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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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Dear Colleague,

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has launched an Epidemic Intelligence Services (EIS) Programme at National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi in 2012 on the lines of a similar programme of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, USA. India EIS program is two-year training in applied epidemiology in which trainee officers develop skills while working in Indian public health agencies and programs.

2. During their training, the EIS officers complete a prescribed set of public health field activities which includes outbreak/field investigation, analysis and evaluation of surveillance data, epidemiological data analysis, written and oral scientific communication and service to the organization where the officer is placed. Now, the two-year EIS training Programme is also linked to a Master's in Applied Epidemiology (MAE) degree in collaboration with the H.N.B. Medical Education University, Uttarakhand.

3. During the COVID-19 pandemic, EIS officers have played a critical role in supporting the activities of State Health Departments in identifying the populations at risk and the trends occurring in the case numbers. However, COVID-19 pandemic is not the only time that the EIS officers have played an important role as an epidemiologist. The EIS officers have been involved in more than a hundred outbreak investigations since 2012 and around 60 surveillance system evaluations and have suggested implementable recommendations for public health actions.

4. The nominating organizations will benefit from these EIS trained personnel in responding to public health challenges as they will be equipped to effectively address threats of emerging and re-emerging diseases and aid in strengthening of public health system in the organization.

5. Regular employees of Central/State Health Service or equivalent (local bodies) with MBBS Degree and/or MD (Public Health/ Preventive and Social Medicine/ Community Medicine) and/or MD (Clinical or Para-Clinical) and/or Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical and Para-clinical field with relevant experience and age not exceeding 45 years are eligible to apply.

6. We would like to request you to kindly nominate eligible officers from your state for a period of two years for the MAE-India EIS Programme tentatively scheduled to start from August 2022. For further details regarding eligibility and last date for receipt of application please refer to the India EIS- MAE programme brochure available at NCDC website: www.ncdc.gov.in.

Regards .

Yours Sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

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