

**CDC Foundation Consultancy Announcement:
Field Epidemiology Training Program Consultant, Qatar
August 31, 2022**

The CDC Foundation seeks local consultant as the Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) Resident Advisor (RA). The consultant will be based in Doha, Qatar and support CDC Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the development and implementation of Qatar's FETP. CDC Foundation is working with CDC and the Qatar Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) to establish an FETP in Qatar focusing on Frontline and Intermediate levels of the program over a period of 3 years. The FETP model is used around the world to build essential capacity in the public health workforce capable of conducting disease surveillance, responding to and preventing disease outbreaks and protecting the public. FETP Frontline is a three-month in-service basic level training program for public health workers that focuses on detection of and response to diseases and events of public health importance or international concern. FETP Intermediate-level training is a nine-month to one-year in-service program that focuses on strengthening public health surveillance and promoting use of data for decision-making at the middle level of the health system.

The consultant will collaborate with staff from CDC, the Qatar MOPH, Global Health Development|Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (GHD|EMPHNET) and other local and international partners to establish and implement the program and contribute to increasing the number of trained epidemiologists in Qatar. The RA will provide technical assistance to the MOPH in promoting the institutionalization of the national program. The consultant will be in Qatar and will require significant travel within Qatar, with the possibility of some international travel as well. The consultancy will require approximately 40 hours a week for an estimated 36 months.

Consultant Activities:

- Revise and adapt curriculum and teaching material in field epidemiology
- Provide basic training in field epidemiology for MOPH staff responsible for disease surveillance in the country following a specific curriculum
- Effectively support FETP participants in the field to ensure the acquisition of essential skills
- Oversee the mentoring, coaching and supervision of participants during field periods to ensure the acquisition of key skills in field epidemiology
- Provide technical assistance to mentors and participants in the preparation of their presentations for the dissemination of the main conclusions and recommendations resulting from their fieldwork
- Participate in disease surveillance, investigations and response activities of the MOPH
- Ensure the evaluation of the FETP and the participants
- Respond to any other requests that contribute to strengthening epidemiological surveillance and the FETP in Qatar
- Maintain regular communication with the CDC Foundation, CDC and GHD on the status and progress of training participants
- Provide frequent reports and meet regularly with CDC technical staff
- Provide reports to the CDC Foundation and CDC for the Qatar MOPH
- Participate in Steering Committee meetings
- Mentor the national FETP program manager and other mid-level surveillance and epidemiology staff at the MOPH

- Assist with the selection of FETP mentors and trainees. This includes working with the MOPH to implement guidelines for selection and placement of FETP trainees and identification of appropriate assignments and supervision.
- Assist with the training of FETP graduates to become mentors/supervisors for future FETP trainees
- Conduct or assist with routine review of the program and of the work conducted by FETP trainees
- Collaborate with specified academic and other institutions around certification for participants

Required Qualifications:

The respondent should offer:

- Master's degree in public health or related field
- Three (3) - five (5) years of experience working in the field as a practicing epidemiologist, including outbreak response
- International experience working with Ministries of Health or other governmental stakeholders on public health priorities
- Excellent leadership, interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work independently across multiple priorities and deadlines
- Demonstrated ability to effectively conduct communication and advocacy in public health evident by prior publications

Desired Qualifications:

- Graduate from CDC's Epidemiology Intelligence Service or a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP)
- Experience working in the region
- Fluency in writing, speaking and reading of Arabic
- Experience with teaching education strategies including problem-based education techniques, teaching epidemiology and public health statistics and public health management and program design
- Experience in preparing and facilitating trainings for in-service public health workforce development initiatives

To apply, please send a statement of qualifications (e.g., curriculum vitae or resume) and letter of interest to spanchal@cdcfoundation.org. Only respondents who are selected for interviews will be contacted.