



SURVEILLANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOCAL PERSON

GHSA PROGRAM – FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE – FULL TIME

Metabiota seeks one Surveillance, Emergency Management Focal Person to support the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) program Strengthening Sustainability of Global Health Security Objectives in Sierra Leone in support of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

About Metabiota:

Metabiota is a US company committed to building the world's resilience to infectious diseases through innovative and collaborative approaches to public health, research, training and threat reduction. Founded in 2008, Metabiota has over a decade of experience partnering with industry and governments worldwide to build resilience to epidemics and protect global public health. The company is headquartered in San Francisco, California, with additional offices in Washington, DC, Yaoundé, Cameroon, and the Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Metabiota's team includes global leaders in epidemiology, veterinary medicine, laboratory science, data science, actuarial science, social science, and political economics, and serves some of the most respected customers in the corporate, insurance, government, and multilateral sectors.

About the Program:

The GHSA program was launched in February 2014 in response to the global threat that infectious diseases constitute in our increasingly interconnected world. Its vision is a world that is safer and more secure from global health threats posed by infectious diseases – one where we can prevent or mitigate the impact of naturally occurring outbreaks and accidental or intentional releases of dangerous pathogens, rapidly detect and transparently report outbreaks when they occur, and employ an interconnected global network that can respond effectively to limit the spread of infectious disease outbreaks in humans and animals, mitigate human suffering and the loss of human life, and reduce economic impact.

For the second phase of the program, GHSA's 2024 mandate is to support countries in building health security capacity through evaluation, planning, and resource mobilization in order to strengthen the prevention and early detection of infectious disease threats as well as effective responses to those threats. Sixty-seven countries have signed onto the GHSA framework, including the United States, which made a strong commitment to the initial five-year period of GHSA and continues to support its strategic priorities through GHSA 2024. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plays a leading role in GHSA implementation for the United States by working directly with partner country governments to strengthen public health systems and reduce the risk of infectious disease outbreaks.



In Sierra Leone, the objectives of the GHSA program are to prevent avoidable epidemics, detect threats early, and respond rapidly to potential disease outbreaks. To do so, the program will emphasize the four technical areas of surveillance, laboratory systems, workforce development, and emergency response management.

Metabiota's goal is to support the US CDC, the Sierra Leone Ministries, and our implementing partners to successfully realize GHSA activities/objectives through.

1. Capacity building
2. Providing subject matter expertise
3. Programmatic insights
4. Fostering collaboration across partners

About the Position:

Supervisor: Country Lead, Metabiota SL

Duty Station: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Duration: 2 Months (with possibility to be renewed)

Job Description Summary: The Surveillance, Emergency Management Focal Person will be responsible for the effective implementation of all related activities and ensure transparency, communication, and reporting for these portfolios. He/she will work closely with the ministry of health departments leads and teams for the planning and successful implementation of all tasks for the respective domains.

Objectives of the post: To help plan and implement public health surveillance and emergency management activities for the prevention and control of epidemics and other public health emergencies in the country.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

Planning and Administration:

- Provide technical assistance on surveillance and emergency management to the ministry program managers and implementing partners who operate at these domains.
- Support the ministry departments in the development of strategies, work plans, tools, guidelines, and knowledge documents that support effective implementation of these domains.
- Support and participate in emergency preparedness and management technical working groups.
- Support the setting up of targets and monitoring of performance against the targets set.
- Work with the Country lead in planning to determine the support needed by the ministry department/ program managers.
- Support ministry departments/ programs in conducting risk mapping of potential hazards.

- Support ministry department/ program with setting up epidemic response committees and plan response.
- Support the planning and implementation of national-level review meetings to include key stakeholders and partners.

Training:

- Support the national ministry department/ program team, identify training needs for surveillance, workforce and emergency management staff at all levels.
- Actively participate in planning, preparation and programming of training workshops with the various ministry partners.
- Conduct training and simulation exercises as per the work plan.
- Assist in trainings of various workforce teams at national and district levels.

Qualification and work experience required:

- Master's Degree in public health or a related field with at least 3 years' experience in related work area of which 2 years are at supervisory level.
- A clinician or a public health graduate with at least 5 years' experience in related work area of which 2 years are at supervisory level.

Required skills and Competencies:

- Excellent diplomatic, representational, interpersonal and communication skills, including experience with successful interactions with stakeholders and decision-makers in technical and related professional settings.
- Ability to translate highly technical information and data into presentations, briefings and reports.
- Excellent project planning and management skills for planning, organizing, and executing tasks from conception through implementation.
- Excellent computer skills, proficiency with email and internet applications, experience in using office software applications such as MS Word, Excel, and Power Point.

Remuneration: Competitive based on qualification and experience.

Application deadline: Sunday August 8th, 2021

How to apply: Submit your resume, application letter, and relevant documentation to:

Email: evaranay@metabiota.com and jbangura@metabiota.com

*ONLY shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.