Background:

The mission of the Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) is to strengthen health systems in Africa, with a strong emphasis on infectious diseases through research and capacity development. IDI has five operational areas through which it works to achieve its mission: Prevention, Care and Treatment; Training, Research and Laboratory services (provided through a partnership with the Makerere University-John Hopkins University Core Lab) and Outreach.

Project Background:

The Infectious Diseases Institute (IDI) has received funding from UK Department of Health and Social Care through the Mott MacDonald, a management agent to implement the multi-national Fleming Fund Country Grant. This grant is to address critical gaps in the surveillance of antibiotic resistant bacteria in Uganda through investing in laboratory infrastructure enhancement, human resource strengthening and workforce reforms, surveillance systems strengthening, building foundations for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Antimicrobial Utilization/Consumption (AMU/C) surveillance data use and promoting rational use of antimicrobial medicines.

The major aim of the project is to improve AMR and AMU/C surveillance data to inform policy and practice at national and international levels. The overall goal is to avert the human and economic burden of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

In order to fully support the implementation of the project, the Global Health Security Program of IDI seeks to recruit for the following position as follows:

Job Title: Laboratory Technician- Microbiology (5)

Classification: 12 months (renewable) fixed term contract, full time

Vacancy Code: LABTECHMBX01

Duty Station: Arua Regional Referral Hospital, Kabale Regional Referral
General Summary:

The laboratory personnel will support the facilities in strengthening the microbiology testing services including culture and sensitivity. The lab techs will also support laboratory quality management system, sample and isolate referral, linkage of the lab services to the clinicians and writing monthly reports on AMR.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Perform and ensure effective sample collection, handling, packaging and referral procedures are in place and implemented in line with approved procedures and guidelines.
- Perform routine laboratory techniques for the surveillance of AMR, including but not limited to culture, identification and susceptibility testing, isolate storage and referral in line with Good Clinical Laboratory Practices.
- Ensure that QA procedures are in place and are implemented.
- Assist in maintaining day to day laboratory stock levels.
- Ensure routine and periodic maintenance of equipment is performed and documented.
- Works closely with the national reference Laboratory to fulfil monthly isolate and data submission requirements for the surveillance of AMR.
- Participate in EQA in line established guidelines and maintain records.
- Ensure implementation of laboratory quality management systems in microbiology in line with established standard utilizing the SLMTA and SLIPTA approach.
- Ensure implementation of laboratory information system following established guidelines.
- Perform other duties as assigned.
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Educational Requirements:

- Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology

Working Experience and skills

- Excellent skills in microbiology lab work.
- Experience in related laboratory systems strengthening and good report writing skills.
- Strong computer skills in at least word, power point, spreadsheets, and database programmes.

How to apply;

IDI will offer a competitive remuneration package to the successful candidate. Candidates that know that they meet the above criteria and have what it takes to excel in the above position, please send their CVs, which should include details of email address (if any), present position, current remuneration, Certificate/testimonials and address of three (3) Referees plus telephone contact to the stipulated email address not later than Tuesday 12th March 2019. (Email your application and CV to hr@idi.co.ug and let’s save the environment).

Key Notes:

1. IDI is an equal opportunity employer and does not charge a recruitment fee or any other fees at any stage of the recruitment process
2. Internal candidates who meet the required specifications and have worked with IDI for a period of at least one year will be given priority.
3. Make sure that your application letter, CV and certificates are attached as one document
4. Indicate the Vacancy Code as the subject for your email
5. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
6. Any form of canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

The Senior Human Resource Manager

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