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## Job Opportunity

**Date: October 18, 2018**

**Title: Epidemiologist/Mentor**

**Number of Positions: Two (2)**

**Program: Frontline FETP- Guinea**

**Application deadline: Friday October 26, 2018**

**Duty station: Conakry-Guinea**

### **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-months Frontline FETP that targets public health workers at the local level, the middle of the pyramid is the 9-months intermediate FETP for regional level health workers and at the peak is the 2-years Advanced FETP for national level public health managers.

US CDC and AFENET have since 2016 been supporting the Guinea Ministry of Health (MoH) to implement a frontline FETP

AFENET is seeking to recruit two (02) highly qualified & experienced **Field Epidemiologists** to serve as trainers and field mentors for the Guinea FETP. The mentors will also work with Frontline FETP concurrently, and other program activities with the CDC and Guinea MoH.

### **Basic Roles and Functions:**

The epidemiologists will serve as a field coordinators/ mentors for the field epidemiology training program in Guinea conducting in class training & on job mentorship for surveillance & other public health workers enrolled into the training program. They will ensure course participants acquire the desired skills & competencies for improved diseases detection & timely surveillance in Guinea.

### **Level of Effort:**

The Staff will offer 100% time to the program and will be based in Guinea. He/she will work in coordination with the Resident Advisor and support the Resident Advisor in all FETP activities. He/she will participate in the instruction of trainees during the Basic Epidemiology Course and provide mentorship support during the training and in the field.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

Work with the in-country FETP- Frontline Resident Advisor,, Ministry of Health, CDC, AFENET and other partners to: -

- Develop and implement a training plan for Field Epidemiology trainings for surveillance officers and other public health professionals in Guinea.
- Review and adapt the existing Field Epidemiology curriculum and training materials as may be required to suite the specific needs of Guinea.
- Ensure availability of all the required logistics for the didactics and field mentorship of selected participants.
- Conduct the planned field epidemiology trainings for surveillance officers and other public health workers in the country.
- Provide mentorship, coaching and supervision for the trainees during the field placement periods to ensure acquisition of key field epidemiology skills and competence
- Provide technical assistance to trainees in preparing their presentations for local and national level dissemination of the key findings and recommendations from their field projects.
- Participate in disease surveillance, outbreak investigation and Ministry of Health together with the trained surveillance officers as a means to demonstrate best practices and enhance the skills & competencies of the trainees.
- Assist with the evaluation of the impact of the FETP program on participants' skills & core competencies as well as on the general public health surveillance systems in Guinea
- Assist with the develop a database for all the FETP alumni in the country
- Prepare regular and timely technical reports on program implementation in Guinea for submission to CDC, AFENET, MoH and other partners.
- Any other duties as shall be assigned by the resident advisor to ensure achievement of the FETP in Guinea.

### **Position Qualification**

1. Master of Public Health (with a concentration in epidemiology), MSc. Epidemiology/Biostatistics and/ or any other relevant qualifications from an Advanced Field Epidemiology Training Program in Africa.
2. A Bachelor's degree in academic fields related to Health and or Allied Sciences, preferably in Human Medicine, Public Health, Veterinary medicine, Nursing & laboratory science.



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## Experience and Skills

- At least 2 years of experience working in the field as a practicing field epidemiologist
- 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.
- Experience in preparing and facilitating trainings for in - service public health workforce development initiatives in Africa preferably within an existing FETP.
- Experience implementing adult education strategies i.e. problem based participatory learning activities, role play, etc.
- Demonstrated proficiency in distillation, interpretation, and verification of unstructured scientific and popular data.
- Training and experience in public health emergency management and incident command will be an added advantage
- Proficiency in the use of the following soft wares:
  - Word Processing
  - Spreadsheet
  - Power point
  - Database

## Required qualities:

- Ability to work collaboratively with multiple partners and teams at national and sub national levels.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, leadership, collaborative and good listening skills
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision
- Openness to new ideas and willingness to accept different opinions
- Patience and sense of humor
- Willingness to travel for extended periods of time within the country

## 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](mailto:sec@afenet.net)

**Please note that all applications should be sent online by close 5:30pm (EAT) Friday October 26, 2018.**

\*ONLY successful candidates shall be contacted for an interview.

**Note:** More details about this position can be obtained from our website: [www.afenet.net](http://www.afenet.net)