



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Advisor (Laboratory Capacity Development in the EAC)

The GIZ/EAC Pandemic Preparedness Project (PanPrep) is supporting the EAC Secretariat and the EAC Partner States in the best possible prevention of and preparedness for outbreaks of dangerous and highly contagious pathogens.

Since 2018, the project has advised and supported the EAC with the establishment of a regional rapidly deployable expert pool, a regional risk and crisis communication system, a One-Health coordination system, the sensitization of millions of citizens on cross border transit routes on the importance of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and through various outbreak simulation exercise. As from 2025, the project will follow a request from the EAC secretariate to support the partner states in improving the capacity and quality of decentralized laboratories with a special focus on their ability to diagnose various highly infectious diseases (esp. Mpox, hemorrhagic fever viruses, etc.) while also ensuring the availability and quality of routine laboratory tests. For this task, the PanPrep team is looking for an expert in the field of laboratory science/development/quality/systems to strengthen the staffing strength and the technical expertise of the project.

**Duty station:** Arusha

**Fixed term contract**

**Job location:** Band 4

#### Responsibilities and Tasks

- Provide technical advice on improving the capacity and quality of laboratory services in subnational laboratories in EAC Partner States
- Ensure thematically relevant planning tools, strategic and activity plans are prepared with the EAC Secretariat Health Department and relevant Technical Working Groups
- Ensure the timely implementation of all planned activities, assuring EAC and GIZ standards and procedures are adhered to.
- Manage and guide consultants or grantees who support the output of laboratory strengthening together with the project manager
- Contribute to communication products, including social media, related to the activities of the output on laboratory strengthening
- Ensure that all agreed M&E tools for the project output of laboratory strengthening are applied and regularly updated as required
- Establish a structure to regularly update the responsible colleagues of the EAC Health Department on progress in the output
- Ensure that all relevant information is shared with the designated colleagues and electronically archived in line with GIZ filing requirements



### **Main Tasks:**

- Advise the EAC Secretariat and EAC Partner States' responsible staff and design measures to strengthen laboratory capacity and quality at subnational level in EAC Partner States.
- In cooperation with the PanPrep project manager, colleagues and in coordination with other technical experts (e.g. consultants, grantees), plan, implement and document assessments, meetings, workshops, training courses and other project activities with a focus on technical and administrative aspects in line with the agreed workplan.
- Contribute to the monitoring and evaluation of the project, by monitoring and reporting of the progress of the agreed implementation/activity plans and adjusting where necessary to achieve the set goals under the project output on laboratory strengthening, and assist to coordination relevant operational health research, as required.
- Monitor and the use of available and agreed funding for the output and ensure alignment with given resource framework
- Support the preparation and implementation of relevant EAC meetings in line with procedures of the EAC, as required (e.g. technical working group meetings, expert working group meetings, sector council of ministers of health meetings, EAC summits, etc.)
- Contribute to knowledge management of the project by constantly sharing relevant information in the team and supporting documentation through electronic archiving. Maintain and very good working relation with other relevant organizations in the field of developing the laboratory capacity and quality in the region, esp. with WHO Afro, Africa CDC and African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM).
- Maintain a very close working relationship with the EAC/KfW Mobile Laboratories Project to ensure synergies and harmonization and to avoid overlaps.
- Prepare documents and contribute to the preparation of external or internal communication products like progress reports, web articles, social media messaging, etc.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the project manager.

### **Education and Qualification**

- Bachelor's degree in laboratory medicine, biomedical science, microbiology or related field
- 8 years of experience working in medical laboratories in the East African region
- 5 years of experience working in a responsible position/function in international development co-operation
- 2 years of experience working with government entities in the health sector or Regional Economic Communities
- Outstanding interpersonal skills, including willingness for working in teams, and proven communication skills
- Problem-solving attitude and capacities to work in politically sensitive environment and to manage and navigate stressful or challenging situations with patience.
- Proficiency in at least 2 of the three official EAC languages (English, French, Kiswahili)

**Applications:**

Interested candidates from Rwanda, Burundi, DRC, Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda and Somalia should apply through the link <https://www.fuzu.com/jobs/advisor-laboratory-capacity-development-in-the-eac-giz-tz>

Closing date for submission: **16.05.2025.**

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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