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Vacancy Notice No: WPRO/13/FT244

Date: 6 June 2013

Title: Technical Officer (Emergency Response to Artemisinin Resistance Programme)

Application Deadline: **27 June 2013**

Duty Station: Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

Grade: NO-C

Organization unit: WP_VNM Viet Nam (WP_VNM) /

Contract type: Fixed-Term Appointment

WP_VN3 Director, Combating Communicable Diseases (WP_VN3)

Duration of contract: Two years

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :

The main objectives of the programme are: (1) to support the National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology (NIMPE), Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology Qui Nhon (IMPE QN) and Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology in Ho Chi Minh (IMPE HCM) and at various levels in the design, planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of priority interventions; (2) to prevent the appearance and possible spread of artemisinin resistant parasites by detecting all malaria cases in target areas and ensuring effective treatment; (3) to decrease drug pressure for selection of artemisinin resistant malaria parasites; (4) to prevent the appearance and potential spread of artemisinin resistant malaria parasites by mosquito control and personal protection; (5) to limit the potential spread of artemisinin resistant malaria parasites by mobile/migrant populations; (6) to support containment/elimination of malaria and potential artemisinin resistant parasites through comprehensive behaviour change communication (BCC), community mobilization and advocacy; (7) to undertake basic and operational research to fill knowledge gaps and ensure that strategies applied are evidence-based; and (8) to provide effective management, surveillance and coordination to enable rapid and high quality implementation of the strategy.

Description of duties:

Under the guidance of the WHO Representative and direct supervision of the Medical Epidemiologist, and in close collaboration with national counterparts and the Coordinator (ERAR-GMS), as well as the relevant programmes in the Regional Office and WHO Headquarters, the incumbent will perform the following functions:

1. Provide support to the National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology (NIMPE), Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology Qui Nhon (IMPE QN) and Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology in Ho Chi Minh (IMPE HCM) and other partners in their efforts to effectively contain the artemisinin resistant Pf malaria parasites in Viet Nam by:

- assisting in implementation and monitoring of the Viet Nam component of the Emergency Response To Artemisinin Resistance (ERAR) project, including cross-border activities;
- supporting project implementation in the Viet Nam project area;
- being a focal point for operational research;
- participating in project meetings;
- assisting in translation and interpretation of project documents (Vietnamese to English, English to Vietnamese)
- liaising with Viet Nam national agencies involved;
- promoting collaboration with partners and stakeholders at all levels of the system.

2. Within the context of broader efforts to prevent and control malaria, provide support to the implementation of existing national malaria programme activities linked to the containment project;

3. Perform other related duties as may be required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

University degree in Medicine and/or other health related field or its equivalent professional training is essential. Relevant postgraduate degree and/or training in malaria and other communicable diseases control, surveillance and evaluation techniques is desirable.

Skills:

Broad knowledge and experience in preventing and controlling malaria including conducting operational research and related aspects. Proven skills in planning, monitoring and evaluation of interventions, in training others of those and in developing locally tools and instruments. Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively with the government and partner agencies as well as stakeholders at all levels of the system. Ability to work harmoniously as a member of the team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds and maintain high standard of personal conduct. Proficiency with data evaluation, standard office software and internet. Proficiency in standard MS office applications. Ability and willingness to spend about 50% of time in the containment project implementation provinces.

Competencies:

1. Producing results
2. Fostering integration and teamwork
3. Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond
4. Communicating in a credible and effective way

5. Ensuring the effective use of resources

Experience:

At least five years' experience in project management, including implementation, monitoring and supervision skills and capacity building, and including at least two years experience in implementation of vectorborne disease control programme are essential. Experience in operational field research activities is desirable.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English and Vietnamese is essential.

Additional Information:

Post is subject to local recruitment and will be filled by persons recruited in the local commuting area of the office.

Annual salary: (Net of tax)

USD36 500 at single rate

USD36 500 with primary dependants

A written test and interviews may be used as a form of screening

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