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Junior Professional Officer

Access to health commodities and collaboration with global health initiatives

World Health Organization

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I General information

Title:	Technical Officer
Sector of Assignment:	Access to health commodities and collaboration with global health initiatives
Country:	Switzerland
Location (City):	Geneva
Agency:	World Health Organization
Duration of Assignment:	Initially one year with the possibility to extend up to a maximum total of 3 years
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year

Note : this post is opened in the context of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) scheme sponsored by the Government of the Netherlands and is addressed exclusively to **PEOPLE WITH THE DUTCH NATIONALITY**. For criteria see the website of Nedworc Foundation:

<http://www.nedworcfoundation.nl/Index.htm?hoofdpath=/NL/JPO/General%20Information.htm&hoofdhash>

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II Duties, responsibilities and Output Expectations

General

The Junior Professional Officer will assist the Office of the Assistant Director-General in liaising with existing and new counterparts in global health initiatives and collaborative organizations. Throughout the assignment, the JPO will collaborate across teams in the cluster; across the Organization as well as with relevant regional and global health initiatives (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, GAVI Alliance, Global Financing Facility, UNITAID..) and United Nations organizations.

Expected Outputs:

At the end of the assignment, the JPO will have contributed to establish and maintain collaborative relations between the WHO Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals cluster and relevant global health initiatives, organizations and foundations working in health; and will have contributed to WHO's capacity to respond to the growing request from Member States for advice and technical assistance to improve access to essential health commodities as part of their Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development Goal agendas.

1. *Liaising with existing and new counterparts in global health initiatives and collaborative organizations*

Summary of duties and expected output/tasks

- Assist in establishing, maintaining and liaising with counterparts in relevant global health initiatives and collaborative organizations (30%);

2. *Contributing to WHO's capacity to respond to the growing request from Member States for advice and technical assistance*

Summary of duties and expected output

- Assist in the preparation of presentations, technical documents and concept notes for technical and coordination meetings/events; WHO briefing seminars and events for the World Health Assembly (30%);
- Assist in the development of concept notes, project/programme proposals, donor reports and relevant correspondence (20%);
- Undertake research and produce information to expand the base of donors and collaborative partners (10%);
- Contribute to the development of communication and advocacy materials (10%)

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

Upon completion of the assignment the JPO will have:

- Gained experience from working in the United Nations. Understanding the workings of the international development community.

On-the-job training, including duty travel to WHO Regional/Country Offices and interactions with government and partners from WHO Collaborating Centres, United Nations agencies, donor governments and international, regional and national institutions working in health.

- Developed experience in building international and regional partnerships and an understanding of the international development donor community.

On-the-job training, including duty travel to WHO Country Offices and interactions with governments, United Nations agencies, international, regional and national public and private institutions with interest in global health.

- Gained knowledge of project planning, implementation, management and coordination.

On-the-job training through working with partners at regional and country level.

The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:

- The JPO position includes a Duty travel and training allowance (DTTA) of \$4000 per year which may be used for learning activities related to the assignment and career development.

IV Supervision

Title of supervisor: External Relations, Office of the Assistant Director-General, Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals cluster

Content and methodology of supervision

The work objectives and the expected outcome are discussed and agreed upon by the JPO and supervisor within the first four weeks of assignment. They are evaluated every six months by the supervisor against WHO's Performance Management and Development System (ePMDS+). In addition, there will be regular meetings with the supervisor throughout the assignment. In the regular meetings progress is evaluated, challenges are discussed and plans are finalized together. In addition, team meetings will be held and will take place on different aspects of the work. Learning activities and developmental opportunities form part of the ePMDS+.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Minimum: Master degree or equivalent in business administration, social sciences, public health, health policy, development studies, international relations or relevant field.

Desireable: Training in project management

Working experience :

Minimum: Two to a maximum of 4 years' relevant work experience,

Desirable: Professional experience in an international organization, or at country level would be an asset.

Languages :

Minimum: Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English

Desirable: Knowledge of other UN official languages would be an asset

Key competencies

- Communication
- Producing results
- Team work
- Moving forward in a changing environment
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural difference

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

The Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals cluster works with Member States and partners to improve access to quality assured essential medicines and other health technologies and to promote their rational use. The cluster works with other units across the Organization in the wider framework of health system strengthening and Universal Health Coverage and cooperates with other programmes (including HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, reproductive health, maternal and child health, immunization, non-communicable diseases and mental health) towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. WHO works with a wide range of UN organizations, international partners, expert networks and WHO Collaborating Centres. The cluster has two large areas of work: (1) the Regulation of Medicines and other Health Technologies Unit (medicines, vaccines, other biologicals, blood products, medical devices, and diagnostics) which includes normative and standard setting work; prequalification of medicines, vaccines and diagnostics for UN and international procurement; strengthening of regulatory authorities and networks; and safety and vigilance of health technologies, including work related to substandard and falsified medical products; and 2) Innovation, Access and Use Unit which includes the WHO Expert Committee of Selection and Use of Essential Medicines and the WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence; and work on national policies, procurement, supply management and pricing of health technologies; and public health, innovation and intellectual property, including implementation of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, which also encompasses work on local production and transfer of technology.

VIII How to apply

For application please use the following link:

https://jobs.partneragencies.net/erecruitjobs.html?JobOpeningId=15850&hrs_jo_pst_seq=1&hrs_site_id=2

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission
Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

