# Advertisement

Junior Professional Officer

# Nutrition Officer

# World Food Programme



Deadline for Applications: 17 May 2015

I General information	
Title:	Nutrition Officer
Country:	Ethiopia
Location (City):	Addis Ababa
Agency:	United Nations World Food Programme
Unit:	Programme Unit
Duration of Assignment:	Initially one year with the possibility to extend up to 3 years
Grade:	P1 step 1 or P2 step 1 in the first year, depending on the
	level of education and relevant working experience

**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 **candidates from developing countries**. Candidates **MUST BE NATIONALS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT APPEAR ON THE LIST OF THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES FOR THE DUTCH JPO PROGRAMME**:

http://www.nedworcfoundation.nl/pdf/List%20of%20eligible%20developing%20countries%20-%202015.pdf

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

WFP in Ethiopia has three large operations: a humanitarian PRRO with three components ranging from relief food assistance, support safety nets and nutrition support through targeted supplementary feeding programmes. A separate PRRO handles refugee operations wherein, there are nutrition interventions for the refugees. And a longer-term Country Programme with three main components; namely, school feeding, support o urban hiv-aids and a community-based environment rehabilitation programme (meret). Hence, the Nutrition team provides technical support and oversight on nutrition issues for the various projects under the different operations including various nutrition interventions in camps for refugees, a targeted Supplementary feeding, a preventive programme, and linkages with the Productive Safety Net Project and the resilience strategy initiatives.

# **Duties and responsibilities**

Under the direct supervision of Head of Nutrition Team and general supervision of the Head of Programmes, the JPO will perform the following responsibilities:

- Strengthening the coordination and implementation of WFP's nutrition strategies, policies, and activities;
- Provide technical advice on nutrition to programme partners and to WFP field offices;

- Information sharing on key nutrition issues with nutrition focal points in Ministry of Health, partners, UN sister agencies and the donor community;
- Backstopping for technical advice for nutrition-related studies/surveys in the country;
- Reviewing project-related documents, including but not limited to new operations, budget revisions, evaluations, etc;
- Ensure linkages with nutritional outcomes for the various resilience building activities as well as other partner programmes (psnp)
- Strengthening information exchange and operational linkages between WFP and key stakeholders;
- Actively engaging during inter-agency coordination and sectorial meetings and consultations organized at national level;
- Planning, collecting and analysing data;
- Building food and nutrition capacity among the staff in WFP as well as within the Government Ministries and implementing partners.
- Participate in nutritional advocacy forums.

# III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

At the end of the JPO assignment, the JPO should have:

- Very good knowledge of food and nutrition issues, including current situation, causes, scale, programmatic responses, assessment and evaluation methodologies, monitoring and evaluation methodologies, etc;
- Very good understanding of WFP overall operations and activities in Ethiopia, as well as, related activities of other key actors in humanitarian and development contexts;
- Significant and varied experience in all aspects of nutrition programming.

The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:

- JPO Induction briefing at WFP Headquarters in Rome, Italy (WFP, the JPO Unit, HR/Contract and entitlements, induction to the specific functional area);
- JPO Seminar (one week) at WFP Headquarters in Rome, Italy (Increase knowledge of WFP and its main programme and activities, new initiatives);
- JPO Training Budget to improve specific skills/competencies identified;
- The JPO position includes a Duty Travel and Training Allowance (DTTA) of \$4,000 per year which may be used for learning activities related to the assignment and personal career development.

# **IV** Supervision

# Title of supervisor: External Relations Officer

#### Content and methodology of supervision

The Head of Nutrition team (P4 level) will review the work through close and regular consultation, in the form of technical support and confirmation that the right approach is taken that follow corporate guidelines. Initially the day-to-day management will include a training programme focused on field visits, formal trainings and attending technical meetings.

# V Required Qualifications and Experience

# Education

• Master degree or equivalent in the field of nutrition, public health, food sciences or related discipline. A first-level university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in combination with qualifying experience (at least 3 years of relevant working experience) may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.

#### Working experience

• Preferably 2 to **maximal** 4 years of professional progressively responsible, job related experience in international nutrition;

- Strong knowledge in public health nutrition activities in development and emergency contexts including practical experience in the design, planning, implementation, monitoring & evaluation of nutrition or health interventions;
- Previous experience with food security programs is an asset.
- Working experience in (East) Africa is desirable.

### Languages

Excellent written and oral skills in English is required. Intermediate knowledge of another UN official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish) is an asset.

#### Key competencies and technical skills

- Excellent analysis and drafting skills are required;
- Writing technical reports and leading conversations/meetings in excellent English;
- Good analytical, planning and organization skills; resourcefulness and maturity of judgement; ability to work in a team and establish effective working relations with persons of different national and cultural backgrounds;
- Ability to engage effectively at working level with a wide range of actors including those in the international humanitarian community and governments;
- Flexibility in accepting work assignments outside regular job description;
- Ability to work under tight deadlines and simultaneously manage multiple tasks in an autonomous manner;
- Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook). Statistical skills (ENA, SPSS, EPI, SAS or other) are desirable.

# **VI Background information**

### World Food Programme (<u>www.wfp.prg</u>)

Building a world with zero hunger

WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. Each year, on average, WFP provides food assistance to more than 90 million people in 80 countries. In emergencies, we get food to where it is needed, saving the lives of victims of war, civil conflict and natural disasters. After the cause of an emergency has passed, we use food to help communities rebuild their shattered lives. WFP is part of the United Nations system.

To learn more, watch the video outlining our mission. http://www.wfp.org/videos/fighting-hunger-worldwide

#### WFP in Ethiopia

WFP has been operating in Ethiopia since 1968 and is the largest humanitarian agency in the country. It has field presence in 14 locations in all Regions of the country. Its programme portfolio is approximately US\$ 500 million per year with over 700 staff in the country.

#### **Living Conditions**

Addis, Ababa, Ethiopia is a family duty station. **Security:** Ethiopia is generally stable and is one of the safest family duty stations in Africa. **Temporary housing:** Many hotels (one star to five star) and guesthouses exist in Addis Ababa. **Permanent housing:** The best way to go about finding a house is word of mouth. Colleagues and friends will either let you know of a house being available or put you in touch with a real estate agent and/or notice boards at supermarkets/schools/clubs for listings of houses available as well as the local newspapers. **Schools:** Staff arriving in Addis Ababa with school age children can enrol them in one of the International Community Schools whose curriculum/standard best suits their requirements. For younger children, there are many local preschools available but if you're looking for one that operates solely or partially in English, your options are limited. Both ICS and Sandford have a pre-school that accept children who turn three years old by September. **Weather/Clothing:** In Addis Ababa, staff wear light to medium weight clothing for most

of the year. Nevertheless, warm clothing in the evenings of December to March, and a raincoat/umbrella for the rainy seasons are a must for all stations.

# VIII How to apply

Go to: http://i-recruitment.wfp.org/vacancies/15-0017709

Step 1: Create your online CV.

Step 2: Click on "Description" to read the requirements and "Apply" to submit your application.

Closing date: 17 May 2015

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.