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Consultancy Opportunity

Date: Tuesday April 8, 2026

Project: Angola Ebola Preparedness Funding for Laboratory Enhancement

Duty Stations: Luanda, Angola

Application deadline: Tuesday April 22, 2025

Background:

Established in 2005, AFENET is a non-profit networking and service alliance of Field Epidemiology (and Laboratory) Training Programs (FELTPs), and other applied epidemiology training programs. AFENET has operations in over 40 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, 5 countries in the Caribbean region. AFENET is dedicated to helping Ministries of Health in Africa build strong, effective, sustainable programs and capacity to improve public health systems on the African continent. The network's goal is to strengthen field epidemiology and public health laboratory capacity to contribute effectively to addressing epidemics and other major public health problems in countries where we operate. AFENET has its headquarters in Kampala, Uganda.

AFENET in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Angola, is working to strengthen laboratory activities. Angola needs to strengthen epidemic preparedness and response, particular for high-consequence pathogens such as Ebola virus disease (EVD). The ongoing global health security threats necessitate robust surveillance system, laboratory capacity, and rapid response mechanisms to detect, investigate, and respond to potential outbreaks.

This consultancy is part of the AFENET Angola Ebola Preparedness Funding for Laboratory Enhancement Project, which aims to strengthen the country's laboratory readiness for potential VHF cases, specifically Ebola.

AFENET is seeking to recruit one **(01)** qualified & experienced Consultant. This consultant will conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of Angola's Ebola virus disease preparedness and response capacity.

1. Post

Job Title: Ebola Consultant for Laboratory risk assessment and training

Number of posts: 1 (one)

Duration: One (1) month

Position Purpose:

The purpose of this consultancy is to conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of Angola's Ebola virus disease preparedness and response capacity, identify vulnerabilities in current laboratory systems, and develop training of technical staff for mitigating risks related with Ebola diagnostic interventions.

Terms of reference:

- Conduct rapid assessments of current Ebola surveillance and response systems, in particular for Ebola diagnostics
- Evaluate the flow from specimen collection, handling, packaging to shipment to regional reference laboratory for diagnostics
- Evaluate the preparedness of laboratory testing within surveillance and response activities
- Develop and update preparedness and response plans based on identified gaps
- Provide technical trainings to strengthen diagnostic capacity

Deliverables:

- Rapid Risk Assessment Report
- Training Materials and SOPs
- Training Report
- Monthly Progress report

Qualifications and work experience required:

- Advanced degree in Public Health, Epidemiology, Infectious Diseases or related field
- Minimum 5 years of experience in Laboratory Ebola Outbreak Response
- Experience with RT-qPCR testing platforms and reagents systems (Qiagen, Altona or similar)
- Demonstrated experience in conducting rapid risk assessments for infectious disease outbreaks



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Preferred:

- Strong knowledge of laboratory biosafety standards, molecular testing methodologies, and diagnostic procedures for high- consequence pathogens
- Experience with specimen handling, quality assurance protocols, and waste management for VHF cases
- Experience working with WHO, CDC or similar international health organizations
- Previous experience working in African countries
- Experience with Global Health Security Agenda (GHS) assessment and implementation
- Proficiency in Portuguese is a plus

Language requirement:

Excellent written and oral communication skills in English; and proficiency in Portuguese.

How to apply: Submit your resume in English, application letter in English, 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 April 22, 2026.

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