**Call for Applications**

**Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP)**

The Ministry of Health (MoH) through the Public Health Institute of Malawi (PHIM) in collaboration with the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hereby invites applications from technical staff to participate in the sixth cohort of the Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) in Salima. The staff must be from the MoH or the Department of Animal Health & Livestock Development in the Ministry of Agriculture whose work involves disease surveillance and outbreak preparedness and response.

FETP-Frontline is a premier 3-month in-service program focused on detecting and responding to diseases and events of public health importance or international concern. Participants learn and practice fundamental skills used in front-line surveillance e.g. use of case definitions, disease detection and reporting, outbreak investigation and response, surveillance monitoring and evaluation, and data analysis and interpretation for decision making. The training will provide successful graduates added skills to do their day-to-day surveillance work more effectively and also give them an advantage in their career progression. Graduates will be eligible for participation in intermediate and advanced levels of the FETP program, which are currently in planning stages. As a country, Malawi will strengthen epidemiologic capacity and its response to emergent health threats by having a well-trained public health workforce.

Participants spend 11-13 days in three workshops in the classroom. The remaining 8–10 weeks are spent back at their jobs, where they conduct field projects to practice, implement, and reinforce acquired skills. There will be three workshops which will take place in Salima and are scheduled for 7-11 May 2018, 18-22 June 2018 & 30 July – 1 August 2018. Participants who successfully complete the program receive a certificate of completion signed by MoH and CDC officials.

**Eligibility Requirements**

The workshops are open to technical staff within the Ministry of Health or Ministry of Agriculture based in Salima District. Specific applicant requirements include:

- Working actively in disease surveillance or HIV-related programs in Salima District
- A self-driven individual ready to learn, apply their acquired skills, and support others needing similar skills. **They must have a functional email address. The email address will be tested.**
- A keen interest in improving infectious disease surveillance data quality and use in Malawi
- An interest for becoming a mentor for subsequent cohorts of FETP Frontline participants
- An interest to progress to the intermediate and advanced FETP levels.

Application forms can be downloaded from PHIM website: [malawipublichealth.org](http://malawipublichealth.org) or collected from FETP Secretariat at PHIM offices at the Community Health Sciences Unit (CHSU) in Lilongwe, Area 3 or Salima District Health Office or the DAHLDO for Salima. Completed application forms should be submitted via email to: [setkanyanda@yahoo.com](mailto:setkanyanda@yahoo.com) (copy to: [mmagafu@itech-malawi.org](mailto:mmagafu@itech-malawi.org)). **Please DO NOT use old application forms used for previous cohorts.** Hard copy applications may be delivered to Salima District Health Office or the DAHLDO for Salima. **All applications must be received no later than Wed 11 April 2018 noon.**

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