

Job Opportunity

Date: Tuesday August 13, 2024

Department: Africa CDC Headquarters

Duty Station: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Application deadline: Tuesday August 27, 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 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 the Member States can effectively respond to outbreaks of infectious diseases and other public health threats. The agency's mission is to strengthen the capabilities of Africa's public health institutions and systems to detect and respond quickly and effectively to disease outbreaks and other health burdens through an integrated network of continent-wide disease control and prevention, preparedness and response, surveillance, laboratory, and research programs. To achieve its mission, the Africa CDC works in all geographic regions of the African continent and has instituted technical divisions to focus on six priority areas, namely Surveillance and disease intelligence, Health Informatics, Preparedness and response, Laboratory systems and networks, Disease Control and Prevention, and Public Health Institutes and research.

The Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want is the AU's strategy for the development of the continent and the Africa Health Strategy 2016-2030 aims to ensure healthy lives and promote the well-being for all in Africa in the context of "Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want" and the Sustainable Development Goals. One of its objectives is to reduce morbidity and end preventable mortality from communicable and non-communicable diseases and other health conditions in Africa by implementing several strategic priorities including "Ending AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other emerging and re-emerging communicable diseases".

Africa CDC now invites applicants who are citizens of African Union Member States to apply for the position of **Technical Officer-Injuries Prevention and Control**.

1. Post

Job title: Technical Officer-Injuries Prevention and Control
Job Grade: AU P2/1
Number of posts: 1 (one)
Department: Africa CDC Headquarters
Supervisor: Senior Technical Officer for NCDs, Injuries and Mental Health
Duty Station: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Job Purpose

Under the supervision of the Senior Technical Officer for NCDs, Injuries and Mental Health, the Technical Officer for injuries will provide technical guidance to support conceptualization and implementation of the overall Africa CDC strategy on NCDs, Injuries and Mental Health with a focus on advancing a holistic/ health system strengthening approach for prevention and control of injuries on the continent.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

The Technical Officer will be responsible for the following:

- Support the implementation of Africa CDC NCDs, Injuries and Mental Health strategy with a focus on Injuries prevention and control,
- Support the implementation of policies to strengthen existing and establishing injuries prevention and control programs in Member States.
- Support the implementation of inter-country collaboration on injuries surveillance monitoring and reporting, including data sharing and use and promote engagement of countries as per the Africa CDC continental guidance on strengthening surveillance systems for NCDs, Injuries and Mental health prevention and control.
- Regional and inter-regional prevention and control activities and programs; Support the processes of strengthening quality of data collection, management, analysis and reporting

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- Work with Member States to support the process of improving Africa CDC access to injuries integration, knowledge and human resource development and capacity building through coordination, collaboration, and technical assistance.
- Support efforts to strengthen National Public Health Institute capacity for integrating injuries into the mainstream of primary health care and improve multi-sector engagement for injuries prevention and control,
- Manage daily activities on injuries prevention and control within the Non-Communicable Diseases, Injuries and Mental Health Unit and work closely with other units at the division of Disease Control and Prevention to identify and build cross-sectoral programming.
- Develop, review, and disseminate guidelines, standards of practice, protocols, and other tools to improve quality delivery in Member States,
- Provide logistic and technical support for information sharing and training activities, regional meetings, and other onsite trainings and workshops.
- Performs any other relevant functions as assigned by the Supervisor.

Qualification and work experience required

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in public health, medicine, epidemiology, health science, health services research or related health discipline with 5 years of experience.
- An advanced degree in public health, epidemiology, medicine, health science, health services research or related health discipline is an asset with 2 years' experience.
- Preference will be given to candidates possessing:
 - Technical skills and experience in supporting public health programs with special emphasis on Injuries in Africa e.g. epidemiology and surveillance, health information systems and related workforce capacity development.
 - Resourceful and skilled at collecting, analyzing, and using data to recommend, make and communicate decisions of a technical nature to both scientific and lay audiences.
 - Strong technical and scientific writing skills, in addition to narrative and technical reporting skills.
 - Knowledge of public health programs, health sciences research and health systems strengthening, and experience in supporting injuries prevention and control projects and programs under government ministries and external donors.
 - Familiarity with administrative and management practice and processes typically employed by public health and other public sector programs,
 - Demonstrable experience and in-depth knowledge of operations of the Africa CDC, Regional Collaborating Centers, and National Public Health Institutes.
 - Knowledge of public health issues in Africa and previous experience working in Africa.

- Knowledge of oral communication techniques and skill in presentation delivery, program consultation and credible verbal response to inquiries.
- Skills in translating technical information into presentations, briefings and reports and funding proposals for both technical and lay audiences.
- Understanding of the African Union way of working and managing associated relationships with Member State entities and partners.

Skills and Competencies:

A. Functional Skills

- Knowledge of public health principals and practice as they relate to the implementation of public health programs and service delivery.
- Diplomatic, representational, interpersonal and communication skills, including experience successfully interacting with stakeholders and decision-makers in technical and other professional settings.
- Collect, analyze, and use data to recommend, make and communicate decisions of a technical nature to both scientific and lay audiences.
- Technical and scientific writing skills, in addition to narrative and financial reporting skills.
- Translate technical information into presentations, briefings and report and funding proposals for both technical and lay audiences.
- Project planning and management skills for organizing, planning, and executing public health projects from conception through implementation.
- Demonstrated ability with regard to computer skills, particularly with statistical and other analytic tools, e.g., R and State, and with office software applications such as MS Excel, Power Point and Word.

B. Personal Abilities

- Analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Proven ability to use clear, concise language in correspondence as well as including content fitting for the purpose and audiences when preparing written briefs and reports.
- Ability to deliver under tight deadlines and works well under pressure. Able to operate in a multicultural environment.
- High level of autonomy at work, yet with profound team spirit.
- Adaptive, patient, resourceful, resilient, and flexible.
- Pro-active and solutions oriented.

Language Requirement

Proficiency in one of the African Union working languages (Arabic, English, French, Swahili Spanish and Portuguese) is required. Knowledge of one or several other working languages would be an added advantage.

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 46% of basic salary (US\$14,293.58), Housing allowance of US\$ 22,932.00, Gratuity 15% of gross salary (US\$10,244.79). Total of US\$78,543.37 per annum.

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)
Tuesday August 27, 2024**

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