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Job title:	Technical Advisor, One Health
Min. Qualification:	Advanced degree (MPH, MSc, or PhD) in Public Health, One Health, Veterinary Medicine, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, or a related field.
Organization:	GIZ Nigeria, RPPP 3 Programme
Place:	Abuja
Salary:	According to GIZ salary scale for Band 4
Closing date of advert	20.05.2026
Background:	<p>GIZ Solutions that work.</p> <p>As a service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work, we are dedicated to shaping a future worth living around the world. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment promotion, energy and the environment, and peace and security. The diverse expertise of our federal enterprise is in demand around the globe – from the German government, European union institutions, the United Nations, the private sector, and governments of other countries. We work with businesses, civil society actors and research institutions, fostering successful interaction between development policy and other policy fields and areas of activity. Our main commissioning party is the German federal ministry for economic cooperation and development (BMZ). The registered offices of GIZ are in Bonn and Eschborn. Our approximately 23,500 employees, almost 70 percent of whom are national personnel, work in around 120 countries (July 2020).</p> <p>GIZ has worked in Nigeria since 1974. Since 2004, GIZ has maintained a country office in the capital city Abuja. Currently 466 national and 63 international employees, 37 regional staff, 4 integrated specialists and 3 development workers are working in the country (January 2025).</p>
The Project:	<p>ECOWAS Regional Pandemic Preparedness Programme (RPPP)</p> <p>As a federal enterprise of the German Government, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH works worldwide to shape a future worth living. For over five decades, GIZ has supported sustainable development and international education across more than 120 countries, partnering with governments, regional organisations, the private sector, civil society, and research institutions. Our work spans a wide range of thematic areas, including</p>

	<p>economic development, health, governance, energy, environment, and peacebuilding, always guided by the principles of innovation, inclusion, and partnership. GIZ's main commissioning party is the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), with additional commissions from the European Union, United Nations, and other bilateral and multilateral partners. The organisation's headquarters are in Bonn and Eschborn, Germany.</p> <p>GIZ has been operational in Nigeria since 1974, maintaining a country office in Abuja since 2004. Across its portfolio, GIZ supports programmes on sustainable economic development, climate and energy, governance, peace and security, and health systems strengthening.</p> <p>The third phase of the Regional Pandemic Preparedness Project Phase III (RPPP3) is commissioned by BMZ and implemented by GIZ on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), through the Regional Centre for Surveillance and Disease Control (RCSDC), and in collaboration with the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) and national public health institutes. RPPP3 supports ECOWAS Member States in implementing the core capacities of the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005), advancing One Health collaboration, and enhancing digital surveillance and response systems for improved pandemic preparedness and resilience.</p>
<p>Responsibilities & tasks:</p>	<p>A. Responsibilities</p> <p>The Technical Advisor supports the implementation of RPPP3 activities related to pandemic preparedness, with a focus on strengthening One Health implementation across ECOWAS countries.</p> <p>The Advisor is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading the implementation of the ECOWAS One Health Strategic Framework (Regional One Health Strategy and Coordination Mechanism) and support alignment of Member States' national policies. • Support the institutionalisation and independent functioning of the Regional One Health Secretariat within RCSDC. • Facilitate the development of regional and national One Health annual activity plans and sustainability roadmaps. • Organise and technically lead the Annual ECOWAS One Health Technical Meeting and related regional technical meetings. • Lead the updating and institutionalisation of the Regional One Health Stakeholder Mapping and maintain a regional inventory of One Health actors and initiatives.

- Strengthen structured partner coordination and reduce duplication of interventions.
- Establish and support a regional One Health Knowledge Repository integrated into the ECOWAS One Health platform.
- Oversee development of bi-annual One Health newsletters and communication materials.
- Coordinating technical working groups under the ECOWAS One Health Secretariat (e.g., on surveillance, rapid response, and zoonotic diseases).
- Providing strategic support for the establishment and strengthening of national One Health platforms and coordination mechanisms.
- Facilitating the adoption of global One Health tools (e.g., Tripartite Zoonoses Guide, SIS-OT) in ECOWAS Member States.
- Liaising with quadripartite partners (WHO, FAO, WOA, UNEP) and regional actors (WAHO, RAHC, Department of Environment, Africa CDC).
- Supporting zoonotic disease prioritization, strategic planning, and national roadmap development.
- Providing technical input for joint outbreak investigations and multisectoral response planning.
- Contributing to the design and rollout of One Health workforce development and joint training activities.
- Drafting technical briefs, guidance notes, and policy reports to inform program implementation and regional decision-making.
- Overseeing project management and coordination of technical assistance, consultancies, and implementation grants to national and regional partners.
- Advising partners on digital health implementation, policy, and system strengthening, ensuring alignment with One Health and pandemic preparedness objectives.

B. Tasks

Management and Coordination

- Liaise closely with Ministries of ECOWAS member states, and counterparts to harmonize priorities, ensure technical coherence, and align with the broader RPPP3 work plan.
- Oversee and manage the technical and financial aspects of cooperation with implementing partners, consultants, and service providers.
- Support the design and execution of training programmes, workshops, and peer-learning events on One Health, surveillance, system maintenance, and data management.

- Ensure that all technical and administrative processes comply with GIZ's quality assurance, documentation, and reporting standards.

2. Communication and Networking

- Maintain strong working relationships with government institutions, development partners, and other GIZ projects supporting One Health.
- Represent RPPP3 and RCSDC in relevant national and regional One Health fora, technical working groups, and coordination platforms.
- Promote structured information sharing and knowledge management through documentation, newsletters, and the One Health Community of Practice.
- Support communication and visibility activities highlighting RPPP3's contributions to regional One Health implementation.

3. Professional Advisory Services

- Provide high-level technical advice to government and regional institutions on the implementation, governance, and sustainability of One Health.
- Contributes to the development of strategic and operational documents such as roadmaps, sustainability frameworks, and capacity-building plans.
- Develop and review Terms of Reference (ToRs), supervise consultancies, and assess deliverables to ensure quality and technical relevance.
- Contribute to RPPP3's Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) framework, including data collection, indicator tracking, and results reporting for Output 2 (One Health).

4. Other Duties / Additional Tasks

- Support cross-component collaboration within RPPP3 (e.g., One Health, coordination, logistics, communication).
- Perform other duties assigned by the supervisor, particularly those that contribute to the overall achievement of RPPP3 objectives in West Africa.

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C. Required qualifications, competences and Experience

Qualifications:

- Advanced degree (MPH, MSc, or PhD) in Public Health, One Health, Veterinary Medicine, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, or a related field.
- At least 7 years of relevant experience in public health, One Health coordination, or cross-sectoral health programming.
- At least 5 years' experience working with One Health actors in one or more ECOWAS member countries.

Professional Experience:

- Experience working with international health institutions, national governments, or regional organizations.
- Demonstrated leadership in One Health coordination or multisectoral governance.
- Familiarity with zoonotic disease control, surveillance systems, and ecosystem health.
- Proven record in developing and operationalizing national or regional strategies.
- Experience working in West Africa or with ECOWAS Member States is highly desirable.
- Ability to manage diverse stakeholder interests and facilitate consensus-based processes.
- Prior experience working with NPHIs in ECOWAS, RCSDC, WAHO or similar regional cooperation contexts is a strong advantage.
- Familiarity with GIZ's project management, reporting, and financial procedures is desirable.
- Experience with pandemic preparedness, IHR core capacities, and One Health approaches will be an asset.

Other knowledge and competencies

- Excellent analytical, coordination, and stakeholder management skills.
- Strong communication and facilitation abilities across multicultural and interdisciplinary teams.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office tools and familiarity with project management software.
- Professional working proficiency in English mandatory; French and/or Portuguese highly desirable.
- Willingness to travel regularly within Nigeria and ECOWAS Member States.

Submission guideline:	<p>You are kindly requested to submit your CV and letter of motivation as one document with complete contact details via email to: recruitment-nigeria@giz.de</p> <p>(please include vacancy no. 036 in mail subject)</p> <p>GIZ is an equal opportunities employer committed to diversity. All qualified candidates, regardless of disability, age, sex, ethnicity, race, and religion are encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</p>
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