



**JOB VACANCY – EPIDEMIOLOGIST
NUMBER OF VACANCIES: 01**

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF – Doctors without Borders) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflicts, epidemics, natural disasters and exclusion from healthcare in more than 60 countries around the world. MSF offers assistance to people based on need, irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation. Our actions are guided by medical ethics and the principles of neutrality and impartiality.

Location: Juba with frequent field travel
Contract: 3 months fixed term contract renewable

Main Purpose:

Assessing, implementing and maintaining the epidemiological surveillance systems/monitoring (if needed) according to **MSF** protocols, standards and procedures in order to contribute to appropriate evidence-based decision making using well managed health data in outbreak and emergency **MSF** programmes.

Scope of responsibilities:

- Carrying out key epidemiological activities in outbreak investigation (description including time, place, people with emphasis on mapping when it is needed) and advising on the operational response
- Implementing and maintaining a surveillance system to monitor epidemiological trends of relevant outbreak-prone diseases. Guiding activities of medical staff for surveillance and/or active case finding, including ensuring understanding of the need for consistent case definitions and data recording (briefing of all new staff)
- Monitoring and Implementing initial Assessment (for emergency situation), rapid health assessments and (baseline or follow-up) surveys. Where standard protocols are not available or appropriate, developing a protocol seeking extensive feedback and pilot testing of tools to ensure the objectives will be met robustly with support of HQ epidemiologist
- Preparing and adapting routine documentation (survey forms, training materials, letters of request/notification, locally appropriate consent forms etc.) with support of HQ epidemiologist. Preparing an appropriate sampling frame and sample selection guidelines with support of HQ epidemiologist
- Planning and supervising the associated HR processes of the staff under his/her responsibility (recruitment, training/induction, evaluation, potential detection, development and communication) and ensuring that staff exhibits required skills after training and pilot test
- Managing data systems and ensuring accurate, high quality databases; analyzing results and preparing regular written reports on progress and findings for medical coordinator/HQ and when appropriate to external collaborators/networks (MoH, other NGOs, etc.)
- Providing training sessions to medical teams on relevant aspects of epidemiology to enhance team response capacity

Recruitment criteria:

Education: MANDATORY Degree in Epidemiology or Public Health with extensive training in statistics and epidemiology.

Experience: MANDATORY 2 years' experience in a similar position (epidemiologist or M&E or health information systems management or data management and analysis).
Previous experience with MSF or other NGOs is a plus.

Languages: Excellent communication skills in English and Arabic required

Knowledge: Excellent computer and data management skills (Microsoft Excel) required.
Previous experience with health information systems, DHIS2, IDSR, GIS, or R is a plus.

Applications:

Interested South Sudanese candidates are invited to submit their application with motivation letter and updated CV with copies of their documents to our email msfch-juba-ehrc@geneva.msf.org or drop hard copy to the HR department at MSF Switzerland, Hai Malakal - Juba, South Sudan latest by **23rd December 2021 by 5:00pm**.

Qualified women and people with disability are strongly encouraged to apply
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and applications received will not be returned.

