NPO/ SSA consultant Health Emergency Officer, WHO Health Emergency WHO Mozambique

Purpose

The purpose of the post is to provide technical support to the WHO Country Office, WHO Health Emergency (WHE) and to Ministry of Health at central and provincial level on country capacities that could contribute to IHR, One Health, bio-risk reduction, Global Health Security, preparedness and emergencies response, emerging pandemic threat (EPT) initiatives,

Objective

- To provide technical support to enhance early warning/disease Surveillance for timely detection and response to on-going emergencies (IDSR diseases, natural disasters (flooding, cyclone, malnutrition and other disasters) and International Health Regulations,
- Support capacity building for country capacities that could contribute to IHR, One Health, bio-risk reduction, Global Health Security, preparedness and emergencies, emerging pandemic threat (EPT) initiatives.
- Strengthening emergency response/resilience and preparedness activities to reduce mortality, morbidity especially due to the impact of outbreaks and or public health emergencies.
- Strengthening the health system, enhancing health equity, tackling the social determinants of health and envisioning the achievement of universal health coverage,
- Underpin the response to the major Non communicable diseases (NCDs) and their risk factors and other health service deliveries among affected population,
- Ensure the utilization of reliable information, evidence, innovation and knowledge for improving population health outcomes, throughout the full cycle of the emergency response.
- Liaising with other sectors in providing a public health response in emergencies and outbreaks
- Providing technical public health input for planning, project management and reporting

Descriptions of duties

Under the supervision of the WHO Representative (WR) and the direct supervision the WHE cluster in Mozambique, the consultant will have overall responsibility of supporting public health emergency management (preparedness, coordination, surveillance and response) in provinces He/She will be the focal point of WHO's Health Emergency support in the provinces.

He/She will:

- Support capacity building on Integrated disease surveillance and response to
provinces and district health offices,

- Participate and support surveillance, outbreak investigation and response efforts, monitoring and evaluation, data analysis and interpretation for decision-making,
- Ensure coordination mechanisms for disease prevention and control established at provincial and district level,
- Collaborate with national authorities and health partners to coordinate and implement public health response activities as part of the Health Cluster’s strategic response; analyze existing coordination mechanisms, designing and recommending improvements.
- Provide analysis of public health risks, needs and capacities and advise on priority interventions for WHO and partners including on challenges and operational course corrections as applicable or as required.
- Support capacities that could contribute to IHR, One Health, bio-risk reduction, Global Health Security, preparedness and emergencies, emerging pandemic threat (EPT) initiatives.
- Prepare a consolidated weekly emergency report to the WHO Country office WHE team on the evolution of the Epidemic;
- Support capacity building on training and upgrading the skills of nationals including provincial and district surveillance focal persons,
- Participate in the weekly epidemiological bulletin production, conference call and share updates on outbreaks and emergency activities in the country,
- Support efforts aimed at building the capacity of health provincial and district office staff in areas of disease outbreak investigation, response, data analysis and interpretation,
- Document lessons learnt in the field,
- Conduct any other tasks/assignment authorized by WHE cluster and WR.

**Competencies (Generic)**

- Producing results
- Fostering integration and teamwork
- Communicating in a credible and effective way
- Moving forward in changing environment
- Knowing and managing yourself

**Competencies (Functional)**

Proven experience to function within multi-disciplinary and multi-national teams. Ability to communicate clearly and concisely, orally and in writing. Extensive knowledge of electronic data analysis tools.

**Education**
**Essential:** • First degree in Medicine, Health Officer, Laboratory, Nursing, Environmental Health,

**Desirable:** Masters in Field Epidemiology or MPH

**Experience**

**Essential:** • 5 years of relevant experience in field epidemiology, disease surveillance, public health emergency management or related field. Working experience with national authorities and or previous work in health emergencies will be an asset

**Desirable:** Working experience with WHO or previous international experience would be an asset

**Languages:** English: Excellent knowledge; Portuguese: Excellent knowledge

**Other Skills (e.g. IT):** Excellent computer skills (Word, Excel, Power Point,)

**Duty station:** Province

**Level:** NOB step1 (USD3280.00 per month)

**Duration:** three months and there is a possibility of extension on availability of funds and demonstrated