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Job Opportunity

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Department: Africa CDC Headquarters

Duty Station: Multiple duty stations

Application deadline: Wednesday August 21, 2024

Background:

The African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is a non-profit organization established in 2005 with a mission to improve human health through the strengthening and expansion of applied epidemiology and laboratory capacity in partnership with Ministries of Health, Non-Governmental Organizations, international agencies, private sector and other public health agencies. AFENET has its headquarters in Kampala, Uganda with operations in more than 30 African Countries.

The African Union, established as a unique Pan African continental body, is charged with spearheading Africa's rapid integration and sustainable development by promoting unity, solidarity, cohesion and cooperation among the peoples of Africa and African States as well as developing a new partnership worldwide. Its headquarters is located in Addis Ababa, capital city of Ethiopia.

Officially launched in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2017 as a specialized technical institution of the African Union, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) is Africa's first continent-wide public health agency. Africa CDC envisions a safer, healthier, integrated and stronger Africa, where Member States are capable of effectively responding to outbreaks of infectious diseases and other public health threats. The agency's mission is to strengthen Africa's public health institutions' capabilities to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease outbreaks and other health burdens through an integrated network of continent-wide preparedness and response, surveillance, laboratory, and research programs. Towards meeting its mission, the Africa CDC will work with African Union (AU) Member States, WHO, and partners in the five geographic regions of the AU to strengthen their capacity in at least five strategic priority areas: (1) public health surveillance and disease intelligence; (2) public health emergency preparedness and response; (3) public health laboratory systems and networks; (4) public health information and technology systems; and (5) public health research and public health institutes.

The Africa CDC invites applicants who are citizens of AU Member States to apply for the position of **Technical Officer Country Programmes – Epidemiologist:**



1. Post

Job title:	Technical Officer Country Programmes – Epidemiologist
Number of posts:	50 (Fifty)
Grade:	P2
Directorate:	Regional Coordinating Centres
Supervisor:	Head of Surveillance and Disease Intelligence Division -Africa CDC
Duty Station:	Multiple Duty Stations in AU Member States

Job purpose:

The Epidemiologists will be attached to the MoH/NPHI and will be responsible for surveillance and epidemiological investigations of priority epidemic-prone diseases and other public health threats, and support national programs and facilitate the Africa CDC support to the country.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

The Technical Officer Country Programmes-Epidemiologist shall perform the following major duties and responsibilities:

- Apply knowledge of regional epidemiological and disease patterns to collect and analyze event-based surveillance data needed by decision-makers within the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), African Union Commission and Member States.
- Utilizing standard operating procedures for scanning, analysis, source verification, and reporting activities for public health events within Africa and those outside Africa with the potential of spreading within the continent.
- Manage event-based surveillance and other public health data and information, including the maintenance of a tracking database tool to log potential leads and follow-up activities.
- Support in the development and dissemination of surveillance bulletins to member states, Africa CDC, the African Union Commission, and Ministries of Health that summarize the most recent disease signals detected through media and informal channels, using event-based surveillance, and other public health data and information.
- Establish and maintain a network of contacts within international, country-level, and local public health organizations, and others to assist with additional information gathering, to confirm or eliminate potential leads, and to engage in other event-based surveillance activities.
- Keep the integrity and confidentiality of public health intelligence data, contacts, and other relevant information that you obtain in the course of your work.
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge on even-based surveillance tools and practices, including use of Internet-based search tools and establishing event characterization and reporting systems.



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Qualification and work experience required:

Essential

Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, or any other related field with at least 5 years of experience.

OR Master's degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, or any other related field with at least 2 years of experience

Required skills and competencies:

- A minimum of 2-5 years of experience in supporting outbreak response with emphasis on surveillance, training, technical support on outbreak response.
- Experience working with a Public Health International organization is a valuable asset.
- Previous experience working in Africa, that reflects an in-depth knowledge of infection prevention and control.
- Demonstrable experience and an in-depth knowledge of operations of the Africa CDC, Regional Collaborating Centers and National Public Health Institutes.
- Experience working and managing relationships with Member States and partners is a valuable asset.

Leadership Competencies

- Strategic Perspective
- Developing Others
- Change Management
- Managing Risk

Core Competencies

- Team work and collaboration
- Accountability, awareness and compliance
- Learning Orientation
- Communicating with influence

Functional Competencies

- Analytical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Job Knowledge and information sharing
- Drive for Results
- Continuous Improvement Focus



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Language Requirement

Applicants must be proficient in at least one of the AU languages (English, French, Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili). Knowledge of one or more additional African Union working languages would be an added advantage.

Tenure of Appointment

The appointment will be made on a fixed term contract for a period of sixteen (16) months, of which the first three (3) months will be considered as a probationary period. Thereafter, the contract may be renewed for a similar period subject to funding availability, satisfactory performance and agreed deliverables.

Gender Mainstreaming

The AU Commission is an equal opportunity employer and qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Remuneration

Indicative basic salary of US\$ 31,073 (P2 Step1) per annum plus other related entitlements e.g. Post adjustment (ranges from 42% - 57% of basic salary as per the Duty Station), Housing allowance ranges from US\$ 16,819.80 – US\$24,561.00 (per annum), education allowance (100% of tuition and other education related expenses for every eligible dependent up to a maximum of US\$ 10, 000.00 per child per annum), etc. for internationally recruited staff

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

- The Administration & Human Resource Office
- 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 by close of business 5:30 pm (EAT) Wednesday August 21, 2024

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