

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### Job Summary

**Position:** Laboratory Technician (1 Post)  
**Reports To:** TB Laboratory Manager  
**Work Station:** Bagamoyo  
**Apply By:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Institute Overview

**Ifakara Health Institute (IHI)** is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research and policy translation.

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The **Ifakara Health Institute** is looking for a qualified **Laboratory Technician** to join the VPM1002 project. He/she will be responsible for performing various experimental laboratory tests in the TB laboratory and Immunology sections. The role includes preparing and analyzing samples, operating laboratory equipment, maintaining records, and ensuring safety and quality standards compliance.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Performing routine and experimental laboratory tests - mainly in the fields of TB laboratory, Immunology, Molecular Biology and Microbiology according to standard operating procedures (SOPs), GCLP and the study protocol in order to produce reliable and precise data for scientific investigations.
- Adhering strictly to safety and hygiene instructions to prevent accidents and exposure to hazardous material.
- Preparation, incubation and extraction of cells from QFT samples.
- Preparing and carrying out studies involving laboratory techniques.
- Reviewing of laboratory standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- Maintaining adequate inventory of laboratory supplies and equipment for day-to-day operation.
- Ensuring precise recording of test results and procedures required to maintain the quality of the laboratory service.
- Carrying out quality control on test procedures according to established laboratory procedures.
- Carrying out maintenance and quality control of laboratory equipment.
- Preparing and storing clinical specimens according to established standard procedures.
- Carrying out or supervising reagent preparation, labeling and storage.
- Participating in relevant network meetings and training activities including conferences, seminars, workshops, forums, etc.; in consultation with the supervisor.
- Assisting in the training and supervision of laboratory new staff, interns and visiting students.
- Performing any other activities as instructed by the supervisor.

### Qualification and Experience

- Diploma in Laboratory Technology, Microbiology or Biotechnology.

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- At least 6 months experience working in a clinical/biomedical research laboratory, preferably in a TB laboratory.

### Skills and Competencies

- Basic knowledge of standard laboratory practice.
- Basic computer skills e.g., MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint and internet.
- Considerable analytical skills.

### Remuneration

An attractive and competitive remuneration package will be offered to successful candidates as per IHI salary scales.

### Equal Opportunity

IHI is an equal opportunity employer. We prohibit intentional biases or discrimination and harassment of any kind at the work place and during recruitment. All employment decisions are based solely on job requirements and individual qualifications, and our recruitment process is governed by the labour laws of Tanzania.

### Mode of Application

All candidates who meet the above job requirements should send their application letters together with their detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) showing contact addresses including email, telephone/cell phone numbers and copies of academic and professional certificates to the email address below.

The **deadline** for this application is **17:00 hrs on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**. All e-mail application subject lines should include: **Laboratory Technician – VPM1002. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.**

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