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Job Opportunity

Date: February 21, 2018

Title: Project Coordinator - Strengthening Border surveillance and collaboration through Africa CDC Regional collaborating centers

No. of Vacancies: (1)

Duty station: Africa CDC Regional Coordinator Centre in Nairobi

Application deadline: Wednesday February 28, 2018

Background:

Taking into account the health challenges faced by the African continent and the necessity for an accountability framework for health security to protect citizens of the continent, the AU Heads of States and Governments (AU HoSG) approved the establishment of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) through **Assembly Decision /AU/Dec.554 (XXIV)**, at the AU Summit in January 2015 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Africa CDC has five strategic pillars (surveillance and disease intelligence; emergency preparedness and response; information systems; laboratory systems and networks; and public health institutes and research) through which it fulfills its mission to strengthen African public health institutions' capacities, capabilities and partnerships to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease threats and outbreaks. The Africa CDC seeks to facilitate and improve communication and coordination between AU Member States through its Regional Integrated Surveillance and Laboratory Network (RISL-Net) that operates through a platform of five Africa CDC Regional Collaborating Centers (RCC). Each RCC has formal engagement with AU Member States in its geographic sub-region and is Africa CDC's technical partner in supporting event-based surveillance, mobilizing responders to public health emergencies, and leveraging regional and national laboratory assets.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Global Border Health Team (US CDC-GBHT) within the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, works with other governments and partners to establish or strengthen public health capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious diseases at points of entry (POE) and in border regions, in alignment with the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005). In its engagement with other governments, US CDC-GBHT leverages the expertise of the US CDC in responding to ill travelers arriving at air, sea, and land POE and in communicating to travelers about health risks to help other low- and middle-income countries improve their IHR core capacity compliance.



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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 a highly qualified & experienced person to serve and fill this vacancy.

Major responsibilities:

The person with requisite skills and qualifications will be recruited for a 12-month period of work to:

- 1) Develop border health indicators and elements that can be incorporated into existing surveillance systems or build upon established regional surveillance networks, where appropriate
- 2) Implement a methodology, with engagement from national and sub-national ministerial leadership, to describe the relationship between regional, international population movement patterns and communicable disease spread and interpret results to strengthen border health systems for improved coordination and collaboration between national public health systems and across borders
- 3) Develop multi-national and multi-sectoral partnerships between, for example, public health officials, immigration officers, border police, etc., that will ensure indicators have broad application to the complex health, economic, and social dynamics impacting border health systems
- 4) Through Africa CDC's Project ECHO platform, organize virtual meetings with AU Member States to review and finalize proposed border health systems indicators
- 5) Through Africa CDC's Project ECHO platform, organize virtual meetings with relevant AU Member States to translate the results from exploring the relationship between population movement patterns and communicable disease spread into improved border health and public health strategies

Required qualifications and experience:

1. Five (5) years minimum experience in health or public health program management.
2. Post Graduate qualifications to levels of a PhD or Master's degree in Public Health or Epidemiology.
3. Experience conducting burden of disease studies and experience in surveillance strategies and work.
4. Sound knowledge of WHO standards and policies such as the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response strategy (IDSR) and the International Health Regulations.



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5. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the functionality of surveillance systems at International, national, sub national, local and community levels of the health systems in Africa.

Preferred qualifications:

- Graduate from a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) in Africa within the past 5 years.
- Experience with qualitative data collection
- Experience with creating and using GIS data

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) Wednesday February 28, 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