Senior Microbiologist

Organization:
The Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) is established in India as an independent non-profit created under Section 8 (Indian) Companies Act, 2013 with its office in New Delhi. The organization is dedicated to activities that result in: 1) new diagnostic tools; 2) expanded access to these tools; and 3) strengthened diagnostic testing capacity for poverty-related diseases. FIND India has several projects in TB, Hepatitis C (HCV), COVID-19, Malaria, Fevers and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

For more information about the organization, please visit http://www.finddx.org/

Project background:
The National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2017-2025 emphasizes the need for expansion and strengthening of capacity of laboratories to conduct culture and drug Susceptibility testing (C-DST) to pave the way for universal access to quality TB diagnosis including drug resistant TB in the country.

Goals and objectives of the project:
Expansion of C-DST capacity of the RNTCP in designated States to aid the accelerated roll-out of U-DST across the country.
1. Provide technical assistance to at least 6 sites in carrying out their lab upgradation for C-DST facilities
2. Develop a guidance package on establishing TB C&DST labs at the state level

Location: Offsite/Work from Home

Your responsibilities:
Specifically, key responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:
1. Reviewing the available relevant documents and literature and providing technical assistance in drafting the guidance package, which will be inclusive of lab assessment, procurement of infrastructure, equipment and consumables and their monitoring, HR training, proficiency testing and service delivery
2. Developing lists of equipment and laboratory consumables requirements for small, medium & high-volume laboratories along with cost estimations
3. Reviewing documents on procurement and tender process and helping with their finalization

Deliverables: Draft guidance package for establishment and upgradation of TB C&DST labs

Experience and qualifications:
Applicants must meet the following qualification requirements:
• MBBS with MD (Microbiology), with a minimum of three years of experience in establishing/upgrading and implementing QMS in TB C&DST labs, OR
• PhD in Microbiology, with a minimum of five years of experience establishing/upgrading and implementing QMS in TB C&DST labs
Skills and attitude:
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Able to communicate clearly about practical implementation

Nature of appointment: short-term 20 days (spread over 2 months)
The selected candidate shall be initially offered a consultancy contract for 20 days.

Compensation offered:
The gross remuneration budgeted for the position shall be commensurate with the qualifications, experience, and salary history, of the selected candidate.

Please mail a motivation letter, a detailed resume and three references to HR-IN@finddx.org. Deadline to send your application: 31 March 2021

(But don’t wait until the deadline! We will start screening right away and if we find the right person, we will stop searching.)

Please note that only applicants meeting the profile requirements will be personally contacted. Applications sent by recruitment agencies will not be considered.