

Job Description: Registered Nurses – Seven (7) Positions 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 **Registered Nurses for the “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State”** is a key position of this project. The hired person will provide comprehensive quality nursing care to COVID-19 exposed or positive cases in the hospital wards, in Intensive Care Units (ICU), in the Test and Treatment (TTx) Centers as well as in the communities. In addition, the competent candidate is expected to perform very responsive roles in setting-up standards in clinical nursing in Chuuk State. He / she supposed to bring knowledge, experience and capacities to lead the nursing care in 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 responsible to standardize clinical nursing care at Chuuk hospital and in the public health division
- Out of seven (7) positions, two will be assigned to wards, two will be for ICU and three will be engaged in the Test and Treatment (TTx) centers. However, all seven will constantly be rotated once in every three (3) months.
- Basically, all of them will be responsible for the followings:
 - Conducting triage
 - Providing necessary counselling
 - Completing necessary formalities, including consents for procedures
 - Taking and monitoring vital signs
 - Administrating medications as per Physician / Internist order. This includes, oral, intra-muscular, intra-venous and other routes
 - Providing appropriate nursing care as per the needs of the patient

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- Monitoring patients as per the Physician / Internist order
- To establish intravenous line, fluid / blood administration, draw blood samples etc.
- To collect ordered lab investigations, imaging and EKG reports into patient’s file
- To document all necessary details in electronic data base, such as demographic details, nursing history, condition of patients, laboratory and imaging information, medications, treatment updates, and discharge status and summary
- To provide necessary supports to bedridden patients, such as positioning, feeding and managing bladder and bowel requirements.
- Responsible for bed making and ward cleanliness
- To conduct “Activities of Daily Living” for every admitted patient.
- In TTx centres, the Registered Nurse will be responsible for dispensing COVID-19 Anti-viral medications to clients along with specific instructions such as number of capsules, its timings and the number of days to complete the course.
- In addition, he / she will provide advice on compliance to medications, treatment adherence counselling, information on self-isolation as home quarantine and enforce the “Golden Principles of COVID-19; correct use of face mask, managing hand hygiene, maintaining social distancing etc.
- In ICUs, the Registered Nurse will be responsible for continues monitoring of patients, who are on life support that includes their vital signs, Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) reports and readings from mechanical ventilator / High Flow Nasal Oxygen etc.
- To be responsible for the upkeep of all clinical care equipment and instrument for its cleanliness and its readiness for patient care.
- To recommend necessary additional equipment, instrument and consumables to improve the quality of care in wards, ICU and in TTx centres.
- To be in-charge of inventories that are connected with nursing / patient care in the wards, ICU and TTx centres.
- To be in-charge for ordering medicines and medical supplies in wards, ICU and in TTx centres.
- To be a team member of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures and its management in the hospital.
- To be responsible for regular nursing reports and to submit to the Chief of Public Health

Required Qualification:

- Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) or Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) with minimum five (5) years of nursing work experience in patient management in emergency department, ICUs and in wards.
- Must possess National Council Licensing Examination certificate from the State or country where practice.
- Post-graduation qualification in Nursing will be an added qualification for higher salary

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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 will be between USD 13,000 to 15,000 / annum

Report to:

- Under direct supervision of the Consultant of this project
- Report to the Chief of Public Health of Chuuk State Hospital

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.