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), Global Epidemiology, Laboratory and Surveillance Branch. The consultant will continue implementing enhancement of surveillance and information systems in West Africa, as part of the 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 Regional Consultant
The Surveillance and Health Information Systems regional consultant will support the CDC team by building surveillance and health informatics capacity at the regional and country level. This will include the establishment of a regional surveillance community of practice (CoP) for West African Francophone countries, organization of a technical workshop and training sessions, and production of written reports.

Primary Responsibilities
As an expert in regional surveillance and health information systems, the consultant will be responsible for the following activities:

Project Coordination:
- Establish a regional surveillance Community of Practice (CoP) for West African Francophone countries
- Organize Regional Surveillance and Health Information Systems Technical Workshop (annual meeting to bring together personnel from different sectors and allow for sharing best practices)
- Organize a training session as an add-on to the workshop to allow practical training on an identified surveillance activity/strategy
- Coordinate with governments and private sectors within the region to compile up-to-date information
- Develop high quality reports and/or spreadsheets on the situational assessment in the region
- Other duties as assigned

Communication and Collaboration:
- Serve as a liaison between TEPHINET, CDC, and country stakeholders
- Provide regular updates to TEPHINET and CDC partners
- Participate in conference calls as necessary with stakeholders and partners to provide ongoing capacity building and networking in between the annual regional meeting

Contract Period: January 2022 – September 2022

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

- Strong regional knowledge of health information systems in West Africa
- Experience in project coordination, particularly for information mapping and situational assessments
- A current resident of a Francophone West Africa country
- Proficiency (written and verbal) in English and French

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 FETP or a similar field epidemiology service provision position, preferred.
- 3-5 years of experience working in the areas of epidemiology or health informatics
- Experience in health informatics, including disease surveillance and laboratory systems, preferred
- Experience in managing public health projects
- 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 with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook)

Application Process

Who can apply: Independent consultants based in West Africa

When to apply: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 17, 2022

Required documents for submission:

- Background/qualifications (Resume, Curriculum Vitae)
- Cover Letter including summary of work experience

Please submit required documents and/or any questions you may have to Jasmine Irish, Project Coordinator at jirish@taskforce.org.