

**CDC Foundation Consultancy Announcement:
Saudi Arabia Field Epidemiology Training Program: Independent Consultant
August 6, 2021**

The CDC Foundation is seeking a short-term consultant to serve as Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) Resident Advisor (RA). The consultant will be based in Saudi Arabia and support CDC Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) on the implementation of Saudi Arabia's FETP. CDC Foundation has worked with CDC and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Health (MOH) to implement a FETP in Saudi Arabia focusing on the Advanced level of the program since 2008, as well as the Frontline level since 2021. The FETP model is used around the world to build essential capacity in the public health workforce capable of conducting disease surveillance, responding to and preventing disease outbreaks, and protecting the public. FETP Frontline is a three-month in-service basic level training program for public health workers that focuses on detection of and response to diseases and events of public health importance or international concern. FETP Advanced is a two-year in-service program that focuses on strengthening public health surveillance and promoting use of data for decision-making at the middle level of the health system.

The consultant will collaborate with staff from CDC, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Health (MOH), the Saudi CDC, and local and international partners to implement the program and contribute to increasing the number of trained epidemiologists in Saudi Arabia. The RA will provide technical assistance to the MOH in promoting the long-term sustainability of the national program. The consultant will be located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and will require significant travel within Saudi Arabia, with the possibility of some international travel as well. The consultancy will require approximately 40 hours a week for an estimated 2 to 3 months beginning as early as September 2021 with the potential to extend.

Consultant Activities:

1. Provide technical assistance to the Advanced and Frontline FETP programs
2. Provide mentorship to the Advanced FETP residents
3. Provide public health scientific guidance and expertise to other mentors, supervisors, and staff of the FETP
4. Teach classroom sessions and facilitate case studies in the areas of public health, epidemiology, biostatistics, and surveillance
5. Support surveillance projects and assist in development and implementation of public health non-research protocols in coordination and collaboration with the MOH and King Saud University
6. Oversee the mentoring, coaching, and supervision of FETP residents during outbreak investigations and other field work
7. Provide technical assistance to mentors and residents in the preparation of their presentation for the dissemination of the main conclusions and recommendations resulting from their fieldwork
8. Respond to any other request that contributes to strengthening epidemiological surveillance and FETP in Saudi Arabia
9. Maintain regular communication with CDC Foundation and CDC on the status and progress of training participants
10. Provide frequent reports and meet regularly with CDC technical staff
11. Provide reports to CDC Foundation and CDC for the MOH
12. Collaborate on program didactic and other activities with King Saud University

Required Qualifications:

The respondent should offer:

- Master's degree in public health or related field
- Three (3) - five (5) years of experience working in the field as a practicing epidemiologist, including outbreak response
- International experience working with Ministries of Health or other governmental stakeholders on public health priorities
- Excellent leadership, interpersonal, and communication skills

- Ability to work independently across multiple priorities and deadlines
- Demonstrated ability to effectively conduct communication and advocacy in public health evident by prior publications

Desired Qualifications:

- Graduate from CDC's Epidemiology Intelligence Service or a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP)
- Experience working in the region
- Fluency in writing, speaking, and reading of Arabic
- Experience with teaching education strategies including problem-based education techniques; teaching epidemiology and public health statistics; and public health management and program design
- Experience in preparing and facilitating trainings for in-service public health workforce development initiatives

To apply, please send a statement of qualifications (e.g., Curriculum Vitae or resume) and letter of interest to cwebster@cdcfoundation.org. Only respondents who are selected for interviews will be contacted.