

Job Opportunities

Date: Wednesday April 23, 2025

Job title: Technical Advisor – Workforce, Preparedness and Response

Application deadline: Wednesday May 7, 2025

Duty Stations: Blantyre-Malawi

Number of Positions: Two (02)

Background

Established in 2005, the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is a not for profit, networking alliance and public health service organization that brings together field epidemiology training programs (FETPs) across Africa working side by side with Ministries of Health (MoH), and regional and international partners. AFENET works to strengthen public workforce, epidemiological, disease surveillance and response capabilities of African countries that are critical to meeting the requirements of the International Health Regulations (IHR) and Global Health Security (GHS).

In January 2025, AFENET was awarded a Tackling Deadly in Africa Programme 2 (TDDAP2) project sub-grant by Palladium International Ltd. The sub-grant aims to strengthen workforce capacities for Pandemic Prevention Preparedness and Response (PPPR) in 5 priority countries – Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, and Uganda. The sub-grant will run from January 2025 to March 2028.

The overall object of TDDAP2 is to save lives and reduce the impact of disease outbreaks, and other public health emergencies in Africa using a One Health approach. In close collaboration with state governments, WHO AFRO, Africa CDC and other partners, TDDAP2 will enhance regional and global health security by building strong public health systems (workforce, surveillance, laboratory and PPPR) that able to prevent, detect and effectively respond to public health emergencies. The program will adopt a One Health approach, which recognises the link between human, animal, and environmental health.

Job purpose

This position will primarily serve as a Technical Advisor supporting workforce, preparedness and response activities within the MoH. He/she will participate in activities designed to strengthen implementation of joint external evaluation (JEE) and national plan for public health security (NAPHS) and other global health security (GHS) activities led by MoH, and other stakeholders in the animal and environmental sectors.

Major responsibilities:

The Technical Advisor will work closely with MoH, AFENET, Palladium, WHO and other implementing partners to:

- Implement GHS programs and other activities related to PPPR in the country.
- Coordinate and support TDDAP2 priority activities including development of training curricula for surge teams, execution of trainings for One Health staff, evaluation/assessment of GHS programs, etc.
- Participate in disease surveillance, outbreak response and response to other public health emergencies, and ensure documentation and sharing of best practices.
- Periodically provide support to the field epidemiology training program (FETP) including training of residents, supervision and mentorship.
- Prepare regular and timely reports on TDDAP2 project implementation for submission to MoH, AFENET, Palladium and other key stakeholders.
- Any other duties as may be assigned by MoH.

Minimum/ preferred qualifications and skills

- A Master's degree in public health, epidemiology, or related field.
- First degree in a medical related field (MBChB, BVM, Nursing, Laboratory)

Other relevant qualifications that will provide added advantage include:

- Qualification in field epidemiology (Advanced, Intermediate or Frontline level FETP).
- At least 3 years of experience in implementation of public health programs, and training and mentorship of public health staff.
- Previous experience of working within a government setting at national level.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Good communication skills.
- Competency in use of MS application packages (Excel, word and power point).
- Competency in data analysis software applications such as Epi-Info, STATA and SPSS.

Benefits

This position will provide a competitive remuneration.



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How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit their application letters detailing their experiences and skills. This should be accompanied by a clear technical approach (2-3 pages) to the assignment with a budget, Curriculum Vitae, copies of relevant academic documents and 2 references.

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 May 7, 2025.

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