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Job Opportunity

Date: Wednesday December 20, 2023

Program: HIV/TB-Health Systems Strengthening and Workforce Capacity Building

Duty Station: South Sudan

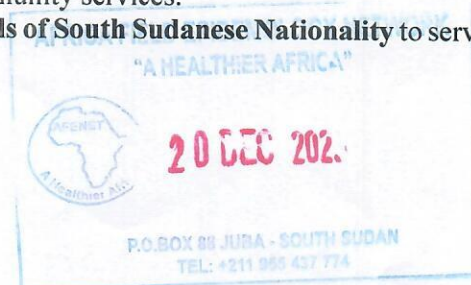
Application deadline: Tuesday January 16, 2024

Background:

African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is a not-for-profit organization, networking and service alliance of African Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programs (FELTPs), and other applied epidemiology training programs in Sub Saharan Africa. Through its member field epidemiology training programs, AFENET is dedicated to supporting African ministries of health build strong, effective, and sustainable programs with capacity to improve public health systems. AFENET's vision is to ensure a *"Healthier Africa"* by effective prevention and control of epidemics and other priority public health problems in Africa.

The United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is collaborating with AFENET and other partners to support the South Sudan Ministry of Health accelerate progress towards attaining the UNAIDS 95-95-95 target for HIV epidemic control. Specifically, the AFENET led interventions seek to improve National and Sub-National human resource capacity to enable delivery of quality HIV/TB services and strengthen the National health information system (HIS) to generate quality health data for informed decision making and resource mobilization for HIV/TB programming. The interventions include: 1) Support Human Resources for health skills development for HIV/TB service delivery through the Extension for community healthcare outcomes (project ECHO) platform 2) providing above-site Health Information System (HIS) technical support and coordination for sustainable overall health and HIV/TB program implementation; 3) strengthening National HIV/TB and overall, Health Program monitoring & evaluation at the national, state and county levels; and 4) planning and coordination of differentiated service delivery models with a focus on community HIV prevention activities to promote use of community services.

AFENET is seeking to recruit qualified & experienced **individuals of South Sudanese Nationality** to serve in various capacities:





Post:

Job Title: State HIV /TB Field Officers

Number of posts: 03 (Three)

Multiple duty Stations: Lakes State, Eastern Equatoria State and Western Equatoria State, South Sudan

Position summary

The State HIV/TB Officer will provide technical and programmatic support to the State health department to achieve set program objectives, including delivery of quality HIV prevention, care, and support services in supported facilities and communities. H/She will work closely with the county HIV/TB officers to plan, organize and manage tasks to integrate and improve the quality of services and implement strategies to achieve program targets. In addition, the State HIV/TB officer interphases with stakeholders on behalf of the AFENET country office to strengthen the health system at the state level.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Support the state ministry of health HIV/TB/STI departments and county HIV/TB departments to develop periodic program work plans, and budgets
- Provide technical and programmatic support to the state health department and county HIV/TB officers to implement HIV/TB program strategies and activities to achieve set deliverables in line with national standards/protocols and global best practice
- Liaise with the county HIV/TB officer to plan and coordinate periodic joint supportive supervisory visits to implementing facilities and civil society organizations in the community
- Work closely with the state and central office program team, including monitoring and evaluation strategic information advisors, to monitor, analyze and use data to identify areas of need, inform performance improvement strategies and allocate resources to improve program performance along key indicators
- Coordinate and support quarterly data and program review meetings with the state health department and key stakeholders
- Identify training needs of staff involved in HIV/TB care and treatment, plan and coordinate capacity-building efforts for health care workers involved with program implementation at supported facilities and communities
- Work closely with the state health department, stakeholders, the county HIV/TB officers, and representatives of service beneficiaries to strengthen mechanisms for delivery of integrated TB, HIV, and sexual and reproductive health services in the state
- Work closely with AFENET technical team and all other clinical partners on setting HIV/TB program priorities and directions and responding to requests for support
- Provide hands-on support to high volume facilities in direct service delivery as needed
- Represent AFENET in all stakeholder engagements at the state level
- Monitor and provides technical leadership to civil society organizations (CSO) implementing community HIV/TB activities in the state





- Engage health authorities, traditional leaders, and religious groups to impact case finding, care, support, and retention of PLHIVs on care
- Liaise with community engagement focal person in the county to support community engagement activities and uptake for HIV/TB prevention and control services
- Facilitate community-level conversations and sensitization about issues affecting HIV/TB service demand creation, stigma, discrimination, HIV positive case finding, linkage to treatment, and retention in lifelong care and treatment
- Work with the county health department and other partners to integrate AFENET'S community HIV/TB services with Boma and Payam health teams
- Organize State level community HIV/TB technical working group
- Any other duties that shall be assigned by the supervisor.
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- Perform other duties as assigned duties as required.

Qualifications, experience, and additional skills

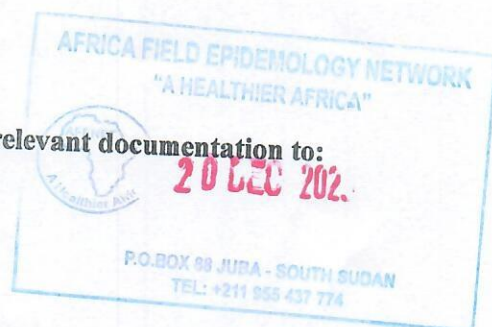
- A medical doctor with post-graduate training in public health or epidemiology (project management training is an added advantage)
- A minimum of 5 years of experience managing the implementation of donor-funded programs, preferably focusing on TB/HIV.
- Diploma in Clinical Medicine with at least 8 years' experience in HIV/TB care and programming
- A minimum of 2 years of experience managing the implementation of the Community TB/HIV program through Civil Society Organizations (CSO).
- Basic data analysis and data use skills
- Experience in facilitating training, development of guidelines and curriculum.
- Experience in writing reports including publications.
- Proficiency in written and spoken the English language.
- Proficiency in Microsoft office computer packages (Word, Excel, Outlook, and Powerpoint)
- Willingness to travel and perform additional tasks as required.

Remuneration:

Competitive based on qualification and experience.

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

- The Administration & Human Resource Office





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- African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET)
- <https://recruitment.afenet.net> and a copy on Email: sec@afenet.net

*ONLY successful candidates shall be contacted for an interview.

Please note that all applications should be sent online / physical by close of business 5:30 pm (EAT) Tuesday, January 16th 2024.

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

