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Junior Professional Officer

Sexual and Reproductive Health

WHO Closing date: 24 June 2014



I General information

Title:	Technical Officer Sexual and Reproductive Health
Sector of Assignment:	Maternal and Child Health Team
Country:	Papua New Guinea
Location (City):	Port Moresby
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 **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>

II Duties, responsibilities and Output Expectations

General

To provide support to the National Department of Health, Family Health Branch, under the supervision and mentoring of the WHO Team Leader Maternal and Child Health, in the implementation of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy. The recently approved Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy will guide the planning and implementation of the interventions in the areas of family planning, maternal and neonatal health, sexually transmitted diseases, parents to child transmission (specifically prevention of HIV and elimination of congenital syphilis), adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health, and gender for the period 2014-2020.

Responsibility 1

Summary of duties and expected output

- Acquire knowledge about the past and present development of sexual and reproductive health in country and acquaint herself/himself with where the major gaps and constraints are in addressing universal coverage of sexual and reproductive health services.
- Work with national staff and UN staff to strengthen team competency and autonomy in decision making of the sexual and reproductive health program.
- Contribute to revision, timely finalization and dissemination of national standards, guidelines, reports and evidence based documents on sexual and reproductive health.
- Output: Improved work efficiency and coordination of the team with timely planning and implementation of activities and timely delivery of progress report of activities.

- Output: Decision Making Tool for Family Planning disseminated and health workers oriented on its use.

Responsibility 2

Summary of duties and expected output

- Contribute to monitoring and evaluation of Sexual and Reproductive Health program and to conduct program reviews.
- Output: Data analysis, presentations and summary reports developed to be used for strengthening sexual and reproductive health program.

Responsibility 3

Summary of duties and expected output

- Contribute to the organization of managerial and technical meetings in and outside WHO office.
- Participate to provincial and district supervision and support team visits (national staff and WHO/UN technical officers).
- Output: Annual Maternal and Perinatal Death Review national meeting conducted in collaboration with counterpart and UN partners.
- Output: Better coordination with provincial and district health authorities; timely delivery of progress reports, bringing together field experience from selected districts/areas of implementation, and other documents prepared according to the needs of MCH team.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

Upon completion of the assignment the JPO will be able to provide support for strengthening sexual and reproductive health programs, analyse data from the health information system and other sources, conduct integrated supervision visits and program reviews, and advocate for scaling up sexual and reproductive health interventions.

Expected competencies to be developed

- Capacity to understand and support the management of sexual and reproductive health program
- Capacity to understand and contextualise the evidence based guidelines promoted by WHO to the country situation
- Knowledge of recommended sexual and reproductive health indicators and capacity to analyse and promote their use for strengthening program management
- Capacity to organise the logistics and technical part of a supportive supervision visit, coordination with national and provincial counterparts, workshops and meetings.

The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:

- Reading of background documents and discussion with supervisor as needed
- Working daily under supervision, making use of the experience of colleagues in the office
- Gathering and analysing data and preparing summaries and reports as needed
- Active participation in the planning, organisation, implementation and reporting of field visits, program reviews, workshops and meetings with WHO and NDOH.
- Opportunity to attend relevant specialised short courses

IV Supervision

Title of supervisor: Team Leader Maternal and Child Health

Content and methodology of supervision

Supervision will be provided according to WHO system

- with development of an annual work plan, quarterly plan reviews,

- with performance assessed based on the achievement of expected results;
- closed supervision will be provided through weekly meetings with the supervisor and through interaction with experienced members of WHO office.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Advanced university degree in Public Health, Sexual and Reproductive Health or related subject

Working experience :

Preferably 2 to a maximum of 4 years relevant working experience, including experience obtained in developing countries, in the areas of public health or sexual and reproductive health or maternal and child health. Experience of working at provincial or district level.

Familiarity with UN system can be an asset.

Languages : Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English

Key competencies

- Knowledge of public health and familiarity with key sexual and reproductive health
- Respecting and promoting individual and culture differences and ability to work in team
- Producing timely results
- Good communications skills
- Proven competency in information technology, use of personal computer (Microsoft applications, word processor, spread sheets)

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

WHO currently supports the Papua New Guinea National Department of Health's (NdoH) efforts to improve sexual and reproductive health by helping to build health sector capacity to develop, organize, manage, and sustain long term policies and programmes.

The primary objective of the MCH team is to support the National Department of Health in improving sexual and reproductive health services, working towards the reduction of maternal and child mortality and malnutrition and supporting the health sector response through planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation of reproductive, maternal and child health programs. The program supports adaptation, adoption and dissemination of WHO technical guidance to improve sexual and reproductive health; technical advice to the Government in enhancing sexual and reproductive health awareness within and outside NDoH; and implementation of strategies to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes in line with the WHO guidelines and policies. For details on the WHO programs in Papua New Guinea please visit the WHO website <http://www.wpro.who.int/en/>

VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station

The incumbent will live in Port Moresby where most of the economic and social amenities are available. Depending on living arrangements, housing can be very expensive.

Security is an issue in Papua New Guinea and this causes limitations in staff movement, however to improve staff security UN provide radio, safe transport to work, and security escort when required.

There are working opportunities for partners interested in development, particularly health and education.

Port Moresby has a humid tropical climate, with two seasons. Summers, between November to March are hot with plenty of rain, while winters, from March to October, are hot and dry. Papua New Guinea is considered one of the top locations for scuba diving.

VIII How to apply

Applications can only be done through the following web-link:

http://www.jposc.org/content/programme/current_vacancies-en.html

http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?cur_job_id=46690

Applications must be received no later than **24 June 2014**. Applications received after this date will not be considered

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