

Country: SURINAME

Project: HEALTH SECTOR REFORM PROGRAM

Sector: Health

Abstract: PHARMACEUTICAL POLICY COORDINATOR

Loan No. 1537/OS-SU

The Ministry of Health, with funding from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), is implementing a Health Sector Reform Program. One of the components of this program deals with the improvement of access to medicines. The objective of this component is to strengthen pharmaceutical policy making capacity and to improve legislation and procedures for the import and distribution of pharmaceutical products in Suriname.

The National Essential Medicines Board (Raad voor Essentiële Geneesmiddelen – REG) is the principal advisory body of the Ministry of Health regarding essential medicines. The REG has formulated the National Medicines Program 2005–2008, which harmonizes with the activities of the Health Sector Reform Program.

The Ministry of Health is now interested in hiring an individual consultant to function as the full-time Pharmaceutical Policy Coordinator to coordinate the activities related to the implementation of the medicines component of the Health Sector Reform Program, as well as perform activities related to the implementation of the National Medicines Program.

The Pharmaceutical Policy Coordinator will:

- Strengthen the pharmaceutical policy-making capacity of the Ministry of Health
- Improve medicines legislation and registration systems
- Improve quality monitoring systems
- Develop open and competitive procedures for the import of medicines
- Develop a work plan for the implementation of the National Medicine Program
- Coordinate the implementation of the work plan of the National Medicine Program

Qualifications:

- University degree in pharmacy, preferably post-graduate qualification or equivalent
- Minimum of ten years experience in essential medicines programs
- Experience in international procurement processes
- Experience in drug management, preferably in low income countries
- Knowledge and experience in supporting governments and governments systems
- High level of computer literacy
- Excellent interpersonal and team building skills
- Experience with the local circumstances an asset, but not a prerequisite

The position is for a period of one year, with options of extension. Remuneration will be in accordance with MOH-IDB standards and will depend on the qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates should send their applications and CV's by 15 October 2005 to:

Ministry of Health

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