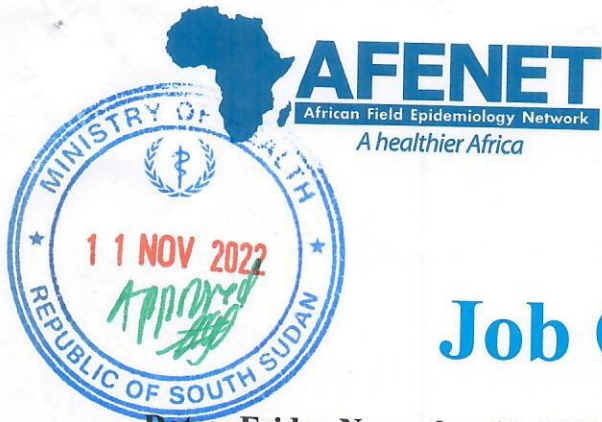


AFENET Secretariat
Lugogo House, Ground Floor (Wings B&C)
Plot 42, Lugogo By-Pass
P.O BOX 12874, Kampala, Uganda
Tel: +256 417 700 650
Fax: +256 312 265 595
www.afenet.net



Job Opportunity



Date: Friday November 11, 2022

Project: CDC/AFENET Malaria Project South Sudan

Application Deadline: Friday November 25, 2022

Background:

The African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is a not for profit, networking alliance and service organization that brings together field epidemiology training programs (FETPs) across Africa working side by side with Ministries of Health, regional and international partners. AFENET also implements multinational public health projects in EPI, Malaria, NTD, IDSR and Lab capacity strengthening.

One such project is the South Sudan Malaria project. CDC has awarded funds to AFENET to ensure that COVID-19 mitigation measures funded through Global Funds are implemented effectively South Sudan. This will be done through provision of technical assistance to all Global fund implementing partners including the South Sudan Ministry of Health WHO and UNICEF to effectively implement the agreed upon COVID-19 mitigation activities. The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Sudan brought significant additional burdens and impacts to an already weak health care system struggling to recover from years of conflict that left much of it damaged and non-functional. Although affecting all programmes, these impacts heavily affected HIV, TB and malaria programmes resulting in lower volumes of HIV testing, uptake of HIV treatment, diagnosis and treatment of TB, and routine and mass distribution of LLINs. With regard to malaria, significant challenges arose for the movement of commodities, particularly for planned LLIN distribution which meant that campaigns planned for Jonglei and Unity States were cancelled.

Other activities were either scaled-down or postponed, including data collection for the vector susceptibility study, monitoring and supervision for case management, and data quality assurance activities. In addition, programme costs increased for shipping of commodities (particularly LLINs), procurement and distribution of PPE, and the need to orient field staff on COVID-19 prevention measures.



AFENET Secretariat
Lugogo House, Ground Floor (Wings B&C)
Plot 42, Lugogo By-Pass
P.O BOX 12874, Kampala, Uganda
Tel: +256 417 700 650
Fax: +256 312 265 595
www.afenet.net

To address these impacts, risk mitigation measures planned under COVID19RM 2021 submission include scaling-up community and home-based case management; revising strategies for LLIN distribution to anticipate and prevent disruptions; integrating COVID-19 related content in social mobilization campaigns; and engaging additional technical support to assist the Malaria Programme to proactively identify and mitigate future risks related to pandemic outbreaks. GF through the US funds has made available COVID-19 funding to South Sudan to the scale of over \$30 million. Part of those funds are targeted to implement C-19 mitigation measures that would limit the impact of C-19 on AIDS, TB and Malaria.

AFENET seeks to recruit an **Epidemiologist/Malaria Consultant** based in Juba to provide technical assistance to ensure that the Global Fund supported C-19 RM resources allocated to strengthen Malaria service delivery are being effectively implemented and monitored.

Post 1.

Position Title: Epidemiologist/Malaria Consultant

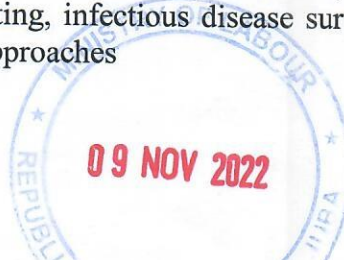
Number of Vacancies: One (01)

Duty Station: Juba, South Sudan

Duties and Responsibilities:

The epidemiologist/Malaria consultant will provide technical assistance to MOH, WHO and UNICEF to:

- Strengthen the South Sudan Covid-19 Malaria mitigation activities
- Develop future pandemic preparedness and response (PPR) capacity
- Mitigate the knock-on effects of Covid-19 on Malaria
- Technical assistance will be aligned to the approved Global Fund C19RM funds and activities for Malaria program response
- Support South Sudan FETP Malaria control activities
- More specifically the consultant will support GF supported malaria mitigation/adaption in:
 - Highest priority areas facing the greatest challenges from COVID-19 effects and disruptions, supporting new innovations (e.g., community-based testing and treatment, integrated COVID-19 / malaria services) now possible due to COVID effects
 - Assessment, development and implementation of key interventions targeting areas that have been severely impacted by the direct and indirect effect of COVID-19
 - Mitigation measures that build on existing platforms (e.g., bi-directional and simultaneous disease/infection testing, infectious disease surveillance networks,) for greater efficiencies of integrated approaches





AFENET Secretariat
Lugogo House, Ground Floor (Wings B&C)
Plot 42, Lugogo By-Pass
P.O BOX 12874, Kampala, Uganda
Tel: +256 417 700 650
Fax: +256 312 265 595
www.afenet.net

Position Qualification:

- Masters or Doctoral-level professional degree in academic fields related to health or allied sciences, preferably in human medicine, Public Health, veterinary medicine nursing & laboratory science.
- Graduate from an Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) in Africa is an added advantage

Experience and Skills:

- Over 5-10 years of experience working in the field as a practicing epidemiologist
- Over 5 year experience in Malaria programmatic work
- Experience in providing Malaria Technical assistance to MOHs and multilateral agencies
- Experience in Public health project implementation
- Knowledge of COVID-19 situation in South Sudan
- Demonstrated proficiency in distillation, interpretation, and verification of unstructured scientific and popular data.

Required qualities:

- Ability to work collaboratively with multiple partners and teams at national and sub national levels.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, leadership, collaborative and good listening skills
- Ability to work independently with minimum supervision
- Openness to new ideas and willingness to accept different opinions
- Patience and sense of humor

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit their Application Letters detailing their experiences and skills, Curriculum Vitae, copies of relevant academic documents and 3 references to;

- The Administration & Human Resource Office,
- African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET)
- <https://recruitment.afenet.net> and a copy on Email: sec@afenet.net

Please note that all applications should be sent online by close of business **5:30 pm (EAT) Friday November 25, 2022**

Note: Nationals with the necessary skills are highly encouraged to apply

*ONLY successful candidates shall be contacted for an interview. Note: More details about this position can be obtained from our website: www.afenet.net

