

Vacancy Notice



The World Health Organization has a vacancy for the position of:

Short Term Consultant - Coordinator Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) Programme

Purpose of the post:

This consultancy is to coordinate and provide technical support in developing and implementing the national antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance and the national antimicrobial stewardship programme.

Duties:

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Lao PDR, the WHO Representative, the WHO Health Emergency Programme and Health System Development teams, the consultant will conduct the following activities

1. Assist Lao MoH in developing a work plan with timeline to establish a structured national AMR surveillance programme and AMR stewardship programme
2. Facilitate the development of appropriate guidelines and training materials for the AMR surveillance in Lao PDR.
3. Coordinate with Departments of Communicable Disease Control, Health Care and Food and Drug, and National Centre for Laboratory and Epidemiology (NCLE), MoH, concerned laboratories such as Pasteur Institute of Laos and Lao-Oxford-Mahidol Research Unit, and concerned Ministries such as Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery, and Forestry as needed.
4. Provide support to the government to develop oversight mechanisms over activities in NCLE, selected hospital and bacteriology laboratories and support to write AMR surveillance reports,
5. Support establishment of AMR stewardship programme through the development of appropriate policies, guidelines, education initiatives, monitoring and audit mechanisms to ensure the most appropriate use of antimicrobials in promoting patient safety.
6. Provide support in developing programmes and interventions to preserve effectiveness of antimicrobial medicines by taking measures to promote control, appropriate distribution as well as appropriate use,
7. Support the National IPC Committee with the implementation of the IPC strategies, and engagement of subnational committees, with provision of SOPs and guidelines at national and subnational levels, as well as at health care facilities,
8. Write reports to KOICA and WHO HQ
9. Perform other duties as directed by direct supervisor and the WHO representative in Lao PDR.

Knowledge & skills:

- a. Excellent knowledge of AMR
- b. Experience on AMR surveillance and stewardship programme
- c. Understanding of emerging diseases and International Health Regulations (IHR)
- d. Knowledge of the Greater Mekong Sub-region
- e. Demonstrated networking and partnership building skills
- f. Strong results-based programme management experience, with a particular focus on policy, planning and capacity building.

- g. Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with Government counterparts, WHO colleagues, donors, and relevant partners
- h. Working experience in resource-constrained setting and understanding of health system
- i. Proficiency in standard MS Office applications including MS Excel, MS Word, and MS PowerPoint are essential.
- j. Good organization, communication, and negotiation skills with sensitivity to local environment and culture

Education: Essential: University degree in health or social science with the postgraduate degree in epidemiology or microbiology or public health.

Experience: Essential: Minimum of seven years' work experience in public health; policy and planning, and/or in epidemiology, including experience at international level

Languages: Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit applications and curriculum vitae in the English language with a subject "**Short Term Consultant: Coordinator Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) Programme**" to the below address by **19 January 2018**.

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