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Junior Professional Officer

Technical Officer Humanitarian Response and Disease Prevention

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I General information	
Title:	Technical Officer
Sector of Assignment:	Humanitarian Response and Disease Prevention and Control
Country:	Mozambique
Location (City):	Maputo
Agency:	World Health Organization
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:

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Please read the criteria and FAQ section carefully before considering applying

II Duties, responsibilities and Output Expectations

General

The Junior Professional Officer will work in the WHO Country Office in Mozambique (WCO Moz) under the overall guidance of the WHO Representative, the direct supervision of the Technical Officer responsible for emergency preparedness and response and in collaboration with the technical officers of the DPC cluster. The Junior Professional Officer will be expected to contribute to 1) WHO's role in the humanitarian response during public health emergencies and 2) prevention and control of communicable diseases.

Responsibility 1

Summary of duties

• Contribute to WHO's preparedness response in public health emergencies.

Expected outputs:

• Conduct health situation analyses, needs assessments, development of national plans, policies of

guidelines, using international norms and standards.

 Participate in emergency response, including resource mobilization, capacity building and communication.

Responsibility 2

Summary of duties

• Contribute to strengthening communicable disease outbreak preparedness and response at country level.

Expected outputs:

- Assess current capacities, train and supervise health workers to detect and manage communicable disease outbreaks.
- Develop and review manuals for Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR).
- Share information and advocate for application of International Health Regulations (IHR) and Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDS).

Responsibility 3

Summary of duties

• Assist in generating knowledge, producing information and building partnerships.

Expected outputs:

- Collect, analyze and report epidemiological data and operational information about public health emergencies, epidemic-prone and communicable diseases.
- Produce health information, develop project proposals and train health workers on emergency response and preparedness.
- Collaborate and coordinate with stakeholders and build partnerships for health emergency response and communicable disease control.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

Upon completion of the assignment the Junior Professional Officer will have/ will be able to:

- Gain experience in responding to epidemic- prone diseases outbreaks and managing public health emergencies
- Develop considerable technical skills in prevention and control of communicable diseases
- Apply and advocate for international health regulations and integrated disease surveillance
- Achieve competencies in working in a demanding and culturally different environment

The Junior Professional Officer training programme includes the following learning elements:

- Mentoring
- On the job training and assignments
- Participation in emergency response activities
- Participation in workshop, technical meetings
- The Junior Professional Officer 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 career development.

IV Supervision

Title of supervisor: WHO Representative, WHO Country Office in Mozambique

Content and methodology of supervision:

The progress towards achieving the objectives will be evaluated annually by the JPO together with the first and second level supervisors. Achievement will be against WHO's Performance Management and Development System (ePMDS+).

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Master degree or equivalent.

Field of study: Medicine

Desirable: Training in public health, epidemiology, or infectious diseases.

A first-level university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in combination with qualifying experience (4 years of relevant working experience, but not more than 5 years) may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree".

Part of the candidates' academic training <u>must have taken place in a developing country</u> that appears on the following list of eligible countries of the Dutch JPO Programme.

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Working experience:

Two to maximum 4 years relevant working experience. Experience preferably in public health. Desirable: Work experience in a developing country and/or humanitarian response.

Languages: Fluency in English and working knowledge of Portuguese or Spanish

Key competencies

- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences. Relates and works well with people
 of different culture, gender and background.
- Producing results. Is organized, produces quality results and sees tasks through to completion.
 Analyses and summarises information and data in a logical manner.
- Knowing and managing yourself. Takes initiative and adapts readily and efficiently to changing
 priorities and demands. Shows willingness to learn and seeks feedback to improve skills,
 knowledge and performance.

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

About WHO: Please see our website http://www.who.int/about/en/.

The Disease and Prevention Control cluster is responsible for responding to public health emergencies and outbreaks of epidemic-prone diseases. WHO Country Office leads the health cluster in any humanitarian response. The cluster also encompasses the technical programs for preventing and controlling communicable and not communicable diseases.

VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station

Security: Most visits to Mozambique are trouble-free, but street crime, sometimes involving knives and firearms, is common in Maputo and increasing in other cities and tourist destinations. Bagsnatching and pick-pocketing also occur.

Housing: Housing in Maputo is expensive for what you get – and sometimes you may have to compromise a bit or lower your expectations.

Medical Services: In 2011, the UN Administration and Procurement Working Group completed a survey and tender of medical facilities in the major centers in Mozambique, namely Maputo, Nampula and Beira. Long term agreements and contracts are now in place with the most suitable service providers

Schooling: There are a variety of schools in Maputo which cater for different ages and tuition in

different languages.

Working restrictions for partners: Your spouse's residence visa is not a work permit in Mozambique. If your spouse gets a local job he/she is required to enter the country by invitation of the new employer. Spouses to UN employees are not dependent according to Mozambique law if he/ she has a local employment.

VIII How to apply

Please complete the P11 form http://sas.undp.org/Documents/P11 Personal history form.docx and attach it with a cover letter to your online application at this link https://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=57275

For more details about this vacancy and the JPO Programme, please visit http://www.jposc.undp.org

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