Vacancy Notice

The World Health Organization has a vacancy for the position of:

National Consultant (WHO Health Emergencies Programme)
(Short Term Consultant, for initial period of 5 Months)

Purpose of the Post:

To provide technical assistance in field epidemiology training, outbreak investigations, and laboratory capacity building.

Duration:
Planned Start date: May 2020
Planned End date: September 2020

Description of Duties:

The consultant will report to and be guided by WHO Country Office. In collaboration with the National Centre for Laboratory and Epidemiology (NCLE), Ministry of Health (MoH) of Lao PDR, the consultant will conduct the following activities and submit regular reports for each activity, including proposed next steps:

- Prepare materials for the FET supervisor training by June 2020.
- Prepare materials for the scientific writing workshop articles that may be related to COVID-19/respiratory illness for FET graduates and laboratory staff by July 2020.
- Support in preparation of documents related to the FET strategic and transition plan by Dec 2020.
- Provide technical support to FET trainees to strengthen and risk assessment for COVID-19 in Lao PDR.
- Translate COVID-19 documentation and other outbreak diseases report to Dec 2020.
- Conduct outbreak investigation of COVID-19 and other diseases occurring from up until Dec 2020.

Knowledge & skills:

- Consultant should have public health work experience in surveillance and data analysis.
- Skills in planning, training, program implementation and monitoring and evaluation of interventions are essential.
- Ability to interact effectively with health professionals at various levels and to work with national counterparts, and international technical staff.
- Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds and maintain a high standard of personal conduct.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency in standard MS Office applications including MS Excel, MS Word and MS PowerPoint are essential.

Education:

Essential: Bachelor degree in medicine or health related field
Desirable: Master degree in epidemiology or public health
Experience:
**Essential:** Minimum two years’ substantial work experience in epidemiology or public health or laboratory
**Desirable:** Experience in managing surveillance and laboratory programmes

Languages:
- Proficient in English
- Proficient in Lao

Other skills (e.g. IT): Proficiency in standard MS Office applications.

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit applications and curriculum vitae in the English language with a subject “National Consultant” to the below address by 27 March 2020.

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