



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Position Vacancy Announcement
ANNOUNCEMENT NO: VA-11-32

OPEN TO All interested and qualified candidates
Current mission employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.

POSITION Public Health Specialist (Strategic Information) **Juba, South Sudan**

OPENING DATE Wednesday September 28, 2011

CLOSING DATE Wednesday October 12, 2011

WORK HOURS Full-time; 40 hour workweek

GRADE& Salary FSN-12

ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE VALID PERMISSION TO WORK IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

The U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan is seeking a qualified individual for the senior position of Public Health Specialist (Strategic Information) for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Juba, South Sudan.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The Public Health Specialist (Strategic Information- Surveillance and M&E) is the HIV/AIDS survey, disease surveillance and monitoring and evaluation portfolio manager. Job holder is the public health advisor responsible for providing technical expertise and assistance to the Ministry of Health (MOH), other USG agencies, and other participating partners in monitoring and evaluation (M&E), surveillance, health information systems, and special studies required for PEPFAR activities in South Sudan. This may include the design, implementation and strengthening of routine disease surveillance systems and the conduct of large, complex surveys designed to measure HIV prevalence and other indicators of importance to evaluating the impact of HIV control programs. The incumbent will provide technical assistance and advice on the strategic collection and use of HIV/AIDS information which will provide a better understanding of the epidemic in South Sudan and allow the PEPFAR team, other USG agencies, Ministry of Health, international partners and other partners/donors in the region to respond appropriately with sustainable, evidence-based, and cost effective programs and services. Carrying out these functions requires public health technical knowledge, results-oriented data analysis, advocacy, and the ability to facilitate communication and maintain collaborative working relationships with the Ministry of Health, USG agencies, and partner organizations. Job holder reports directly to the CDC Country Director and plays an active leadership role in the Mission's PEPFAR Strategic Information (SI) Technical Working Group (TWG) and/or the Multi-sectored Technical Group.

QUALIFICATIONS (REQUIRED)

Applicants must meet **ALL** of the following criteria to be considered for employment

- **Education:**
Bachelor's Degree or host country equivalent in public health, medicine, public health policy, epidemiology, demography, behavioral science.
- **Work Experience:**
- Five years of progressively responsible, job-related, professional level experience in the management and development of epidemiological surveillance and/or large scale surveys of HIV/AIDS prevention,

treatment, or care programs or working as a monitoring and evaluation specialist in a health/medical research organization, university or public health program implementing agency.

- **Language Proficiency (Applicants Will be tested as applicable):**

English Level IV(Fluent)

- **Skills:**

- Strong analytical skills to readily understand and discuss new surveillance program design, management, and implementation approaches are required. This includes the development of evaluation designs, use of reliable and valid instruments, and methods for data collection, analysis and reports.
- Excellent oral and written communications skills are required to develop and maintain effective, sustainable working relationships with national and international working partners and to prepare substantive and analytical reporting. Strong management skills are required to operate independently with limited direct supervision of day-to-day activities and to lead results-driven project teams and workgroups.
- Excellent overall computer skills (keyboarding with both speed and accuracy) and advanced skill levels in use of at least one of the more common epidemiologic data analysis software (EPINFO, STATA, SAS, or SPSS) is required. Excellent numerical skills for manipulating and reporting statistical data is required. Ability to analyze, understand and discuss new program design, management and implementation approaches is required. This includes the development of survey indicators and monitoring systems, evaluation designs, use of reliable and valid instruments, field experience in data collection, and methods in data analysis.
- Strong skills in interpretation of program monitoring and evaluation data.
- Strong leadership skills are required to lead results-driven project teams and workgroups. The incumbent will be expected to exercise tact in applying PEPFAR guidelines to unique and different public health surveillance activities, as surveillance programs and surveys are highly complex and can be threatening to stakeholders.
- Ability to persuade others, ingenuity and innovation will be required to influence collaborative organizations engaged in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care programs to adopt appropriate strategies for their program activities.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicants must be eligible for employment under local labor law, i.e. if not a citizen of the host country, have a valid South Sudan work permit if applicable.
- Management will consider nepotism, conflict of interest, budget, and visa status in determining candidacy.
- Selected candidates must pass a pre-employment medical and security clearance prior to an offer of employment.
- When fully qualified, U.S. Citizens and U.S. Veterans are given preference.

TO APPLY

All applicants must submit the following:

1. DS-174, Application for Employment available at the U.S. Embassy website http://sudan.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html, "Job Opportunities".

- **ONLY Application Form DS-174 will be accepted.**
 - **DO NOT attach any additional documents.**
 - **Applications submitted on any other form, or with attachments, will NOT be considered.**
2. Completed applications must be received on or before 04:30 PM on the closing date.
 - Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
 3. Applications may be submitted as follows:
 - E-mail: KhartoumHRApplications@state.gov. Submission of applications via e-mail must include the "Vacancy Number" and "Position Title" on the subject line).
 - By Hand: Application may be delivered to U.S Embassy, Kilo 10 Suba, Khartoum - Sudan. Application box outside Consular Entrance or by hand to the US Consulate, Juba addressed c/o Michael Leju (or the person of HR's choice).
 4. Candidates who claim US Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.