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Job Opportunity

Date: October 23, 2018

Title: Resident Advisor

Number of Positions: One (1)

Program: Burkina Faso FETP (Advanced)

Application deadline: Monday November 5, 2018

Duty station: Ouagadougou-Burkina Faso

Back ground:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for Global Health (CGH), Division of Global Health Protection (DGHP), in collaboration with the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is planning to assist the Ministries of Health (MOH) in the francophone ECOWAS member states to build public health capacity in disease surveillance and outbreak response through training public health leaders in applied epidemiology using the Burkina Faso Field Epidemiology Training and Laboratory Program (B-FELTP). This two-year, EIS-like training and service program is designed for health professionals in entry- or mid-level positions and is intended to build their competencies in applied epidemiology, surveillance, and enhanced public health practice.

The AFENET Resident Advisor (RA) plays an important and leading role in the development and implementation of an FE(L)TP, especially in the early years. The RA is responsible for facilitating development and implementation of the curriculum, maintaining the scientific excellence of the program, consulting on epidemiologic methods, evaluating the performance of the residents, accompanying them on outbreak investigations, providing technical support to field supervisors, and serving on technical committees to improve surveillance systems. The RA will also serve on the FE(L)TP steering and pedagogic committees. AFENET is seeking to recruit a highly qualified & experienced **Resident Advisor** for the 2-year Advanced Burkina Faso FETP.

Basic Roles and Functions:

A. Technical

- Develop and implement an integrated training plan to build evidence-based public health capacity in the francophone West African region (based in Burkina Faso)
- Provide direct technical oversight and assistance to FE(L)TP activities and plan and implement training courses and workshops on epidemiological methods
- Ensure that residents in the FE(L)TP achieve the competencies that will enable them to implement appropriate and effective public health interventions
- Teaches courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, surveillance data processing, etc. and periodically evaluates and updates the curriculum
- Provide direct supervision of trainees in the field during outbreak investigations to ensure they learn techniques for data collection, analysis, and interpretation which lead to practical recommendations for outbreak control and future prevention
- Teach supervisory skills to the FELTP Staff in the process to ensure the long-term sustainability of the critically important component
- Participate in the planning, conduct and evaluation of the Train-the-Trainers Workshop
- Work with trainees and FELTP staff to design and implement research projects in applied epidemiology.

B. Management/Administration

- Appraises MOH and AFENET of the FELTP's progress through the timely preparation and distribution of quarterly reports
- The incumbent participates with MOH counterparts in developing guidelines for the recruitment and selection of FELTP trainees; evaluating their performances; arranging trainees' participation in national and international conferences to present their work and exchange ideas with professional colleagues
- Provides training to the FELTP staff to assume all management for FELTP at or before the time of his departure
- Work together with the Program Director to provide day to day management of the program

C. Coordination

- Serves as principal coordinator between MOH and AFNET and CDC for all activities of the FELTP.

- Coordinates between the MOH and other Centers at CDC to develop areas of mutual interest in public health and promote scientific exchanges mutually benefiting MOH, AFENET and CDC.
- The incumbent coordinates teaching activities between MOH and the faculty of local Schools of public health in Burkina Faso. This includes making arrangements for university faculty to give lectures to the FELTP trainees, and also for the faculty to assist trainees in designing and carrying out long-term research projects.
- Liaise and collaborate with other FE(L)TPs in the region, including other Sub-Saharan FE(L)TPs, as well as with other francophone programs around the world (e.g., Morocco, Haiti, EPIET)
- Other duties as assigned.

D. Supervision and guidance

- The incumbent receives technical support and supervision from AFENET which provides general technical and administrative support for this position
- Incumbent's work is monitored in terms of achievement of objectives as set forth in incumbent's work plan.
 - Work with trainees and supervisory staff to design, implement, write-up and present research projects
 - Facilitate interactions between trainees and field supervisors
 - Work with trainees, field supervisors, MOH and local health staff to strengthen disease surveillance, response and control programs at all levels
 - Participate in trainee selection
 - Monitor and evaluate activities at each field site

Required Academic Qualifications:

Essential

- A Medical graduate or a PhD in public health
- A graduate or staff member of an FELTP or EIS
- At least 5 years' experience in epidemiology/public health.
- Training experience in epidemiology/public health.
- Evidence of excellent oral and written communication skills, including presentation of scientific papers at conferences, and publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- Literate in computer software including word processing, database, spreadsheets, statistical packages, and the Internet
- Written and verbal fluency in French and English
- Evidence of good interpersonal and cross-cultural skills



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Desirable

- A postgraduate qualification in Public Health if a medical graduate
- International work experience
- Experience in working with International Agencies such as AFENET, CDC, WHO, UNICEF
- Communication skills in the country's primary language
- Experience in train-the-trainer programs

Attributes:

- Passionate advocate for developing the training program.
- Creative problem-solving skills
- Excellent inter-personal relationships and skills in team-building, negotiation and conflict management
- Maintains an open door policy for MOH staff trainers, trainees, and other program partners

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

Please note that all applications should be sent online by close 5:30pm (EAT) Monday November 5, 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