Epicentre recruits an Epidemiologist (M/F) based in Brussels – 18 months

Epicentre is a non-profit organization, created in 1986 by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) dedicated to research, field epidemiology and training in line with both MSF programmes and Epicentre’s Research Centres in Uganda and Niger. Epicentre is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre.

The epidemiologist will be assigned to Medical Department based at OCB (Brussels Operational Center of Médecins Sans Frontières) and will work under the supervision of Epicentre’s Director of Epidemiological Intervention & Training. He/she will:

- participate in Epicentre’s activities and interventions related to field epidemiology and training (assignment will mainly consist in providing assistance to the Emergency Pool);
- assist the field teams of Médecins Sans Frontières in the monitoring of their health programmes;
- develop new tools for surveillance and surveys suitable to both emergency environments with limited access and projects managed from distant settings
- will participate in the training of field or office staff as needed

Requirements

- A minimum of 3 years relevant working experience especially in emergency interventions with MSF and/or other NGOs is required.
- Medical Doctor (preferably) or Nurse with a degree in epidemiology or public health.
- A minimum of 3-5 year experience in tropical medicine and/or experience in applied epidemiology is required.
- Fluent in French and English. A good command of Spanish or Portuguese would be an advantage.
- Good communication skills, oral and written.
- Willing to travel 4 to 6 months in the year, sometimes at short notice.

Terms and conditions

This position is based in Brussels and runs on a short-term work contract for an initial period of 18 months; it is expected to be filled beginning of February 2018. The salary will be commensurate with experience and set following the Epicentre salary scale.

Please apply online no later than 15th November 2017 and complete the form available from following link: [http://www.epicentre.msf.org/en/job-opening](http://www.epicentre.msf.org/en/job-opening). For additional information, please contact Klaudia Porten: Klaudia.porten@epicentre.msf.org
Epidemiologist job description

Epidemiologists working with Epicentre, in the scope of the following activities, will:

1- Applied epidemiology

- Carry out regularly in the field short-term (1 to 4 weeks) applied epidemiology missions. These missions include surveys, outbreak investigations, rapid health assessments during emergency situations, implementation and evaluation of epidemiological surveillance systems, evaluation of health programs
- Write the mission reports in brief delays and publish the results in the scientific literature when relevant
- Teach epidemiology and public health during training sessions organised either in Brussels or abroad (on the field or in all sections of MSF)
- Assist the Médecins Sans Frontières field teams in the monitoring of health programmes or other relevant epidemiological interventions

2- Research

- Identify relevant research issues, review the literature on the subject, and translate them into research questions.
- Establish and follow-up the annual research agenda of OCB in collaboration with Epicentre’s General Director, Director of Clinical Research and Director of Intervention Epidemiology and Training, and the medical and operational departments of the different MSF sections.
- Develop and write research protocols.
- Organise and conduct studies in the field.
- Clean up, organise and analyse data sets.
- Write study reports.
- Communicate results through presentations at scientific conferences and in publication in scientific literature.
- Participate in meetings of experts at international level.
- Develop and maintain a network of relevant partners.

3- Participation in Epicentre’s general operating

- Participate in the exchange of information and know-how within Epicentre: organisation of seminars, coaching of students, international communications.
- Participate in the development of the organization, in collaboration with the General Director and the Director of Administration and Operational Support, and submit research proposals for possible funding.