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Job Opportunity

Date: Monday November 9, 2026

Job Title: Zonal Partner Coordination Lead (Bunia, Ituri Province, DRC)

Programme: DRC EVD Response

Duty Station: AFENET DRC Office (Based in Bunia, Ituri Province).

Application deadline: Monday November 30, 2026

Target Start Date: Immediate / Priority Onboarding

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 40 African Countries.

Under a CDC Cooperative Agreement, TEPHINET (a program of The Task Force for Global Health), in collaboration with the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET), is implementing the Ebola Surge Activity to strengthen outbreak preparedness and response for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) and Bundibugyo Virus Disease (BVD) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and neighboring regional border corridors. To operationalize the newly adopted CDC and Ministry of Health (MoH) DRC Zonal Response Strategy, AFENET will formally host, onboard, and provide logistical support a Zonal Partner Coordination Lead deployed directly to the outbreak epicenter in Bunia, Ituri Province.

AFENET is therefore inviting qualified candidates to apply for the position of Zonal Partner Coordination Lead based in Bunia, Ituri Province, DRC.

Scope of Work

The Zonal Partner Coordination Lead is responsible for ground-level partner coordination across active health zones in the outbreak epicenter. Stationed in Bunia, Ituri Province, this international deployer ensures that implementing partner activities (align seamlessly with zonal response priorities, maintains real-time partner presence mapping, resolves operational bottlenecks, and

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facilitates bi-directional information flow between field teams, technical pillars, and CDC/MoH leadership.

Key Duties & Responsibilities

- Zonal Partner Alignment: Coordinate implementing partners and other response stakeholders across zones to align activities with zonal priorities and operational needs.
- Partner Presence & Mapping: Maintain a consolidated view of partner presence, planned activities, geographic coverage, results, gaps, and potential duplication.
- Field Coordination Forums: Convene regular field coordination discussions to identify bottlenecks, resolve operational issues, and agree on clear follow-up actions.
- Information Flow Facilitation: Facilitate information flow between partners, Regional Team Leads, technical pillars, government counterparts, and CDC leadership.
- Shared Standards & Best Practices: Promote shared approaches, standards, and lessons learned across partners, and elevate unresolved coordination or performance issues for action.
- IMS Integration & Representation: Participate actively in zonal, provincial, or national Incident Management System (IMS) coordination meetings to ensure operational alignment

Contract Details

- Based in Bunia, Ituri Province, DRC (Outbreak Epicenter, with travel across health zones), as needed.

Academic Requirements

- Advanced degree (MPH, MSc, MD) in Public Health, Field Epidemiology, or Humanitarian Response Management.

Required experience:

- Minimum 5–7 years of direct field experience coordinating public health partners in active epidemic response settings.
- Proven track record working in complex, high-security operational environments in eastern DRC or sub-Saharan Africa.
- Strong facilitation, negotiation, and inter-organizational mediation skills.

Personal Abilities

- Analytical and problem-solving abilities
- Ability to build strong relationships internally and with external actors.
- High level of autonomy at work, yet with profound team spirit.
- Ability to work under pressure, with minimal supervision, and in a culturally diverse team

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- Awareness of technological trends and apply necessary technology to the daily work when necessary
- Adaptive, patient, resourceful, resilient and flexible.

Language Requirement:

- Full professional fluency in French (essential for field operations); knowledge of Swahili is a strong asset; working proficiency in English.

Remuneration:

- Remuneration for this position is competitive

Contract tenure:

- Six (6) Months (International Deployer Contract).

Application Process

- Interested candidates should submit their application letters and Curriculum Vitae detailing their academic qualifications, experience, skills and attach copies of relevant academic and professional certificates.
- Names and contact details of two professional referees to.
- Proof of deployment readiness, including a valid passport

The Human Resource Office, African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET).

Applications should be submitted online through https://recruitment.afenet.net**, with a copy sent by email to sec@afenet.net.**

Please note that ONLY shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Please note that all applications should be sent online by close of business 5:30 pm (EAT) Monday November 30, 2026.