

# **Job Description: Respiratory Therapist 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 **Respiratory Therapist for the “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State”** is a key position of this project. The hired person will be responsible for providing life supports to COVID-19 patients in the hospital. The competent candidate is expected to perform very responsive roles in stabilizing patients in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) as well as in the wards. 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 the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and its readiness for COVID-19 care
- To establish all necessary standards in ICUs to meet the demands for managing COVID-19 disease.
- To be a team member for performing 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
- To be independently capable of intubating patients that includes Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) etc. and monitoring the patient on mechanical ventilators and weaning the patients from ventilators

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- To monitor the ICU patients and watch their physiological and therapeutic responses through Arterial Blood Gas (ABG) analysis, changes in vital signs, blood chemistry and lung function
- To conduct or perform or analyze, diagnostic and functional tests to assess lung capacities and its capabilities especially with COVID-19 patients
- To report to the Physicians and Internists if there are adverse findings
- To consult with the Physicians and Internists for developing individual patient care plans in ICU and in wards
- To be independently capable of performing Spirometry's, and manage patients on Nebulizers, Capnography etc. and other lung monitoring studies
- To develop necessary protocols for ICU care for severe and critically ill COVID-19 patients
- To conduct necessary trainings for the clinical team in ICU care.
- To recommend necessary equipment, instrument and consumables for the ICU in terms of its procurement before stock outs.
- To be responsible for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing life support ICU equipment such as mechanical ventilators, HFNO machines and intubation instrument, patients breathing circuits etc.
- To trouble shoot equipment that are related to oxygen supply to ICUs.
- To provide emergency care, such as external cardiac massage, artificial respiration, or assistance with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- To be in-charge for maintaining patient related readings, charts and other relevant information and document the same in case sheets that goes with patient identification and therapeutic information.
- Ensure proper functioning of all instruments in ICU prior to the commencement of the procedure
- To be part of CORE team in developing a State-of-Art respiratory care for Chuuk State.
- To be a team member of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures and its management in the hospital.
- To assist with CORE team in developing the Emergency preparedness for COVID-19 pandemic.
- To participate in Operational and Clinical researches.

**Required Qualification:**

- Qualified Respiratory Therapist from a well accredited institute / medical college / private hospital with minimum two (2) years of working experience
- Registration or certification by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).
- Valid license as Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCPs) in the state of practice.

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- Valid Basic Life Support and Advance Life Support certification from the American Heart Association or American Red Cross.

### **Essential Experience:**

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

### **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 40,000 to 45,000 / 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](mailto:bbuliche@fsmhealth.fm) or [bbuliche66@gmail.com](mailto:bbuliche66@gmail.com)
- Closing date: By July 20<sup>th</sup> 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.