Dear Colleagues,

Our team is working more and more on outbreak preparedness and response, in collaboration with the WHO Emergency Programme (WHE). Thus, I would like to seek your help to identify IPC specialists to fill the following two positions:

A 3-month IPC consultancy to support the response to an HIV outbreak in Larkana, Pakistan, most likely due to injection and blood safety issues and broader IPC gaps. For confidentiality reasons, I’m unable to share more details on this but it’s an unprecedented situation which requires urgent IPC response. We would like to recruit an IPC specialist from July to be based in Pakistan, working for WHO to support the MOH to develop and roll out a rapid IPC intervention (mainly awareness raising, training and supervision, and procurement and use of IPC equipment) in the affected area. Ideally, we look for someone proficient in English, with at least 10 years of IPC experience, including in outbreaks and in developing countries, able to have a strategic approach, flexible and ready to work hard in a complex situation. This consultant will be deployed through GOARN or HQ WHE and will work in close collaboration with the WHO country office, the IPC and blood safety teams in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office and us in HQ. We will have more detailed TORs in the next week.

A 6-month IPC temporary staff position dedicated to IPC for outbreak preparedness and response. This person will be based in Geneva in our team (the IPC global unit) working closely with WHE but likely to be deployed for outbreaks, if needed. I attach the TORs. We would like to fill this position since August or September at the latest. It’s for 6 months but there are possibilities that it will be renewed.

The deadline for CVs submissions (which should go to Paul Rogers, rogersp@who.int) for both positions is 15 June.

Kind regards,

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