

Job Description: The 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 **Consultant for the “Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State”** is a key position of this project. The hired person supposed to initiate and lead the project in the right direction. The competent candidate is expected to play very responsive roles in setting-up necessary standards from the beginning to end of the project duration. 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 overall in-charge of the “**Sustaining COVID-19 Care in Chuuk State**” project in Chuuk State Hospital
- To develop and lead the project's **COVID-19 Operation, Response and Expert (CORE)** team in developing, implementing and managing the COVID-19 care in the State.
- To establish all necessary clinical standards for COVID-19 care in Chuuk State Hospital.
- To establish necessary “Test and Treatment” (TTx) centres in Chuuk State that includes, TTx at Weno, Lagoon Islands and Outer Islands whereby all necessary COVID-19 care is successfully provided in the communities.
- To oversee the overall Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures and management in the hospital and at the Test & Treat centres.
- To oversee the operations of COVID-19 related activities at the Port of Entries (POE) and at the Quarantine facilities in terms of its readiness and preparedness.
- To initiate and monitor COVID-19 related surveillance processes in Chuuk State.

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- To coordinate with Risk Communication team in terms of developing necessary mass communication materials.
- To develop COVID-19 treatment protocol and to implement the same in the State through necessary training.
- To monitor all necessary training and capacity building activities that are connected with COVID-19 care.
- To promote digital health initiatives in the existing health care system that includes, telemetry and electronic health records that are connected with COVID-19.
- To recommend necessary equipment, instrument and consumable to improve the capacities of the Chuuk Hospital Clinical Laboratory.
- To oversee the Molecular Diagnostics and the Microbiology section of the Chuuk Hospital Clinical Laboratory and to ensure the quality of reporting for COVID-19 patients.
- To assist in developing the Emergency preparedness for COVID-19 pandemic for the State.
- To develop necessary guidelines, protocols, algorithms and flow charts for COVID-19 pandemic.
- To liaise with the State Task Force and the National Task Force and update them on a periodic basis.
- To collaborate with other members, partners and stakeholders who are engaged in COVID-19 care.
- To align with international partners, donors and leading agencies so that standardized care is ensured and provided to COVID-19 affected population in Chuuk State.

Required Qualifications:

- Must be a Medical Doctor either with M,B:B,S or equivalent bachelor degree qualification with minimum 10 years of clinical work experience.

Desirable Qualifications: In addition to above, if holds

- Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree **and or**
- Post-graduation qualification in Internal Medicine / Microbiology / Clinical Laboratory Medicines / Pulmonary Medicine / Critical Care Medicine / Infectious Diseases / Community Medicine **or**
- Outnumbered clinical and project / programme work experience of more than 10 years along with bachelor degree.

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Essential Experience:

- Work experience in managing Infectious diseases, especially with COVID-19
- Prior work experience in Endemic / Epidemic / Pandemic, its preparedness and management
- Work experience in Project management
- Must be a computer literate as well as experienced in handling statistical packages
- Experience in developing GIS mapping
- 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 and engaging them with shared responsibilities and or by delegation of duties
- Demonstrable experience in conducting 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:

- This is a short-term position for six (6) months, to initiate the project. Extension will be based on funding availability
- International position with good package
- Salary between USD 50,000 to 60,000 for the mentioned period

Report directly to:

- 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.