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<th><strong>Position Title:</strong></th>
<th>Technical Adviser - Animal Health Officer</th>
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<td><strong>Term:</strong></td>
<td>2 years + possible 1 year extension</td>
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<td><strong>Reporting to:</strong></td>
<td>Wantanee Kalpravidh, Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases Regional Manager for Asia-Pacific</td>
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<td>Nick Harris, DFAT Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security</td>
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<td><strong>Background:</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Specialist Health Service (SHS)</strong> provides strategic input on health to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). The SHS allows DFAT to source high quality technical advice to support health policy, strategic planning and health programming across the aid management cycle.</td>
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<td>In October 2017, the then Minister for Foreign Affairs launched the Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative to contribute to the avoidance and containment of infectious disease threats with the potential to cause social and economic harms on a national, regional or global scale. The Initiative is funded at $300 million over five years and aims to promote global and regional cooperation; catalyse international support; capitalise on Australia’s strengths; and accelerate access to new products.</td>
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<td>The Initiative is implemented by the <strong>Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security.</strong> Based in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Centre brings together expertise from relevant Australian government agencies on infectious diseases, public health policy and administration and international development.</td>
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<td>Public health security is defined as the activities required, both proactive and reactive, to minimize vulnerability to acute public health events that endanger the collective health of national populations. Global public health security widens this definition to include acute public health events that endanger the collective health of populations living across geographical regions and international boundaries.</td>
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<td><strong>Purpose and objectives:</strong></td>
<td>The adviser’s key objective will be to strengthen veterinary epidemiology knowledge, capacity and networking at the country and regional level within the Asia-Pacific, including the capacity to prevent, detect and respond to zoonotic disease outbreaks.</td>
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### Duty Statement:
The adviser will provide technical and managerial support to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), specifically the Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases. This role will focus on supporting FAO’s national and regional teams and their government counterparts with technical mentoring, support and advice. A key aspect of this role will be to coordinate with relevant internal and external stakeholders to organise regional epidemiology capacity building programs, meetings and workshops in the context of implementing the ASEAN Strategic Framework for Veterinary Epidemiology Capacity Development and Networking.

### Specific Duties:
Under the supervision of the Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases Regional Manager for Asia-Pacific, and in collaboration with key stakeholders in national health and agriculture ministries, WHO, the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE), DFAT and other partners, the adviser will have the following duties.

- In coordination with other members of ECTAD teams in Asia, support the piloting and application in relevant countries of the Epidemiology Mapping Tool (EMT) to assess veterinary epidemiology capacity, identify needs and gaps, and guide policy and strategy to support sustainable veterinary epidemiology capacity development
- Review, revise and standardise veterinary field epidemiology curricula as required
- Plan, lead and organise meetings and workshops to support strengthening of veterinary epidemiology capacities and networking at national and regional levels
- Coordinate with relevant internal and external stakeholders to organize regional epidemiology capacity building including through the Regional and Country Field Epidemiology Training Programs for Veterinarians (FETPV) and Applied Veterinary Epidemiology Training (AVET), as well as the Community Animal Health Worker Training
- Coordinate with the ECTAD Country Teams to support national epidemiology capacity building programs and ensure active participation of national veterinary epidemiology units in the regional veterinary epidemiology capacity building programs
- Advocate at the national and regional level for the utilization of the epidemiology capacity built via the above programs, drawing on EMT results, to support decision-making by governments, particularly on matters of policy development and resource allocation
- Support the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN member states to implement the ASEAN Strategic Framework for Veterinary Epidemiology Capacity Development and Networking
- Coordinate and establish linkages with designated OIE/FAO Reference/Collaborating Centres on Veterinary Epidemiology to ensure knowledge, technology and trouble-shooting support is made available to member countries
- Support national capacities to strengthen linkages between field epidemiologists, animal health workers, veterinarians and diagnostic laboratories across the animal health and human health sectors, under the One Health approach
- Assist FAO in the monitoring of the progress of One Health coordination mechanisms being put into place to address the threats posed by
transboundary animal diseases and emerging infectious diseases and liaise regularly with other UN and international agencies to ensure FAO’s contributions are timely and relevant
- Coordinate with relevant agencies within the Government of Australia to ensure good communication, coordination and collaboration between FAO and the Government
- Contribute to the preparation of relevant technical reports
- Perform other duties as required

Performance Outcomes and Deliverables, with dates:

Provide reports to the Emergency Centre for Transboundary Animal Diseases Regional Manager for Asia-Pacific and DFAT including:
- Regular updates on key results areas
- Adviser yearly work plan by the end of the first month of the assignment
- Key supporting documents as evidence of achievements
- Other documentation as required by ECTAD FAO or DFAT

Reporting:

Provide brief activity report to DFAT every three months and at the end of the assignment, outlining activities and deliverables.
Provide SHS with invoices, with receipts for reimbursables, as per adviser contract.

Policy context:

Advisers are expected to align their work with the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security’s Strategic Framework and the Health for Development Strategy 2015-2020, and to incorporate the priorities of DFAT’s cross-cutting themes of Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Strategy (2016) and Development for All 2016-2020 Strategy for Strengthening Disability-Inclusive Development in Australia’s Aid Program. Advisers should seek advice from DFAT about the most appropriate ways to align the tasks to these policies. Advisers should also discuss whether there are other DFAT policies relevant to this task.

Conditions:

Conditions of engagement may include completing and signing the following documents:
The Deed of Confidentiality
The Declaration of adviser status
The Child Safe Code of Conduct
As per DFAT’s requirements.

An Adviser Performance Assessment will be undertaken at the completion of the assignment.

Key Selection Criteria

**Required Experience**

1. Seven years of relevant experience with field epidemiology qualifications, applied to animal as well as zoonotic disease control, and including experience of national and regional approaches to animal disease control.
2. Experience in a developing country context, including an understanding of how to support partners in limited resources settings.
3. Extensive relevant experience in the planning, coordination and organization of national or regional epidemiology programs or networks, or disease control programs relating to a disease of strategic relevance to ECTAD.
4. Experience in animal disease control in Asia with regional organizations like ASEAN, SAARC and other relevant bodies.
5. Experience in liaison with government partners in institutional contexts.

**Required Skills and Qualifications**

6. Advanced university degree in Veterinary Medicine or equivalent with a postgraduate emphasis on veterinary epidemiology or equivalent.
7. A preparedness to work with limited resources within a challenging environment.
8. A depth of knowledge and understanding of all aspects of applied epidemiology, field-laboratory linkages, epidemiology training programs carried out in Asia, and existing platforms for animal disease control in Asia;
10. Proficient in English including demonstrated ability to express orally and in writing complex ideas in clear and simple language.

**Cultural/Language Requirements**

11. Excellent record of developing and maintaining respectful and productive cross-cultural relationships, including with persons in senior positions in government and non-government agencies, middle managers, technical staff and front-line health workers.

**Desirable Experience**

12. Familiarity with UN or other international agencies’ field programs is an asset.
13. Limited knowledge of one of the other UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish).
14. Work experience in more than one location or area of work, particularly in field positions.