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Influenza Surveillance Networks and Response to Avian, Pandemic, and Seasonal Influenza by National Health Authorities Outside the United States

Acute Respiratory infections (ARIs) account for the highest infectious disease burden in Maldives. Influenza surveillance in Maldives is embedded in the common surveillance system for ARI's, the surveillance of influenza is not yet well established, and is a long-awaited requirement for the communicable disease surveillance system.

Being a popular tourist destination and having extensive international travel among Maldivians as well. It is extremely important to build our national capacity for pandemic preparedness and response.

Maldives has requested WHO for approval to establish a National Influenza Center. The request is in process. We are also building our laboratory capacity to meet this. Under this project, we plan to set up three sentinel sites for influenza surveillance, establish protocols for epidemiological and laboratory surveillance and pandemic preparedness and response, acquire and train personnel in Ministry of Health and other collaborating institutions for pandemic preparedness, and also share information with WHO GSIRS for global pandemic preparedness.

The **overall goal** of this project is to strengthen the national capacity for influenza and ARI and influenza surveillance and response in Maldives, thereby contributing to international pandemic preparedness and response.

Post	Project Coordinator
No. of Post	1
Duration	From day of Recruitment to 31 st August 2021 (Contractual)
Salary	MRF 10,000
Allowance	MRF 15,020
Duty Station	Health Protection Agency
Qualification and Requirement	1. Master's Degree in Management/Project Management, or health-related field, OR a Bachelor's Degree in



	<p>Management/Project Management, or in a health-related field,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. At least 2 years of international project management experience, 3. At least 2 years' experience in health sector would be a distinct advantage, 4. Demonstrated leadership and managing people, 5. Experience in effectively communicating with donors would be an advantage, 6. Experience working in a team-oriented, collaborative environment, 7. Rapidly adapt and respond to changes in environment and priorities, 8. Excellent, communication, leadership, problem solving and analytical skills, 9. Ability to elicit cooperation from senior management and other departments, 10. Commits to long hours of work when necessary to reach goals, 11. Good written and verbal communication in English and Dhivehi, 12. Presentation skills and ability to present complex information to a wide range of audience. 13. Skills in Microsoft excel, access and graphic designing would be a distinct advantage
<p>Main Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manage project development and implementation efficiently from initiation to closure, 2. Provide project schedule to identify when each task will be performed, 3. Track and report on project milestones and provide timely status reports at the required intervals, 4. Ensure all project documents are safely archived following completion of tasks of the project, 5. Planning and monitoring the project, 6. Track progress and review project tasks to make certain deadlines are met appropriately,



	<p>7. Travel required (including internal with in male') ~15% of the time,</p> <p>8. Independently handle communications and reporting on the project between HPA and CDC Atlanta and the US Federal government on behalf of the PI in order to complete the project efficiently,</p> <p>9. Supervision of tasks carried out by the Influenza Project Officer and Sentinel Site Surveillance Manager,</p> <p>10. Must act as a communications and media focal point for project related activities.</p> <p>11. Management of project budget includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw down of funds from the Payment Management System on requirement basis • Submission of quarterly financial report to the same system • Maintaining petty cash <p>12. On-time preparation and submission of annual proposal and budget to secure funding for the consecutive year within the project period.</p>
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Post	Sentinel Site Surveillance Manager
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Duration	From day of Recruitment to 31 st August 2021 (Contractual)
Salary Details	Basic Salary: 7035/- Service Allowance: 2500/- Other Allowance: Risk Allowance of 100/- per working day, overtime according to civil service staff regulations, and technical core allowance of 28% of basic salary
Duty Station	Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) and Health Protection Agency
Reports to	Laboratory Technician at IGMH and Project Coordinator at Health Protection Agency



<p>Qualification and Requirement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's Degree in Primary Health Care, Public Health or Medical laboratory field with two years of experience OR Master's Degree in Primary Health Care, Public Health or Medical laboratory field 2. Have fluent computer skills in MS Excel/MS Access/MS PowerPoint is a must. Skills at graphic designing will be an advantage. 3. Good written and verbal communication in English and Dhivehi, 4. Good facilitation and presentation skills
<p>Main Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect and collate data on total number of patients who meet the ILI case definition from OPDs and also count the total number of OPD cases seen every day or on a weekly basis, 2. Collect and collate data on total number of patients who meet the SARI case definition from wards and ICUs, 3. Ensure sample collection of ILI patients from OPD, 4. Ensure sample collection of all SARI patients from wards and ICUs, 5. Report all ILI and SARI cases to Public Health Laboratory (IGMH laboratory) on weekly basis by email or by fax if internet facility is not available, 6. Prepare and disseminate the results reports and feedbacks received from Public Health laboratory to the relevant health personnel (Clinicians, other laboratory, nurses etc.), 7. Provide feedbacks from sentinel sites to Surveillance Unit in HPA and Public Health laboratory, 8. Weekly compilation of laboratory report on all communicable diseases, 9. Weekly update of data on FluNet and FluID, 10. Assist in organizing training workshops and other activities under the project. 11. Communicate with media and other stakeholders for project related activities.