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Job Opportunity

Date: August 17, 2018

Title: Regional Technical Coordinator, Southern and Lusophone Africa

Number of Positions: One (1)

Application Deadline: Friday August 31, 2018

Program: African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET)

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. US CDC and AFENET have since been supporting the Ministries of Health and Sanitation (MoHS) to implement FELTPs and are working to strengthen capacity for public health surveillance, outbreak investigation and response, public health operational research designs, data collection, analysis and dissemination at the national and subnational levels of the health systems.

AFENET is seeking to recruit a highly qualified, competent & experienced person to fill the position of **Regional Technical Coordinator for the Southern & Lusophone Africa**. This is a full-time staff position.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide technical support and supportive supervision to country Resident Advisors and FELTP teams, train and mentor FETP residents and graduates as needed
- Oversee and coordinate all AFENET projects in the countries
- Work with country teams to identify and compete for project resources and funds
- Co-ordinate AFENET Corps of Disease Detectives (ACoDD) and serve as the regional focal person for cross border surveillance activities, outbreak response and public health emergency simulation exercises
- Represent AFENET Executive Director in engagements with governments (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Internal Affairs etc.), partners, multilateral and bilateral agencies and advocate for the implementation of ministerial resolutions (e.g. Dar es Salaam Agenda for Action on Public Health Systems Strengthening-2011, Abuja Ministerial Resolution on AFENET-2016 etc.) in the different countries

- Recruit non-AFENET member countries in their region to become members and work with them to start FELTPs.
- Ensure all countries with Frontline FETPs in the region are admitted as AFENET members with designated Program Directors and also register AFENET in the country with the authorities to be able to operate.
- Provide leadership for AFENET regional office operations and facilitate timely submission of technical and financial reports including timely retirement of advances for field activities

Reporting:

- This position will report to AFENET Executive Director through the Director of Programs.

Position Qualifications:

1. Minimum of 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. Proven experience in FETP activities
3. Fluency in both or any of Portuguese and or Spanish languages communication is required for the suitable candidate.

Experience and Skills:

- At least 5 years of experience working in the field as a practicing field epidemiologist
- Sound knowledge of WHO standards and policies such as the IDSR and IHR.
- 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.
- Strong scientific writing, publication and presentations skills including presentations at national and international scientific conference.
- Experience verifying, analyzing and presenting data.
- Proficiency in the use of the following software:
- Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Additional IT knowledge would be an asset.
- Statistical Packages: Epi Info, Stata or SPSS or SAS

Required qualities:

- Ability to work collaboratively with multiple partners and teams at National and sub national levels.



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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 by Friday, August 31, 2018 by close of business (East Africa Time).

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