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Post of Consultant Obstetrician to support CEMD process (02 vacancies)

Assigned institution :Maternal morbidity and mortality surveillance unit of FHB

Period of assignment :06 months (July 2025 – December 2025)

Project :Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths,
Family Health Bureau, De Seram Place Colombo 10

Background

Sri Lanka has reduced the national maternal mortality rate to 24.9 by the year 2024. Regionally Sri Lanka has reported outstanding achievement in maternal mortality reduction compared to most other countries. The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target for 2030 has been set at 20 /100,000 live births, hence further reduction of the MMR is mandatory. Being a low mortality setting with a low reduction rate means that further reduction of the MMR will need more focused interventions. As a new initiative to accomplish this, the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths (CEMD) system has been introduced to the existing surveillance system as to expedite the review process with more detailed information collection. Since January 2025 CEMD system has been expanded to the entire country. This new process need continues follow up of information collection and case scenario preparation in collaboration with hospitals, MOH offices and SLCOG representatives. The CEMD system is currently running in parallel to the existing surveillance process.

The quality and effectiveness of the review process depend on rigorous, in-depth clinical analysis of the information gathered, as well as critical appraisal of the completeness and reliability of the available data. Therefore, expert obstetric input on clinical management is essential to ensure accurate interpretation, identification of avoidable factors, and the development of meaningful, actionable recommendations.

Duties and responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Director of Maternal and Child health the Consultant Obstetricians will perform the following;

1. Contribute to pre-review of all maternal deaths to prepare each case for national CEMD Expert committee review.
2. Participate and contribute to CEMD Expert committee meetings.
3. Identify areas for further evaluation in each case.
4. Assist in final analysis of maternal deaths/CEMD data and generation of CEMD report.
5. Assist in implementing recommendations made at national CEMD Expert committee meetings.

Any other activities arranged by the Director/ Maternal and Child health.

Desired qualifications and the experience for the post

Applicants should be Specialist Consultant Obstetricians with prior experience in the review of maternal deaths. Experience in participating in national-level surveys and involvement in academic publications will be considered an added advantage.

Duration

For six months (July 2026 – December 2026)

Expected output

To review maternal deaths by indepth evaluation of each death to ensure all relevant information is gained from IMDR and forwarded to the national CEMD Expert Committee (EC) review panel. Assist in analysis of maternal death data, generation of annual CEMD reports and assist the FHB to follow up and implement the recommendations made by CEMD EC panel.

Nature of work

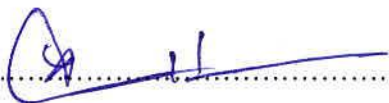
Full time/part time: Part time

No. of days a week: Two (02) days a week

Working hours per day: Eight (08) hours 08.30am to 4.15pm

Daily remuneration: Rs. 50, 000 /= per day

Candidates are invited to submit a completed CV with academic qualifications and other desired qualifications for the post. Include copies of the documents contact details and references on or before 23rd June 2026 to the email maternaldeathfhb@gmail.com.



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