



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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POSITION TITLE:	National Project Coordinator (ECTAD)	GRADE:	
LOCATION:	FAO REPRESENTATION IN LIBERIA	DURATION:	One (1) year with possibility of extension subject to availability of funds
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:		TYPE OF CONTRACT	NPP

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Emerging Pandemic Threats (EPT-2): The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), under their EPT-2 Programme, has recently granted funding to FAO to support Africa to address the problem of emerging and re-emerging high impact zoonoses. The FAO's EPT-2 Programme is a global programme with several components for Africa, Asia and the Near East. The key components relevant for Africa include:

In Africa, the programme which was named " supporting the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) to address Zoonotic Diseases and Animal Health in Africa" included the following key components:

- Support to the achievement of the objectives of the GHSS in 14 countries in West, Central and East Africa;
- Emergency H5N1 HPAI prevention and control in 11 countries in West and Central Africa;

Under the GHSA component, FAO will focus on developing capacity around supporting the GHSA 1 country prioritized priority zoonoses. Although FAO work contributes to all action packages, FAO support will focus on 4 GHSA action packages including Zoonotic diseases, Biosafety and Biosecurity, Laboratory mainly related to zoonotic diseases and workforce development.

Duties

Within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Disease Operations (ECTAD), under the overall supervision of the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO)/Chief, Animal Health Service (AGAH)/, the functional and administrative guidance of the FAO Representative of the country of assignment on managerial/administrative issues and country priorities, and the direct supervision and technical backstopping of the ECTAD Country Team Leader (ECTL) (or the Manager of ECTAD for West and Central Africa in absence of the ECTL), and in collaboration with the ECTAD country team, the incumbent will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

- Assist in
 - the preparation of project work plans, timely provision of inputs, organization of workshops, training programme, and liaison with responsible officers at national and sub-national levels for smooth coordination and delivery of FAO-implemented projects under the EPT-2 programme.
 - the smooth integration of the EPT2 programme activities and programme staff into the programmatic and administrative operations of the FAO Representation in the country of

assignment; and contribute towards the development and implementation of the FAO country programme maintaining links with the established national networks on diagnosis and epidemiology to exchange and share technical information particularly related to priority and high impact animal diseases

- the preparation and review of briefs upon request from ECTL and FAOR

- Act as ECTL in his/her absence. This includes planning and management of the ECTAD country team, technical and human resources needs in coordination with the FAOR of the country of assignment and the ECTAD Manager for West and Central Africa.
- Under the guidance and with support from the ECTL and the FAOR, liaise with the Government of Liberia, development partners, multi-lateral agencies and national and international non-governmental organizations, and the private sector in all matters related to high impact emerging and re-emerging zoonotic and non-zoonotic disease (rEIDs) prevention and control programme and related activities.
- Participate in technical intersectoral meetings under the One Health framework with the major partners of the EPT-2/GHSA programme
- In close collaboration with the ECTL and the Manager of ECTAD in West and Central Africa, advise the beneficiary government of country of assignment on any technical and policy matters related to high impact zoonotic and non-zoonotic transboundary animal diseases.
- Contribute in the preparation of appropriate country strategies and programme for the management of rEIDs and other endemic Zoonotic and non-zoonotic disease, in close collaboration with the beneficiary government in line with the national policies, strategies and priorities, the FAO's Strategic Objectives, and the UNDAF II framework.
- With the advice and support of the CTL and FAOR, assist resource mobilization efforts, leveraging existing funds, to expand animal health related projects that are identified as priorities by the government of the country of assignment.
- Conduct regular field missions in the country to monitor and ensure smooth implementation of the rEIDs related activities.
- Contribute in the preparation of timely reports as required by the government, FAO and donors.
- Contribute in providing regular updates of TADs epidemiology situation in the country as well as immediate notification to GLEWS of any significant epidemiological events
- Submit a final technical report upon completion of the assignment to the ECTL Perform other related duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- A University degree in veterinary science, Animal health/animal science or biomedical science.
- At least three years of service in animal health or related biomedical disciplines
- Working knowledge of English, French or Spanish and limited knowledge of one of the other two or Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Extent and relevance of experience in Animal Health and related services
- Extent and relevance of experience in project development, management and coordination
- Ability to write briefs and reports in English
- Familiarity with the FAO policies, programmes and systems desirable

Selection Criteria

- Based on requirements, competencies and skills
- All candidates should possess computer/word processing skills

Interested candidates are advised to send their CVs, cover letter, and copies of educational certificates in a sealed envelope clearly mentioning the position applied for on the top left corner of the envelope, no later than Monday, 18 June 2018, at 12:00 noon to the following address:

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1st Street Sinkor
Monrovia, Liberia

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. FAO is an equal opportunity employer; qualified females are encouraged to apply.