Accra-Ghana

Purpose of the Position;

- To assist the CDC Division of Global Health Protection with implementation, monitoring, and oversight of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) portfolio in Ghana and in the West African Region. This includes entities funded through the CDC DGHP Ghana office and unfunded entities as appropriate
- Provide technical assistance on surveillance and epidemiological related matters to 1) CDC DGHP Ghana, 2) Ministry of Health/Ghana Health Service (or their bona fide agents), 3) the University of Ghana, School of Public Health, and 4) other West African nations served by the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa (AFRO), as needed.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Surveillance and Response Capacity

- Provide epidemiologic and surveillance subject-matter expertise to the design, implementation, and evaluation of MOH-owned and operated surveillance systems, with particular emphasis on facilitating linkages to the laboratory information systems
 - Participate in meetings and technical working groups on epidemiology and surveillance data systems.

- Support intra-agency collaborations that promote the successful implementation of Division of Global Health Protection programmatic goals and objectives (e.g., working with WHO, a grantee, and CDC CIO's) to implement coordinated or co-funded surveillance projects.
- Assist in GoG emergency management capacity building for Rapid Response and Outbreak Preparedness; work closely with in-country leadership to coordinate support activities designed to improve public health emergency management

2. Ghana Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program

- Serve as advocate for use of GFELTP project data in weekly EPI Bulletin, other MoH publications, and MoH/GHS decision making processes
- Serve as mentor to at least two (2) GFELTP students and provide focused technical assistance and support thru AFENET to the GFELTP /Government of Ghana for activities that include but are not limited to: teaching, field coordination, outbreak response, abstract and manuscript preparation

3. Surveillance Data Analyses/Publication

- Significant engagement in publication of Ghana's Weekly EPI Bulletin
 - Performing data analyses and writing articles for bulletin
 - Ensuring inclusion of laboratory data in Bulletin reporting
 - Develop bi-annual special report on a selected priority disease for publication in Bulletin and developed into manuscript for peer-reviewed publication
- Coordinate with CDC to provide technical expertise in analysing surveillance data, conducting Operations Research using surveillance data, and use of these outputs by GoG and partners to make programmatic assessments and recommendations.
- Provide technical support to partners to assist them to analyse and interpret data and produce abstracts for scientific meetings and manuscripts for publication
- Write and submit articles on epidemiological studies to peer-reviewed medical and public health journals

4. Other duties as necessary, to include, but not limited to:

- Conduct regular meetings and ad hoc communications with global, country/local agencies to effectively facilitate the completion of programmatic and reporting goals and objectives, to include telephone, email, face-to-face meetings, and trainings.
- Attend ICAP-approved conferences and make presentations as required



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Required qualifications and Experience:

1. Five (5) years minimum experience in health or public health program management.
2. Master's level Epidemiology degree
3. Ability to work independently and collaboratively, seeking advice and support when necessary.
4. Experience conducting burden of disease studies
5. Graduate from a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) in Africa within the past 5 years is added advantage.
 - Sound knowledge of WHO standards and policies such as the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response strategy (IDSR) and International Health Regulations.
 - Extensive knowledge and understanding of the functionality of surveillance systems at national, sub national, local and community levels of the health systems in Africa.

BENEFITS:

AFENET offers a competitive remuneration package to the successful candidate.

Submit your resume, application letter, and relevant documentation to:

- The Administration & Human Resource Office
- African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET)
- Email: sec@afenet.net

Please note that all applications should be sent online by close 5:30pm (EAT) Friday December 15, 2017.

*ONLY successful candidates shall be contacted for an interview.

Note: More details about this position can be obtained from our website: www.afenet.net