



World Health Organization

Country Liaison Office for
Federated States of Micronesia,
Republic of Marshall Islands
and Republic of Palau

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SEEKS QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAM (EMT) KLEMAT FOCAL POINT FOR THE PALAU

APPOINTMENT: 12 months based in Koror, Palau

The WHO Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) Initiative assists countries to build capacity and strengthen health systems by coordinating the deployment of quality assured medical teams in emergencies. The EMT Initiative aims to improve rapid response to the health consequences of sudden onset emergencies, including disease outbreaks, by providing guidance, standards, training and coordination mechanisms, and ensuring the quality and accountability of deployable national and international EMTs through the global EMT classification and quality assurance system.

Pacific EMTs are mobile groups of health professionals (doctors, nurses, logisticians etc.) that deploy to treat patients affected by an emergency, outbreak or disaster. Some national EMTs also provide primary health care and public health services.

EMTs work within the classification system and minimum standards set by WHO. The EMT Initiative places a strong focus on supporting countries to develop their own teams that can arrive where they are needed in the shortest time possible, and ensure that governments have a coordination system in place to accept and use international EMTs when local capacity is exceeded in a timely and effective fashion.

Objectives

Policies and standard operating procedures (SOPs) are vital to the effective management of emergency responses and these will be generated by the incumbent of this post to deploy national health response teams and develop clear mechanisms to call upon the international EMT/Global Health Emergency Workforce when needed.

The National EMT Focal Point will work within the national Health Emergency and Disaster Management unit, Palau Ministry of Health and Human Services (MHHS), under the supervision of the Director of the Bureau of Hospital & Clinical Service. Support will be provided from WHO-South Pacific/ Division of Pacific Technical Support and from international experts coordinated by the WHO EMT secretariat at WHO HQ.

Description of Duties

As directed by the National Health Emergency and Disaster Management Coordinator:

- Support the MHHS to develop national emergency response plans, policies, standard operating procedures (SOPs), national team structures and a roster of trained emergency response personnel for national EMT preparedness and response, and coordination of international EMTs.
- Support the MHHS to develop and refine plans and SOPs for international EMT reception, tasking, coordination and onsite monitoring as specified in the WHO guidance on EMT classification and minimum standards.
- Provide onsite project management support to national and sub-regional EMT workshops and simulation exercises.
- Participate in national and regional EMT workshops and exercises to increase personal knowledge and skills relevant to the EMT Focal Point's role in developing and testing SOPs and policies for the MHHS.
- Develop training packages, documents and materials for national EMTs and staff involved in emergency coordination functions at the national and divisional levels, supported by the WHO EMT secretariat and experts.

- Support strengthening of working relationships between MHHS, the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO), the Ministry of Justice, the Palau Red Cross Society, the Palau Council of Chiefs, the Palau Governors Association, State Governments & Agencies, Marine Law Enforcement Division, Koror State Rangers, WHO-South Pacific, the Pacific Humanitarian Team (PHT) and other ministries and response agencies for health emergency preparedness.
- Provide monthly written status reports to the MHHS and WHO regarding progress and status of national EMT capacity strengthening and development.
- Provide reports in due time to the Health Preparedness Director.

Skills/Knowledge

- Understanding of national and emergency response procedures at strategic and operational level, with a focus on health care delivery in difficult and austere environments.
- Excellent communicator with strong negotiation and advocacy skills.
- Ability to coordinate teams and meetings, demonstrate leadership and initiative.
- Proactivity and enthusiasm.
- Able to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Education/Training

- Bachelor's degree in project management, medicine, nursing, health sciences or disaster risk management; or two years' experience in management.
- Desirable: Specialized training in emergency management, international aid, humanitarian principles, health system recovery, and health cluster coordination highly desirable.

Experience

- Demonstrated knowledge of rapid response operations and their implementation in emergencies as related to clinical care and public health highly desirable.

Language

- Written and spoken fluency in English is essential.

Other skills

- Working knowledge of standard MS Office software applications. Presentation skills.

Salary range

- The salary package will be based on academic qualifications and experience in line with the revised job evaluation for civil servants in RMI.

Interested applicants should complete the WHO Vacancy Application Form (WHO-PHF) together with a letter of interest and resume/CV in-person, or via email by 05 September 2021 to the following address:

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