

Epidemiologist (M/F) - 12-month Fixed-Term Contract, Based in Paris

Paris, France Full-time, 12-month Fixed-Term Contract

About the Organization

Created by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in 1986, Epicentre carries out field epidemiology, training and medical research in support of MSF's humanitarian objectives. We have 3 research centres in France, Niger and Uganda and epidemiologists on site. Our areas of expertise cover infectious diseases (malaria, TB, HIV, cholera, Ebola, etc.), neglected diseases (leishmaniasis, trypanosomiasis, etc.) and chronic diseases that are on the rise in African countries, such as diabetes and cancer.

Job Description

Epicentre is looking for an epidemiologist to join the Department of Field Epidemiology and Training (DEIF). The department's activities include operational research projects and support for MSF operations. The epidemiologist will contribute to the design, planning, implementation, and analysis of observational studies. These may include statistical analyses of surveillance data, population surveys (mortality, nutrition, seroprevalence), and cohort studies (non-exhaustive list).

The epidemiologist will also play a key role in scientific publications and in translating research findings into direct operational recommendations for MSF interventions.

What You Bring

- Design and implement research studies to address operational research questions related to MSF interventions.
- Develop and revise study protocols and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and support field teams in their implementation.
- Provide operational support close to the field, including organizing and monitoring activities and supporting local recruitment.
- Contribute to data management, quality control, and database oversight, including supervising and supporting data entry teams.
- Conduct data analysis using statistical models (e.g., regression, survival analysis, time-series analysis), and write reports and scientific publications.

- Collaborate with MSF operational teams to translate research findings into actionable recommendations.
- Provide support to other epidemiologists on the team as needed.
- Facilitate and organize study-related meetings and advisory committees.
- Demonstrate strong skills in preparing and leading remote meetings (advisory, support, recruitment interviews).
- Integrate into a multidisciplinary, multinational, and highly motivated team.
- Show interest in collective activities and in promoting research principles involving vulnerable populations.
- Act as a facilitator in Epicentre training sessions for MSF staff, as needed.

Qualifications

Education

- Master's degree, university diploma, or high-level certification in epidemiology or biostatistics (required).
- A PhD or equivalent is an asset.

Experience

- Minimum 3 years of proven field epidemiology experience and project coordination, including team management and operational research.
- Experience in epidemiological/statistical analysis or modeling.
- Previous experience with MSF and/or Epicentre or another international NGO (preferably in health) is an asset.

Technical and Interpersonal Skills

- Proficiency in analytical tools/software (Kobo, STATA, QGIS, R).
- Experience interacting with Ministries of Health and other partners.
- Strong skills in report and publication writing.
- Excellent organizational, project management, analytical, and communication skills.
- Ability to meet tight deadlines, prioritize tasks, and maintain attention to detail.

Languages

Fluency in French and English (minimum C1 level required).

Position Details

- Contract Type: 12-month fixed-term, full-time
- Location: Paris, France, with field travel (2 weeks to 2 months)
- Start Date: From September 1st
- Salary: According to Epicentre's salary grid (head office)
- Benefits:
 - 25 days of paid leave + 22 additional days
 - Meal vouchers (€12/day, 60% covered by Epicentre)
 - 100% health insurance coverage
 - 50% reimbursement of public transport in Île-de-France

Why Join Us?

- Join a multicultural and passionate team in epidemiological research.
- Work in a dynamic humanitarian environment.
- Your contributions and ideas are valued.
- Participate in the organization's development and mission evolution.

How to Apply

Please submit your application (CV + cover letter) **by August 17, 2025**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

We value diversity and strive for an inclusive and accessible work environment. We encourage all qualified individuals to apply, regardless of ethnic, national, or cultural background, age, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, disability, or other aspects of identity.

Epicentre is committed to protecting the personal data of its members, employees, and applicants. Data collected during the application process will be shared only with those involved in recruitment, regardless of their Epicentre location.

Note: Female candidates meeting the criteria are strongly encouraged to apply.