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Post of Research Assistant

Project to Improve Perinatal Care in Sri Lanka by Capacity Building through a Sustainable, Benchmarked Training

Ministry of Health Care Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, "Suwasiripaya", Colombo 10.

Background of the project; Results from National Maternal Mortality Review have shown that most of maternal deaths in Sri Lanka are still preventable. Post-partum Hemorrhage (PPH), severe preeclampsia and eclampsia, together with unsafe abortion continue to be leading causes of maternal mortality. This raises the hypothesis of a possible suboptimal quality of care at facility level, as 99.9% of deliveries occur in a hospital and 92% of them in specialist hospitals. Hence it is important to focus on improving quality of perinatal care.

Although Sri Lanka has skilled healthcare workforce, their knowledge is mostly limited to their basic training. We plan to build capacity of personnel providing maternity care by establishing modern, benchmarked, evidence based training course.

A group of trainers were trained by the Emergency Obstetric Care Course of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in March 2016. Now we are planning to train staff in maternity units from hospitals throughout the country on a regular basis.

Duties and responsibilities;

1. Assist the Course Director in all aspects of organizing and conducting participant training programmes in Emergency Obstetric Care
2. Support in maintaining records, information and data related to the course
3. Liaise with the Family Health Bureau and other relevant organizations as per the need to organize and conduct courses

Desired qualifications for the post;

Medical or a nursing degree or an equivalent degree from a recognized university

Experience required for the post;

Have a working knowledge of Windows and Microsoft Office package.

Have excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Age limit; Less than 30 years

Salary; Rs 35,000.00 + Rs 5000.00 for travelling

Duration; 4 months

Candidates are requested to submit their complete CV including copies of relevant documents contact details and references before ~~27~~³⁰ November 2017 to the following address;

The Director, 231, Family Health Bureau, De Seram Place, Colombo 10.

Only short listed applicants will be called for the interview. The final decision with regard to selection will be made by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine.

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