



Terms of Reference

Public Health Specialist

(National Position)

Veterinaires sans Frontieres Germany (VSF-G) and VSF Suisse with collaboration of various partners and with support from USAID/BHA funding are working to ensure sustained and improved access to animal source foods and related income by addressing emergency concerns of 1.4m livestock dependent individuals in Greater Upper Nile at risk of excess morbidity and mortality, with particular attention to children and women. Activities include access to trained veterinary service, access market chains and mitigation of livestock related conflict. These will be integrated into One Health actions to encompass veterinary public health, a select zoonoses and Neglected Tropical Diseases for improved health and nutrition outcomes.

In this endeavor, three activity areas under public health are to be accomplished in order to achieve the objective of the intervention. These concerns:

- ***Highly transmissible diseases, zoonotic diseases, and transboundary diseases***
- ***Application of One-Health approach at the community level***
- ***Integration & collaboration for high risk of zoonotic disease spillover events***

The emergence of Covid-19 that has now evolved into a pandemic has necessitated amendment of the above three activities areas to incorporate the spillover of corona virus. In this regard, VSF has designated a dedicated position to implement the same. The desired specialist shall be a South Sudanese national and a holder of a relevant Masters' degree in Public Health from a reputable institution. Specific tasks will entail:

- a. Supporting field teams to build information sharing linkages and networks between Animal Health Worker (AHW) and community health workers. Undertake capacity building of field teams to that effect.
- b. Supporting interaction between AHWs and local health authorities and facility workers with the aim of advancing understanding of reporting mechanisms and feeding into public health disease surveillance systems.
- c. Supporting and document co-surveillance and reporting of zoonotic diseases, and AHW reporting of emerging public health problems, such as rising malnutrition, Rift Valley Fever, and highly pathogenic avian influenza to health facilities among others. Undertake capacity building of field teams to that effect.
- d. Monitoring situations that require response to any infectious disease outbreak with sustained human-to-human transmission resulting in a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) or a pandemic that is a Level 3 humanitarian emergency as declared by the UN World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee and advice VSF-G accordingly.

- e. Coordinating VSF-G One Health activities with the Ministry of Health, WHO, the Health Cluster and the Ministry for East African Community.
- f. Coordination with the Emergency Responders Meetings (ERM) and Covid-19 task force – coordinate and file VSF-G COVID-19 and Non-COVID-19 response activities and challenges from the field; share minutes with VSF-G Covid-19 Task Force.
- g. Sourcing official and secondary information (situation/status reports, survey reports, minutes, guidelines etc.) on Covid-19 in South Sudan and share with VSF-G Covid-19 Task Force.
- h. Sourcing Covid-19 related materials on South Sudan and regional/global platforms and share with VSF-G Covid-19 Task Force.
- i. Representing VSF-G in the Risk Communication and Community Engagement TWG and share minutes with the VSF-G Covid-19 Task Force. Coordinate collection, compilation and submission of weekly RCCE Mapping Pillars data and share the final products with the VSF-G Covid-19 Task Force.
- j. Coordinating collection, compilation and submission of VSF-G 5W data to the Health Cluster.
- k. Supporting administrative, operational and project staff with Covid-19 procedures so as to enable them perform their duties in a most optimal manner.

Application

This is a six month flexi-time (working hours are not fixed due to the nature of the tasks but are cumulatively additive) position based in Juba with travel to the field. Prospective candidates are requested to submit their CVs and copies of academic papers only (please do not submit other documents) to the following Email addresses: admin_hr@vsfg.org and juba@vsfg.org indicating on the subject line – **PH Specialist**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview. The deadline for submission will be the **18th of October 2020**. The selection exercise will be done on a rolling basis, and once suitable candidates are identified, the process will stop. Candidates without the required qualifications and experience do not need to submit applications.