



## KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Opening date:** March 15, 2022

**Vacancy:** CGHR/262/03/22

Program description: Population Based Infectious Disease surveillance project is a collaboration between Kenya Medical Research Institute, Washington State University - Global Health Kenya and the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention whose remit is to conduct surveillance in respiratory, febrile and diarrhea illnesses and to evaluate the impact of public health interventions in a rural and urban setting in Kenya. The project has a vacancy as stated below:

**Position:** Laboratory Technologist KMR 8 (1 position). **Location:** Lwak hospital  
**Reporting to:** Study Coordinator

### **Essential Requirements:**

- i. Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology/Science from a recognized institution.
- ii. Registered with Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board (KMLTTB).
- iii. Valid practicing license from Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board (KMLTTB).
- iv. Proficiency in computer applications
- v. Experience and skill in phlebotomy
- vi. Two years' working experience in both field and laboratory work in a research setting is an added advantage.

### **Job description**

The successful candidate will be stationed at the St. Elizabeth Lwak Mission hospital in Siaya County where the Population Based Infectious Disease Surveillance Project is based. Specific duties include the following.

- i. Develop an in-depth understanding of the study protocol and procedures
- ii. Consent study participants for sample collection and ensure that participants are aware of the samples to be collected from them, reason for collection and when results would be ready.
- iii. Collect samples from participants which includes blood, nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs, serum, urine and stool specimens according to the study protocol
- iv. Process, label and package specimens for transportation to the labs according to the standard operating procedures.
- v. Systematic data entry of all collected samples and their details into the Patient Care System.
- vi. Participate in routine laboratory data cleaning as and when required.

- vii. Assist in making calls to participants expected back into the clinic for follow-up
- viii. Monitor the utility levels of medical supplies in the facility and alert clinician in charge for requisitions.
- ix. Maintain strict confidentiality and participant's privacy.
- x. Perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

**Terms of Employment:** One (1) year renewable contract as per KEMRI scheme of service with the first three months as probation.

**Remuneration:** The salary scheme is based on the KEMRI scales.

**Applications should include the following:**

1. Letter of Application (**Indicate Vacancy Number**).
2. Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae with telephone number and e-mail address.
3. Three letters of reference with contact telephone numbers.
4. Copies of Academic Certificates and Transcripts

**Note:** Applications must include copies of certificates, Diplomas and Transcripts. Applications without this will be disregarded.

All the applications to be done through **KEMRI Website** [www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment](http://www.kemri.go.ke/e-recruitment) - **E-Recruitment Portal** on or before **4<sup>th</sup> April 2022** latest 5.00 p.m.

Please visit the KEMRI web site [www.kemri.go.ke](http://www.kemri.go.ke) for more details on the advertisement.

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**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted**