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Recruitment of Pre-Intern Medical Graduates (Temporary Basis) for the Child Morbidity and Mortality Unit, Family Health Bureau

Position: Coordinating Assistance – Feto-Infant and Under-Five Child Death Surveillance and guideline and algorithms development for common childhood illnesses.

Background and justification

The Child Morbidity and Mortality Unit (CMMU) plays a pivotal role in monitoring and addressing critical child health issues in Sri Lanka, with a particular focus on reducing perinatal and under-five mortality and morbidity. Accurate and timely data collection, validation, and analysis are fundamental to the effective functioning of the unit and to guiding evidence-based interventions.

One of the core mandates of the CMMU is the surveillance of feto-infant and under-five child deaths. This surveillance aims to identify trends, assess contributory and risk factors, and formulate actionable strategies to improve child health outcomes. In parallel, the development of national guidelines for the management of common childhood illnesses is essential to ensure that clinical interventions are evidence-based, standardized, and aligned with best practices across all levels of care.

Key Activities under Feto-Infant and Under-Five Child Death Surveillance

- Monitoring the Stillbirth, Feto-Infant, and Under-Five Child Death Surveillance System and facilitating the systematic collection of high-quality data.
- Coordinating with area Medical Officers of Health (MOHs), hospital public health staff, and Medical Officers–Maternal and Child Health (MO-MCH) to triangulate data from multiple sources, including the eRHMS and IMMR systems.
- Addressing data gaps and under-reporting of under-five child deaths from hospitals and MOH areas across the country.
- Providing technical assistance for the implementation and continuous monitoring of the web-based National Child Morbidity and Mortality Surveillance System.
- Assisting in the development of national guidelines for common childhood illnesses and supporting the development of related clinical algorithms based on evidence-based interventions.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Pre-Intern Medical Officer will be responsible for the following duties:

- **Data Management:** Checking the accuracy of data entry, updating and maintaining large digital databases, and supporting data analysis and report writing.
- **Coordination:** Collaborating with area MOHs, hospital public health staff, and MO-MCH teams to triangulate data from multiple sources, including eRHMS and IMMR systems.
- **Addressing Data Gaps:** Identifying, verifying, and rectifying inconsistencies or missing information in the reporting of under-five child deaths from hospitals and MOH areas nationwide.
- **Technical Assistance:** Supporting the implementation, functionality, and ongoing monitoring of the web-based National Child Morbidity and Mortality Surveillance System.

- **Guideline Development:** Assisting in the development of national guidelines and clinical algorithms for the management of common childhood illnesses using evidence-based approaches.

Desired Qualifications and Experience

- Pre-intern medical graduate with an MBBS qualification.
- Hard-working and highly motivated individual.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, etc.).
- Prior experience in scientific research, data collection, data entry, or data analysis will be an advantage.
- Good command of English and Sinhala.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively within a team.

Duration

- **Period of Employment:** Six (6) months (July 2026 – December 2026)

Nature of Work


- **Employment Type:** Full-time
- **Place of Work:** Child Morbidity and Mortality Unit, Family Health Bureau
- **Working Hours:** Eight (8) hours per day (8:30 a.m – 4:15 p.m.)
- **Monthly Remuneration:** LKR 94,265.00 (Basic Salary: LKR 76,465.00 + Cost of Living Allowance: LKR 17,800.00)


Additional Notes

- Selection of pre-intern medical graduates will be conducted through interviews, with final decisions made by the Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health.
- The selected pre-intern medical graduate will be eligible only for benefits specified by the Ministry of Health or the funding agency, with no entitlement to additional privileges or claims.
- The Director (Maternal and Child Health) reserves the right to revise or amend the scope of work as required.
- This position provides an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to national child health initiatives while working within a dynamic and dedicated team focused on reducing child morbidity and mortality.

Application Procedure:

Candidates are requested to email an updated CV, copies of relevant documents, and contact details to cmmunit.fhb@gmail.com before 24.06.2026.


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