

Job Description: Medical Doctor – Physician and Internist 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 – Physician & Internist for the “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State”** is a key position of this project. The hired person will be responsible for managing all COVID-19 patients in the hospital. In addition, the competent candidate will perform very responsive roles in stabilizing severe and critically ill COVID-19 patients in Intensive Care Units (ICU). 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 responsible for admission, monitoring, treatment and discharge of COVID-19 positive cases in the hospital that includes the patients who are admitted in the ward as well as in Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- To lead the team for the following procedures:
 - Intubating patients
 - Stabilizing patients on mechanical Ventilation or on Non-invasive ventilation
 - Patients on High Flow Nasal Oxygen (HFNO)
 - Chest / Intercostal tube insertion
 - Bronchoscopy
 - Lung Ultrasonography
 - Pulmonary function test with or without bronchodilator

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- To oversee the ICU and to ascertain its readiness for COVID-19 care in the hospital, nevertheless to mention on developing standard protocols for managing severe and critically ill COVID-19 positive patients.
- Should be able to intubate patients that includes Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) etc. and monitor them on mechanical ventilators and weaning them from ventilators.
- To assess and re-assess the ICU patients through their physiological and therapeutic responses and modify their treatment accordingly
- To provide emergency care, such as external cardiac massage, artificial respiration or assistance with Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- To conduct necessary trainings for the clinical team in ICU care.
- To monitor COVID-19 related surveillance processes in the State
- To be a team member of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures and its management in the hospital.
- To be a 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 collaborative meetings with other members, partners and stakeholders who are engaged in COVID-19 care.
- 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.

Essential Experience:

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- Strong knowledge and work experience in pulmonary function and pulmonary rehabilitation.
- Must be well experienced in respiratory care, emergency care, and intensive care experiences.
- Must be well versed with mechanical ventilation, non-invasive ventilation and HFNO modalities.
- Work experience in managing Infectious diseases management, especially with COVID-19
- Prior work experience in Endemic / Epidemic / Pandemic its preparedness and its management
- Must be a computer literate
- 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 bbuliche@fsmhealth.fm or bbuliche66@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.