TEPHINET | Surveillance and Information Systems In-Country Consultant (West Africa)
Based in: Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Senegal or Cameroon

Consultancy Introduction
This consultant will work closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for Global Health (CGH), Division of Global Health Protection (DGHP), Epidemiology, Informatics, Surveillance, and Laboratory Branch (EISLB) with the Surveillance and Information Systems (SIS) team. The consultant will support a project to implement plans for enhancement of surveillance and information systems in one of the following countries: Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Senegal or Cameroon, as part of a regional strategy to meet International Health Regulations (IHR) and advance Global Health Security by improving epidemiologic intelligence for early outbreak detection and response.

Overview of Role as a SIS In-Country Consultant
The Surveillance and Information Systems in-country consultant will support the EISLB/SIS team by conducting surveillance and information system mapping in one of the following countries: Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Senegal or Cameroon. This individual will act as an expert in mapping of health information systems and surveillance resources within the country, in order to produce a situational assessment of the country.

Primary Responsibilities
As a local expert in surveillance and information systems, the consultant will be responsible for the following activities:

Information Mapping:
- Perform in-country mapping of surveillance, laboratory and information systems and resources
- Coordinate with government and private sectors to compile up-to-date information
- Identify relevant disease surveillance stakeholders at all levels of government and across multiple sectors
- Develop high quality reports and/or spreadsheets on the situational assessment in-country
- Travel within the country to conduct mapping activities may be required
- Other duties as assigned

Communication and Collaboration:
- Provide regular updates to the West Africa regional consultant
- Participate in conference calls as necessary with stakeholders and partners

Contract Period: Three months
The selected candidate will be expected to start in November/December 2020.

Benefits
This position is a TEPHINET consultant position, not a full-time salaried position. Consultant fees commensurate with experience and dependent on funding.

Requirements
- Expert in health informatics, including disease surveillance and laboratory systems
- Strong local knowledge of national and sub-national health information systems
- Experience in conducting information mapping and situational assessments
- Based in one of the following countries: Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Senegal or Cameroon

Qualifications
Advanced degree in relevant field such as public health, epidemiology, or informatics
Graduate from a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) OR at least two years’ experience in a Field Epidemiology Training Program or a similar field epidemiology service provision position.
3-5 years of experience working in the areas of epidemiology or health informatics
Technical expertise in health information system platforms for disease surveillance (e.g., DHIS2, EWARS, SORMAS, Go.Data, Open Data Kit, Epi Info, CommCare, KoboToolbox, Excel, etc.)
Superior writing and communication skills with grammatical proficiency and attention to detail
Strong written and verbal communication skills with diverse stakeholders
Interested in strengthening public health surveillance, and health systems strengthening
Proficiency in English and additional skills in French also an asset
Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook)

Application Process
Who can apply: Independent consultants based in one of the following countries: Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Senegal or Cameroon
When to apply: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until November 20th, 2020
Required documents for submission:
- Background/qualifications (Resume, Curriculum Vitae)
- Cover Letter including summary of work experience
- Consultant fees requirement

Please submit required documents and/or any questions you may have to Jessica Gourdet-Murray, Project Management Team Lead at jgourdet-murray@tephinet.org.