

AFRICA ONE HEALTH UNIVERSITY NETWORK (AFROHUN)

JOB POSTING

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The USAID STOP Spillover program provides a critical opportunity to enhance global understanding of the complex drivers of viral spillover and to augment sustainable national capacities in surveillance, risk analysis, and behavior change. Implementation of the project envisions priority ten countries across Africa and Asia to gain critical knowledge about their Spillover Ecosystems, to refine and use that knowledge effectively, efficiently, and sustainably to reduce the risk of zoonotic viral spillover and spread. This is a five year project from October 2020 to September 2025.

STOP Spillover is a USAID-funded project to anticipate and address threats posed by the emerging zoonotic diseases that pose the greatest risk of jumping from animals to humans. Tufts University, together with an international consortium of nine core partners including Africa One Health University Network (AFROHUN) and six core sub-award partners are working collaboratively utilizing diverse capabilities among consortium members and stakeholders to implement the STOP project in five countries in Africa over the next five years. The consortium will support countries to build their capacity to assess, communicate and decrease risk of viral spillover and spread of zoonotic disease. The consortium will work with USAID to develop and institutionalize innovative, country-specific, and sustainable approaches so they are well-prepared to stop viral spillover from animals to humans and reduce amplification and spread of the virus among humans. STOP Spillover will focus on strengthening national capacity in a number of targeted countries to 1) understand the factors that contribute to the risk of spillover of pathogens from wildlife to humans; 2) develop, assess, and implement early risk-reduction interventions that will reduce the spillover and spread of these threats; and, 3) recognize and respond rapidly to zoonotic spillover events. AFROHUN is an international network currently of twenty-six institutions in eighteen universities located in nine countries in East, Central and West Africa. These are higher education institutions in public health, veterinary medicine, pathobiology, global health and environmental science who are working in collaboration to develop a health workforce at pre and in-service, capable of addressing the increasingly complex health challenges such as zoonotic spill over and amplification, the focus of this project.

AFROHUN under the STOP project is looking for a competent and passionate person for the position of Regional Lead Africa (RLA).

The RLA is a key position for the STOP project and will preferably be located at AFROHUN Regional Secretariat located in Kampala, Uganda with frequent travels where possible within project target countries.

JOB TITLE: REGIONAL LEAD AFRICA

Reports to:

AFROHUN Chief Executive Officer

Responsibilities:

The RLA will provide leadership to project implementation in Africa and serve as a member of the Global project's leadership team. S/he will offer technical leadership to the project working very closely with global consortium members and AFROHUN leadership. The RLA will be under the overall administrative supervision of the AFROHUN Chief Executive Officer. This is a full-time position, renewed yearly based on performance evaluation, and availability of funds. The holder of this position will:

- Manage and coordinate all activities and provide oversight function for up to five Country Teams to effectively implement project activities according to the work plan and budget and ensure institutionalization within target country institutions and within AFROHUN program of work.
- Directly supervise country leads to ensure quality and timeliness of programmatic activities and reporting.
- Serve as a point of contact for internal and external stakeholders, as well as facilitate communication, networking and coordination with external partners and among team members in the different countries of operation and with the Tufts consortium following project communication protocols.
- Work collaboratively with a regional veterinarian and animal production officer to provide technical guidance and assistance to Country Teams and other project partners.
- Perform management functions under the project, provide budget oversight and execute any other assigned tasks.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in any discipline with relevance to One Health (public health, human health, animal health, wildlife, behavioral sciences, environmental

health), project management, international development or related relevant discipline.

- Experience with developing and managing projects of partnerships at the highest levels with government partners, academia, international partners, funders, and private sector.
- Understanding of One Health concepts and expertise in areas critical to surveillance, risk reduction and management, intervention implementation and mitigation of zoonotic disease amplification and spread, public health and ecosystem health
- Excellent collaboration capabilities, working in multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary settings.
- 10-15 years in program/project management experience.
- Excellent organizational, written, and verbal communication skills.
- Proven experience in managing donor funded projects especially USAID.
- Gender and cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Acrobat, digital communications.
- Willingness to travel locally and internally

Preferred Qualifications:

- PhD degree in any science discipline with relevance to One Health (public health, human health, animal health, wildlife, behavioral sciences, environmental health), international development, project management or other related areas
- Fifteen years' experience in program/project management
- Demonstrated cross-cultural experience
- Prior experience managing USAID grants will be a plus.

Personal skills and abilities

- Experience within and across academic, public and private sectors
- Experience with planning and managing large, multi-actor public health programme interventions

Special Work Schedule Requirements:

- Effective communication with partners in Africa, USA, Southeast Asia and Asia will often be necessary.
- Travel: Given the nature of the project, travel within countries in Africa and when need be to the USA will be required.
- AFROHUN does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, language, religion, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation and gender identity.

- AFROHUN is committed to the recruitment of a diverse, inclusive workforce, and thus, women and members of other underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.
- The salary for this position will depend on qualifications and experience and in line with project funds.

How to apply:

If your career aspirations, qualifications and experience match the above requirements, please email your application in English stating Regional Lead Africa as the subject to secretariat@afrohun.org and copy to nainembabazi@afrohun.org by **17h00 East African Time on January 8th 2021**. The application package should include, application letter, CV with 2 referees, and copies of relevant academic certificates.