

# BoMRA VACANCIES

## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) TO SERVE IN THE ADVERSE EVENTS FOLLOWING IMMUNISATION (AEFI) COMMITTEE OF BOTSWANA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The Botswana Medicines Regulatory Authority (BoMRA) is set up under the Medicines and Related Substances Act (MRSA) of 2013 and was established by the Botswana Government to regulate the supply chain of medicines and related substances, cosmetics and medical devices to ensure their quality, safety and efficacy.

The Authority is calling for expression of interest to serve on the National AEFI Committee as a member and the following shall apply:

### Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee

- i. To provide impartial, independent, high quality, scientific advice and recommendations on matters brought to the Committee.
- ii. The Committee shall make recommendations on risk benefit assessments on the quality, safety and efficacy of the use of vaccines.
- iii. The Committee may make recommendations to the Registration Committee on safety of vaccines post marketing authorization.
- iv. For vaccines that require intensive monitoring (e.g. a new vaccine) the Committee may request additional monitoring measures.
- v. The committee has no Executive Function.
- vi. Members if approached by non-BoMRA sources for their views, comments and statements on matters of public health concern shall refer such enquiries to BoMRA.
- vii. BoMRA will serve as the secretariat, supporting the independent expert committee and facilitate the committee's review (including preparing documents for review).

### Criteria for selection

The Authority is seeking the following technical experts to serve in the AEFI Committee:

- i. Epidemiologist/ Public Health Specialist
- ii. Neurologist
- iii. Microbiologist
- iv. Pharmacologist/ Pharmacist with Clinical experience
- v. Infectious disease specialist
- vi. Paediatrician

Applicants to serve in the Committee should have at least 8 years current experience in their professional practices.

### Term of office of members

Members shall hold office for a period of three (3) years, and shall be

eligible for re-appointment, but may not serve for more than two terms consecutively.

### Eligibility

Eligible candidates should be individuals of high calibre and persons who have distinguished themselves in line with the criteria above. They must possess high degree of integrity and probity; precision in execution of work with attention to detail; good judgement; tact and discretion in the handling of confidential files and information.

### Application Procedure

Persons with the requisite competencies are hereby invited to submit a letter of motivation and a brief Curriculum Vitae (CV) of maximum length of 3 pages, to fill the said positions. The brief CV should highlight the academic and professional qualifications, positions occupied starting with the current or most recent, past and current committee/board membership, in that order. Certified copy of Identity document should also be provided.

### Short listed candidates will be contacted for interview

Non-compliant submissions will not be considered, and late submissions will not be accepted.

The application should be sent by email or delivered to the address below:

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The closing date for applications is **3rd September 2024**.