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Junior Professional Officer

Programme Officer (Nutritionist)

Organisation:

World Food Programme

Closing date:

29 September 2013



I General information

Title:	Programme Officer (Nutritionist)
Sector of Assignment:	Nutrition
Country:	Bangladesh
Location (City):	Dhaka
Agency:	United Nations World Food Programme
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 **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&hofdhash>

II Duties, responsibilities and Output Expectations

General

Bangladesh is among the countries with the highest under nutrition rates in the world. Both chronic and acute under nutrition, as well as anemia, are above or close to emergency thresholds: Close to two million children are wasted and close to 8 million children are stunted. Among the multi-faceted causes of under nutrition household food insecurity, disease and inappropriate infant & young child feeding practices are key contributing factors.

WFP Bangladesh has positioned itself more strongly among the key stakeholders in nutrition. WFP is planning to work closely with the Bangladesh Government's National Nutrition Services and scale up its community nutrition component to reach around 350,000 undernourished women and children per year as well as prevent under nutrition of many more.

Under the overall supervision of the Head of Programme and the direct supervision of the Head of Nutrition and in close collaboration with sub-office and other programme section staff, the selected candidate will perform the following tasks after familiarisation with the local context and WFP's policies and strategies:

- Contribute to the implementation of the Bangladesh Country Programme 2012-2016 Component 'Improving Maternal and Child Nutrition' which focuses on preventing and addressing child under-nutrition and its underlying causes in rural areas as well as urban slums of Bangladesh
- Contribute to timely and appropriate programme planning;

- Support communication and follow up with NGO partners and other stakeholders;
- Provide support and guidance to the sub-office office teams in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programme;
- Contribute to managing the programme budget;
- Contribute to the design of innovative nutrition approaches and to designing and reviewing the results of respective baseline and outcome surveys as well as the dissemination of results;
- Ensure programme data from the monitoring system is appropriately analysed, communicated and used for programme improvements;
- Report on programme progress to donors and contribute to WFP standard reporting;
- Share regular lessons learnt and best practices of the programme with various stakeholders;
- Contribute to ensuring the overall alignment of the programme with the Government's approach to the delivery of nutrition services in the country; and
- Contribute to nutrition coordination efforts with key UN agencies, i.e. UNICEF, WHO and FAO.
- Contribute to the country office's learning and knowledge management on nutrition and food security programmes;
- Contribute to working with the private sector on rice fortification and the local production of a tested complementary food supplement to prevent child under nutrition;
- Support strengthening nutrition capacity among WFP staff, NGO partners and government counterparts through providing training and capacity support.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

Upon completion of the assignment the JPO will learn:

- WFP's policies and guidance on food and nutrition and how to apply it to projects;
- WFP's corporate reporting system and requirements for nutrition interventions;
- How to manage a WFP maternal and child nutrition programme including planning, monitoring, evaluating, reporting and engaging in partnerships with government, NGOs and other UN agencies;
- How to analyse, manage and communicate nutrition programme information / knowledge.

Expectations

- The JPO has contributed to managing the implementation of the maternal and child nutrition programme from planning to reporting stage in line with WFP's standard practices
- The JPO has contributed to the country office's endeavour to strengthen the programme

<p>analysis of its nutrition programs and the communication of its results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The JPO has participated in building capacities of WFP staff and its partners in general understanding of nutrition concepts and aspects of nutrition programming
<p>The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>IV Supervision</p>
<p>Title of supervisor: Head of Nutrition</p>
<p>Content and methodology of supervision</p> <p>The JPO will report directly to the international Head of Nutrition who will assume the overall supervision of the JPO including establishing individual work plans and its follow up, learning and development plan. The JPO's work will be part of the Country Office's Nutrition Unit Workplan which is part of the overall Programme Section's Yearly Workplan.</p>
<p>V Required Qualifications and Experience</p>
<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters degree in the field of nutrition, public health, community nutrition or related field.
<p>Working experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferably 2 to a maximum of 4 years of relevant professional experience • Previous work experience in the humanitarian and/or development sector in developing countries is considered as an asset • Experience working in nutrition programme in a developing country is an advantage • Previous exposure to WFP, UNICEF, WHO or FAO work related to nutrition is an advantage • Ms Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
<p>Languages</p> <p>Working knowledge of English (proficiency/level C) and intermediate knowledge of another UN official language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish).</p>
<p>Key competencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to write clearly and concisely for different audiences; • Ability to establish priorities, plan, coordinate and organise own work plan; • Resourcefulness, initiative, maturity, tact, advocacy skills; • Excellent analytical, conceptual, communication and report writing skills in English; • Ability to establish and maintain good working relations with people of different national and cultural backgrounds; • Ability to deal patiently and tactfully with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.
<p>VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section</p> <p>The World Food Programme (www.wfp.org) is the world's largest humanitarian agency, fighting hunger worldwide.</p> <p>In Bangladesh, WFP aims to improve the long-term food security and nutritional well-being of people</p>

living in the poorest and most food insecure communities, both in rural and urban areas. WFP has been assisting the poorest people of Bangladesh since 1974 and has assisted more than 155 million people through development programmes over the past 39 years. In close cooperation with the Government, local and international NGOs and UN partners, WFP fights undernutrition throughout the life cycle. With nutritious food rations and behaviour change communication WFP reaches pregnant women and nursing mothers, young children, pre- and primary school students and ultra-poor and food insecure adults. Additional information is available here:

<http://www.wfp.org/countries/bangladesh>

VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station

Bangladesh, on the northern coast of the Bay of Bengal is surrounded by India with a small common border with Myanmar in the southeast. Bangladesh has a tropical monsoon climate with a distinct dry season in the winter. Dhaka is the capital and largest city of Bangladesh. The security situation is generally calm and stable (UN Security Level-2 Low). Additional information is available here:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh>

VIII How to apply

Go to: <http://i-recruitment.wfp.org/vacancies/13-0014538>

Step 1: Create your online CV.

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

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Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.