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## Job Opportunities

**Date: Friday October 4, 2024**

**Programme: AFENET South Sudan**

**Application Deadline: Friday October 18, 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.

AFENET together with her partners especially United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been in operations in South Sudan since 2015 with EPI Project (NSTOP Project), trained STOPers to manage EPI program at national, state and county to run the EPI program to eliminate Polio which has expanded to date as an EPI support mechanism. Started Workforce Development activities (FETP) in November 2021 with Frontline tier, to-date 160 trained through 7 cohorts including 43 HIV/TB Field Officers with 8th cohort of 21 HIV/TB Field Officers ongoing. In July 2023 started the first cohort of Intermediate FETP. And in October 2023, started implementation of a USG interagency PEPFAR Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) Project to strengthen HIV and TB health systems in the country.

AFENET seeks to hire competent personnel for positions of **Country Projects Team Lead** and **Human Resource Officer for the South Sudan.**



## **Post 1**

**Title: AFENET Country Projects Team Lead South Sudan**

**Number of vacancies: (01)**

**Duty Stations: Juba, South Sudan**

### **Position Summary**

The AFENET Country Projects team lead position will strengthen AFENET operations in the country with focus on Health Systems Strengthening particularly; Workforce Development (FETP), Vaccine preventable Diseases, strengthening Laboratory services, Disease control (Malaria, HIV & TB) services improvement, Health Information System improvement coordinating with his team through partner engagements and resource mobilization. S/he will ensure sustained strong linkages and coordination with the Ministry of Health leadership, the National One Health partners, South Sudan AIDS commission, US CDC and other USG agencies such as USAID, US Department of Defense and US Department of State, PEPFAR implementing partners, Global Fund, UN Agencies like WHO, UNICEF, UNDP country offices, UNAIDS, civil society, and community-based organizations among other stakeholders at the national, state, and county levels. S/he will represent AFENET and provide leadership to all projects and staff in South Sudan.

### **Major duties and responsibilities:**

- Develop and maintain a comprehensive database of all health development partners and donors in country including mapping their strategic areas of work in South Sudan to the AFENET strategic objectives
- Serve as the in-country AFENET projects representative fostering collaborations with leadership of Ministry of Health, health development partners, academic, national public health institutes.
- Provide technical and strategic leadership and supervision to all AFENET technical and administrative staff and projects in the country promoting team work and harmony.
- Provides effective oversight to all financial and administrative functions undertaken by the country office to ensure efficient and effective and the provision of sufficient administrative support to all projects.
- Ensure that all activities are undertaken in full compliance with AFENET's standard operating procedures, and donor policies and regulations, and national policies and laws.
- Spearhead documentation and dissemination through technical reports, scientific publications, national and regional review meetings and conferences of key success and impact of the various public health interventions.

- Constantly scan for funding opportunities and collaborate with Ministry departments and other partners to lead the development of funding proposals for implementation of priority public health interventions.
- Provide direct technical support to the Ministry of Health through participation in key technical working groups and exploring areas of collaboration with AFENET as a lead technical implementing partner.
- Facilitate and coordinate crosscutting Public health laboratory systems strengthening initiatives across South Sudan in collaboration with funding agencies, Ministry of Health and other implementing partners.
- Facilitate and coordinate the development of tools and systems for the analysis, interpretation and use of laboratory surveillance data for public health policy making and to guide decisions on allocation of public health resources
- Provide the needed capacity to develop and implement a long-term costed national preparedness and response plan; Set technical direction and work closely with the National Coordination Committee for Outbreak Preparedness and Control to support the development, review, improvement and dissemination of standard operating procedures (SOP's) and guidelines for surveillance, ports of entry, laboratory testing, clinical management, infection prevention and control, risk communication and community engagement.
- Provide the needed technical support to strengthen sub-national health delivery points (State, District Hospitals/Health Centers/ Community Health Networks);
- Support and collaborate with the Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (FELTP), to supervise and engage FELTP residents during field placements for emergency preparedness and response
- Any other responsibilities as assigned by the direct supervisor.

### **Academic Qualifications and required skills and experience**

- An Epidemiologist at master's or Doctoral-level professional degree in public health, epidemiology, or related field with a minimum of 15years' diverse experience in health systems and Laboratory expertise.
- Proven experience in collaborating with Ministry of Health at all levels, PEPFAR agencies, UN agencies and, international/local NGOs, and donors.
- A track record in project management including coordinating teams and delivering as required on tasks and projects.
- Excellent leadership, interpersonal and communication skills, and ability to collaborate with others as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Ability to think critically and analyze findings, as well as recognize emergent situations as they arise.



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- Strong background in policy development, strategic/system thinking and project implementation.
- Ability to manage resources effectively to achieve objectives.
- Having Laboratory Expertise is a MUST.
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills.
- Competent in the use of Microsoft Office suite of programs including Word (word processing) and Excel (spreadsheets), as well as data analysis software (such as R, STATA or SPSS)
- Flexibility to work on a varied and dynamic portfolio of activities.
- Ability to work in conflict situations
- Graduate from a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) in Africa within the past 10-15- years will have added advantage.
- Training in project planning and management is an added advantage.

### **Remuneration**

Competitive remuneration based on qualification and experience.

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

All interested candidates are encouraged to send their Application Letters detailing their experiences and skills, Curriculum Vitae, copies of relevant academic documents plus Certificates together with complete contact details of three professional references to:

- The Administration & Human Resource Office
- African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET)
- <https://recruitment.afenet.net> and a copy on Email: [sec@afenet.net](mailto: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) Friday October 18, 2024**