

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	Veterinary Technician
DIVISION / SECTION:	Global and Tropical Health Division
SUPERVISOR:	Animal Health Epidemiology Officer, Fleming Fund Timor-Leste project
CLASSIFICATION LEVEL:	
SALARY RANGE:	Negotiable
STATUS (FTE):	Full Time
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING DIRECTLY:	0
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING INDIRECTLY:	0

ABOUT MENZIES:

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving Indigenous, global and tropical health. Menzies has a history of over 30 years of scientific discovery and public health achievement. Menzies works with partners across the Asia-Pacific as well as Indigenous communities across northern and central Australia.

The Global and Tropical Health (GTH) Division is committed to tackling key areas of public health concern that impact on the health and wellbeing of people and communities across northern Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. With a focus on translational research we shape our research program through close collaboration with a diverse range of healthcare providers, policy makers and researchers, to target priority health issues. Our aim is to find meaningful and relevant ways to improve the health of people in our region.

THE PROJECT:

The focus of the Fleming Fund Country Grant for Timor-Leste is strengthening the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and antimicrobial use (AMU) surveillance systems and antimicrobial consumption (AMC) data capture in both the human and animal health sectors. The project will facilitate a stronger One Health approach to surveillance, bringing together multi-sectoral stakeholders to share surveillance data and gain a better understanding of AMR, AMU and AMC.

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

The Veterinary Technician will work closely with the National Directorate of Veterinary (NDV) NDV and other collaborators to improve data collection for AMR and AMU.

The role involves implementing the surveillance programme for AMR and AMU, with support and leadership from the Menzies' Animal Health Lead and Animal Health Epidemiology Officer

The position will be based in Dili, Timor-Leste. It will also involve regular travel to other municipalities in Timor-Leste for up to 5 days at a time.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Coordinate and train NDV and municipal animal health service staff on field sampling protocols for AMR surveillance.
2. Coordinate field sample collection with farmers, NDV, municipal animal health service and other stakeholders.
3. Prepare and pack sampling equipment and reagents for field sample collection
4. Coordinate with the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL) on the schedule for sample collection, sample receipt and availability of results
5. Engage with veterinary technicians and farmers to promote sample submission to the VDL
6. Assist with basic data entry and analysis from AMR and AMU surveillance programmes
7. Assist with interviews and engagement sessions to understand antimicrobial use in animals
8. Any other tasks as reasonably required by the supervisor, country manager and project leads

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. A tertiary qualification relevant to the Primary Responsibilities.
2. Experience working in the field of animal health, public health, and/or livestock development.
3. Fluent in Tetum with a moderate level of English.
4. Ability to establish and develop productive partnerships, manage sensitive issues and maintain confidentiality.
5. Strong communication skills
6. Self-motivated with initiative, good judgement and strong problem-solving skills
7. Hold or be able to obtain a National Police Clearance certificate
8. Understanding of and commitment to Menzies values, the principles of Equal Opportunity and contributing to a safe and inclusive workplace

Approved by: Menzies Timor-Leste Country Manager

Date: