

Job Description: Medical Laboratory Consultant 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 Laboratory Consultant for the “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State”** is a key position of this project. The hired person will manage not only the diagnostics and other related areas that are connected with COVID-19 disease but also for the overall improvement of the medical laboratory at Chuuk State hospital. The competent candidate is expected to perform very responsive roles in setting-up clinical laboratory standards in the hospital. He / she supposed to bring knowledge, experience and capacities to Chuuk. He / she being one of the team members; is expected to percolate such knowledge, share the experiences and improve the capacities with the rest of the team 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 overall in-charge of the clinical laboratory of Chuuk hospital and to establish all necessary laboratory standards in terms of accreditation processes and also to meet the set demands for external and internal quality assurances.
- To manage the medical clinical laboratory and its most demanding areas such as: Haematology, Bio-chemistry, Assays, PCR, Lateral flow technology, Molecular diagnostics, Microbiology, Culture etc.
- To assist in developing and establishing the Test and Treatment (TTx) centres for COVID-19 care in Chuuk State and will be responsible for setting-up of the COVID-19 testing part in every TTx centre.
- To be responsible for setting-up a mini clinical laboratory in Intensive Care Units (ICU) in the hospital with point-of-care (POC) equipment and instrument and to improve the operational efficacy of the laboratory support to manage critical patients efficiently.

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- To be responsible for the upkeep of all clinical laboratory equipment and instrument as per scheduled maintenance as well as any breakdown services
- To recommend necessary additional equipment, instrument and consumables to improve the quality and capacities of the Chuuk State Hospital Clinical Laboratory.
- To be in-charge of inventories that are connected with equipment and instrument in the Hospital Clinical Laboratory.
- To be in-charge of ordering needed reagents, consumables etc. so as to maintain an uninterrupted functioning of the Hospital Clinical Laboratory.
- To take initiatives in developing and conducting necessary trainings and capacity building initiatives that are connected with the clinical laboratory.
- To evaluate the current and also to introduce new guidelines, protocols, standard operating procedures (SOP) and algorithms so that the laboratory team can use them efficiently and learn best practices while working
- To be part of the lab team to implement digital laboratory reporting technology and to introduce the electronic laboratory reporting
- To regularly supervise the clinical laboratory and to ensure its cleanliness and the bio-safety for the team
- To be a team member of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures and its management in the hospital.
- To regularly supervise the disposal of bio-hazardous wastes that are generated in the clinical laboratory and its safe disposals.
- To consult with the Physicians and Internists in the hospital in terms of clinical laboratory supports for developing individual patient care plans
- To be part of CORE team in developing the Emergency preparedness for COVID-19 pandemic, especially evolving a State-of-Art clinical laboratory support to the Chuuk State.
- To be responsible for regular clinical laboratory reports and to submit the same to the Director

Required Qualification:

- Must be a Medical Doctor either with M;B;B;S or equivalent bachelor degree qualification with minimum 5 years of clinical work experience and
- Post-graduation qualification in Clinical Laboratory Medicine / Microbiology / Bio-chemistry / Transfusion Medicine

Desirable Qualifications: In addition to above if holds

- Experience in setting-up Blood bank and separation and storage of blood products and
- Experience in gene sequencing technology

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Essential Experience:

- Work experience in Infectious diseases management, especially with COVID-19
- Prior work experience in Endemic / Epidemic / Pandemic and its preparedness and management
- Must be a computer literate
- 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
- Demonstrable experience 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
- 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.