



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

One Health Programme Advisor (m/f)

Application deadline:	Oct, 1st 2023
Place of employment:	Brussels
Availability:	early December 2023
Contract:	fulltime or 80 %, permanent contract

Our organization

"Healthy animals, healthy people, healthy planet"

In 9 African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Burundi, DR Congo, Uganda, Rwanda), Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Belgium (VSF-B) helps family livestock farmers to practice ecologically responsible livestock farming. With training, equipment and medicines, we work with them to keep their animals and their environment healthy and allow people to live in dignity.

Following the principles of One Health, we provide answers to today's most essential health issues. Our special focus on the sustainable management of biodiversity and ecosystem health, lowers the risk of wildlife diseases spreading to humans and livestock. This is how we help prevent pandemics such as COVID-19 or Ebola.

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Belgium directly employs around 150 people in our project countries and 22 staff at our headquarters in Brussels.

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Belgium is a member of the international non-profit organization Vétérinaires Sans Frontières International and encourages collaboration with local partners in the countries where we work.

VSF-B has identified the One Health approach as essential to achieving its vision and mission.

This approach brings together multiple sectors, disciplines and communities at different levels of society to promote well-being and combat threats to health and ecosystems, while meeting collective needs for clean water, energy and air, healthy and nutritious food, taking action against climate change and contributing to sustainable development.

Context and role

VSF-B wishes to strengthen its already widely recognized One Health expertise by recruiting a **"One Health Programme Advisor" (OHPA)** to join the Operations department's team.

The OHPA will undertake the following duties:

- Provide ongoing technical and strategic advice on VSF-B positioning in One Health (OH) programme implementation, including on aspects of multisectoral collaboration and coordination, as well as on zoonotic disease emergence/reemergence and spillover events;



- Review OH approaches and studies related to a.o. the prevention of zoonotic diseases and translate these to VSF-B strategies and OH interventions in the Global South;
- Prepare various strategic and technical written outputs, e.g. background papers, context analysis, sections of reports and studies, inputs to publications, strategic documents, guidelines and policy recommendations;
- Provide technical and expert input into the development of funding proposals and project concept notes;
- Design, facilitate and manage a Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) framework for countries to share OH knowledge and ensure there is an evidence-based discussion and shared outcomes for stakeholder groups.
- Participate in, and/or facilitate meetings and working groups and create opportunities for collaboration and support within and among VSF countries, which might include tools, materials, resources, occasional webinars and other opportunities to meet with peers and experts.
- The OHPA will be part of the Technical & Methodological Expertise Cell of the Operations Department at VSF-B Brussels Headquarters, work in close collaboration with its Senior Expert (0.5 FTE), and report to the Director of Operations. The OHPA will work in close collaboration with the Institutional Partnership Coordinator, the Humanitarian Programme Coordinator, and the Regional Directors.

Key areas of Responsibilities

One Health Strategy Development and Program Development

- Ensure that VSF-B delivers high quality, multi-sectoral One Health programming taking in account the development – humanitarian – peace NEXUS contexts (as appropriate).
- Develop a long-term VSF-B One Health Strategy and coordinate the implementation of this strategy through the Operations, maintain and timely adapt it, might circumstances so demand.
- Ensure that One Health objectives are well defined and broken down into the relevant programmes and projects.
- Design an adequate One Health programme funding strategy.
- Monitor technical and operational quality of One Health programmes, including conducting regular field visits to provide trainings to staff and partners, to provide feedback on quality benchmarks, to solicit inputs for design of new programmes, and to collect ideas for innovation.

Representation and Partnership

- Participate in identifying, nurturing and strengthening strategic partnerships with government institutions, international and national civil society organizations, and research institutions in applying the One Health approach.
- Play a leading role in operationalizing strategic partnerships at national and international programme levels,
- Be the major interface with the Government of Belgium, European Commission, donors, partners and other key stakeholders on One Health issues.
- Identify and represent VSF-B in relevant One Health working groups and networks



Communication and advocacy

- Contribute to developing and delivering content related to the implementation of the One Health approach, in close collaboration with the Communication & Fundraising Department.
- Contribute to the fine tuning and implementation of VSF International's advocacy strategy.

Profile

Education

- Required education qualifications: advanced university degree (MSc level or equivalent) in ecosystem health, environmental health, public health or veterinary medicine is required, or a related field relevant to One Health.

Knowledge & experience

- Experience of at least 4 years in one or more of the following subjects is required: i. emerging infectious diseases and zoonoses; ii. biodiversity, wildlife and ecosystems health; iii. health systems policy; iv. anti-microbial resistance; v. food systems and their interlinkages with health. Experience in social, economic and behavioural sciences relating to One Health, Planetary Health or Eco-health is desirable.
- Experience in development and humanitarian programmes in the Global South is desirable.
- Fluency in English and French. Working knowledge of Dutch is an asset.

Skills

- Ability to develop a strategy
- Good management of priorities
- Excellent writing skills
- Ability to summarize
- Comfortable with interpersonal relationships and good networking skills

Attitude

- Share the values (respect, transparency and sustainability), vision and mission of VSF-B;
- Respectful for other cultures and diversity;
- Person of trust and integrity;
- Open to missions in the countries of intervention

Our offer

Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Belgium is a learning organization. We are a close-knit and committed team that puts quality at the forefront of its mission, its work and its values.

The organization offers a stimulating and international work environment that leaves ample room for creativity and innovative ideas.

We offer a full-time (or 80%) open-ended contract with competitive compensation and additional benefits.

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We strive to ensure a good work-life balance for our employees.

How to apply ?

Ready to join a professional team and an organization with a major social and human goal and that will allow you to flourish and grow? We're waiting for you!

Please email your cover letter, CV and contact details of three references to hr@vsf-belgium.org no later than 01/10/2023, indicating "OHPA" in the subject line.

This position is open to both female and male candidates. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited to participate in a practical exercise.

More information: www.vsf-belgium.org