

Scope for the recruitment of: Executive Director, Gulf Center for Disease Control and Prevention

1. Context, Background and current status

Public health is critical to promoting wellness, preventing disease and ensuring the long-term sustainability of healthcare systems. Recognizing the need for strong public health coordination across member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the opportunity inherent in recent regional investments in public health infrastructure, the Gulf Health Council (GHC) is looking to establish ***the Gulf Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Gulf-CDC; the Centre)***.

The Gulf-CDC will fulfill three objectives: 1) Support the development of collaborative public health ***programs, policies and practices***; 2) Strengthen regional public health ***training*** and capability building; and 3) Enable the collection, integration and utilization of public health data across key indicators through ***surveillance and research***.

The expected impact will be to achieve:

- 1) **Healthy Populations in the Gulf**, by coordinating policies, procedures and protocols and increasing awareness of health practices across top priority health areas, the Gulf-CDC will work to prevent communicable and non-communicable diseases and injuries in the region;
- 2) **Strengthened Regional and National Health Systems**, the Gulf-CDC will expand training programs, develop a global network of experts and facilitate knowledge exchange, resulting in improved public health systems with increased capacity; and
- 3) **Improved Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies**, work by the Gulf-CDC will ensure that member states are equipped with the required tools to ensure the successful mitigation of public health emergencies.

About the role:

The Gulf Health Council for Co-operation office is looking to recruit an Executive Director to support the establishment of the Gulf Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The postholder will bring with them significant experience of working on a national or regional level in a similar role.

The postholder will be responsible for establishing the office, strategic planning, implementation and operational management of the new center. The postholder will be reporting to Director General of the Gulf Health Council for Cooperation Council States.

The tenure of the appointment will initially be for 2 years (renewable) and will be based in Riyadh. Some regional travel may be required. The Gulf CDC office will be based in the Saudi Center for Disease Control and Prevention. A competitive package will be provided commensurate with the responsibilities of the role.

Profile:

- A Master's degree or above (MD/Ph.D.) in public health, health sciences, or related field.
- At least 10 years proven board level experience in a national or international (preferred) organisation related to public health
- 15 years experience in fiscal management, grants, and program operations, income generation, human capital management, partnership relations, and administrative matters.
- Proven successful stakeholder engagement experience across multi-sectoral public and private sectors
- Ability to work at a regional level with ministries and governmental agencies
- Background in Public health system strengthening in the public sector
- A regional knowledge of the GCC and public health challenges/opportunities will be preferred although not essential