

Job Description:

Medical Doctor – Infectious Diseases Management For Project “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State”

Brief description of the project:

Chuuk State of Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is now a COVID-19 affected State. In order to respond to this situation, a project “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State” was developed which is now awarded with additional funding to the Department of Health Services of the Chuuk State Government. This project, strongly focuses on the Chuuk State's preparedness and its capacities to sustain the COVID-19 care in the State. Its ear marked five (5) outputs along with its related activities are specifically intended to strengthen the Chuuk State Hospital and its Public Health division, to manage the COVID-19 pandemic efficiently. The project's final outcome will be, to develop and deliver a state-of-art COVID-19 care to its captive population.

Importance of this position:

The **Medical Doctor – Infectious Diseases Management for the “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State”** is a key position of this project. The hired person will provide comprehensive quality of care to COVID-19 positive cases in communities. In addition, the competent candidate will perform very responsive roles in setting-up standards in management of community-based COVID-19 care for both affected and infected people in Chuuk State. He / she is expected to bring-in knowledge, experience and capacities to lead necessary advanced clinical care to COVID-19 patients. He / she being one of the team members; is expected to percolate such knowledge, share the experiences and improve the capacities with rest of the team members during their tenure in Chuuk State.

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- To be part of the project's **COVID-19 Operation, Response and Expert (CORE)** team for developing, implementing and managing the COVID-19 care in Chuuk State
- To be in-charge of out-patient care for COVID-19 positive cases that includes the clients who attends the Test & Treatment (TTx) centres in communities.
- To develop and implement treatment protocols for managing COVID-19 positive clients in TTx centres
- To be the team leader for the TTx centres in communities to provide the followings:
 - Administrative decisions and technical supports to the functional aspects of TTx centres in Chuuk State
 - Clinical management of COVID-19 positive cases and providing decisions on clients' therapeutic choices
 - Supervise the administration of mono clonal antibodies (mABs)
 - To manage any anaphylaxis, infusion related reactions or adverse reactions if reported in TTx centres

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- To provide final confirmation on positive Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) reports
 - To provide referrals to severe and critically ill COVID-19 + ve cases to Hospital
 - To supervise the TTx team on correct use of PPEs that includes donning and doffing
 - To oversee Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures and Waste Management practices in TTx centres
 - To compile and submit regular reports on TTx activities
 - To oversee the supply chain of things that are needed, especially the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits, therapeutics and COVID-19 vaccines, for smooth functioning of the TTx centres.
- To conduct all necessary trainings and capacity building initiatives that are connected with COVID-19 care in the hospital
 - To monitor COVID-19 related surveillance processes in the State
 - To be part of the Risk Communication team for developing necessary mass communication materials
 - To be a team member of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures and its management in the hospital.
 - To be the part of CORE team in developing the Emergency preparedness for COVID-19 pandemic for the State.
 - To be a part of CORE team in developing necessary guidelines, protocols, algorithms and flow charts that are relevant to COVID-19 pandemic.
 - To participate in web-based trainings organised by international partners, donors and leading agencies on COVID-19 care.
 - To design and develop Operational and Clinical research protocols and conduct them scientifically.

Required Qualifications:

- Must be a Medical Doctor either with M,B:B,S or equivalent bachelor degree qualification with minimum 5 years of clinical work experience.
- Valid Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support certification from the American Heart Association or American Red Cross.

Desirable Qualification: in addition to above, must hold

- Post-graduation qualification in Internal Medicine / Pulmonary Medicine / Critical Care Medicines or
- Outnumbered clinical work experience of more than 10 years with bachelor degree.

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Essential Experience:

- Work experience in managing Infectious diseases management, especially in COVID-19
- Prior work experience in Endemic / Epidemic / Pandemic its preparedness and its management
- Must be a computer literate
- Work experience in community-based health care services
- Experience in handling Geographical Information System (GIS). This will be considered as an added advantage for this position
- Willingness to travel to remotest areas in the State
- Demonstratable abilities to work alone with minimal or no supervision
- Demonstrable abilities in developing a team whereby engaging them with shared responsibilities and or by delegation of duties
- Willingness in participating in clinical / operational researches and publishing scientific research papers

Desirable Capacities:

- Smart enough to work in a small population and able to well manage its health needs
- Self-motivated, disciplined with positive approach

Duration and type of this Position:

- Initially for one full year but may be extendable if funding is available
- Local / International position with good package
- Salary between USD 50,000 to 60,000 / Annum

Report to:

- Under direct supervision of the Consultant of this project
- Report to the Director of Hospital Services of Chuuk State Government

How to apply:

- Forward your Curriculum Vitae (CV) / Bio-data, copies of credentials and certificates, your contact details and contact details of your two professional referees by e-mail to: Dr. Bosco Buliche, Director, DHS, Chuuk State, FSM in buliche@fsmhealth.fm or buliche66@gmail.com
- Closing date: By July 20th 2022. Only shortlisted candidates will be intimated for their online interview. Please mention the position that you apply for in the “Subject” of your e-mail.