

## Vacancy Announcement

| VA No.                    | 096   |
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| Job Title:                | Embedded Adviser – Risk Communication and Coordination<br>Specialist  |
| Min. qualification:       | Bachelor's degree in Medicine or Medical Sciences and Masters' degree in Public Health  |
| Organization:             | GIZ Nigeria, Regional Pandemic Preparedness Project (RPPP)  |
| Place:                    | Abuja   |
| Salary:                   | According to GIZ salary scale for Band 4  |
| Closing Date of<br>advert | 9.12.2022   |
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| Background:               | As a service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work, we are dedicated to shaping a future worth living around the world. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment promotion, energy and the environment, and peace and security. The diverse expertise of our federal enterprise is in demand around the globe – from the German Government, European Union institutions, the United Nations, the private sector and governments of other countries. We work with businesses, civil society actors and research institutions, fostering successful interaction between development policy and other policy fields and areas of activity. Our main commissioning party is the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The registered offices of GIZ are in Bonn and Eschborn. Our approximately 23,500 employees, almost 70 percent of whom are national personnel, work in a round 120 countries (July 2020) GIZ has worked in Nigeria since 1974. From 2004, GIZ has maintained a country office in the capital city Abuja. Currently 361 national and 66 international employees, 19 regional staff, 4 integrated specialists and 3 development workers are working in the country (June 2020). GIZ is currently supporting ECOWAS Commission and its related institutions and agencies including The Regional Center for Surveillance and Disease Control through the Regional Pandemic Preparedness Project. RCSDC's general mandate is to support ECOWAS Member States to build capacities to effectively conduct disease surveillance, prepare, respond and communicate risks for public health events. |



|                           | manner, to empower the Member States achieve the ECOWAS set objective of keeping the people of West Africa healthy.   |
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|                           | Regional Pandemic Preparedness Project (RPPP)   |
| The Project:              | The second phase of the Regional Pandemic Preparedness Project<br>(RPPP) advising ECOWAS and Member States Institutions on the<br>implementation of core capacities of the International Health<br>Regulations has begun. In the new project there will be an increased<br>focus on support to One Health actors at all levels of the system, on<br>building exchange formats, communications and coordination<br>between them and on building human and technical capacity in this<br>sector. Cooperation will be based on enhancement and further<br>development of key products and deliverables of RPPP1, such as<br>the regional risk communications strategy, the Regional Rapid<br>Response Team (RRRT) digital communications platforms The<br>project will also support the development of the Regional One Health<br>platform of ECOWAS and of selected Member States. It will also<br>support SORMAS implementation at Member State and Regional<br>level. |
|                           | Responsibilities  |
| Responsibilities & tasks: | The Embedded Technical Adviser – Risk Communication and<br>Coordination – will be located within the Regional Centre for<br>Surveillance and Disease Control (RCSDC), a specialized agency<br>under the supervision of the West African Health Organization<br>(WAHO).<br>The Embedded Adviser will support the overall conceptualization,<br>planning and implementation of activities designed to in building the<br>internal and external capacity of the RCSDC to deliver its mandate to<br>support ECOWAS Member States in disease control and prevention<br>in the area of pandemic prone diseases.<br><b>B. Tasks</b>  |
|                           | <ul> <li>Under the supervision of the Executive Director of RCSDC, the Advisor will undertake the following roles and functions:</li> <li>Provide strategic and technical guidance and policy advice to RSCDC to support the development of the networked approach to pandemic preparedness in the ECOWAS region based on the implementation of selected activities of the         <ul> <li>the Risk Communications strategy and IICC strategy</li> <li>Organisational Development Plan of the RCSDC</li> <li>These activities will support the promotion of the One Health concept and the creation of the ECOWAS one Health Platform</li> </ul> </li> <li>Support the fostering of dynamic partnerships with key stakeholders at the regional and national levels, including other WAHO Directorates, other parts of the ECOWAS Commission, Member States' National Coordinating</li> </ul>   |



|   | Institutions civil society, media, and other development partners.   |
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|   | • Provide context analysis and technical briefs and research, develop and deliver presentations, prepare various forms of documentation (e.g., background papers, knowledge products and others) as may be required.               |
|   | <ul> <li>Ensure visibility for the joint activities which support the<br/>development of RSCDC and the network of NCIs.</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Contribute to the knowledge management processes of the<br/>project.</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Support operational planning and provide administrative and<br/>logistical support for the delivery of GIZ RPPP support to<br/>RCSDC</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Perform other project-related duties and functions as may be<br/>directed by the line supervisor.</li> </ul>  |
|   | C. Required qualifications, Competences and Experience   |
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| G | Qualifications   |
|   | <ul> <li>Bachelor's degree in Medicine or Medical Sciences and<br/>Masters' degree in Public Health</li> </ul>   |
| P | Professional experience  |
|   | <ul> <li>At least 10 years of effective professional experience in<br/>management and implementation of complex public health<br/>programs involving management of epidemics and health<br/>emergencies in West Africa.</li> </ul> |
|   | • Proven experience in implementation of pandemic preparedness and response strategies in the One Health context at regional and national level.   |
|   | <ul> <li>Proven experience of collaboration with partners,<br/>interpersonal relations and advocacy with an established<br/>network of officials at national, regional and international<br/>level.</li> </ul>                     |
|   | <ul> <li>Strong ability for strategic analysis, summary and report<br/>writing, and good presentation skills.</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Communication and negotiation coupled with excellent<br/>diplomacy and persuasion skills and an ability to work in a<br/>dynamic, multidisciplinary, and highly political context.</li> </ul>                             |
|   | <ul> <li>Strong organisational and project management skills and<br/>a good knowledge and understanding of results-based<br/>planning, monitoring, and reporting.</li> </ul>   |
|   | <ul> <li>Excellent spoken and written English and French</li> </ul>  |
|   | D. Contract duration and duty station  |
|   | • <b>Contract duration:</b> The Embedded Adviser will be employed for a period not exceeding the duration of the   |



|                          | <ul> <li>programme: the maximal duration of the contract will be until June 2024.</li> <li>Duty station: Abuja, based in the Regional Centre for Surveillance and Disease Control, with duty travels throughout the region</li> </ul>  |
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| Submission<br>Guideline: | You are kindly requested to submit your CV and letter of motivation<br>as <b>one document</b> with complete contact details via email to:<br><u>recruitment-nigeria@giz.de</u><br>(Please include vacancy no. 096 in mail subject)<br>GIZ is an equal opportunities employer committed to diversity. All<br>gualified candidates, regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, race, and |
|                          | religion are encouraged to apply.<br>Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted  |