

# Advertisement

Junior Professional Officer  
Maternal Health  
Closing date: 22 October 2013  
for **Dutch Nationals only**



## I General information

<b>Title:</b>	Maternal Health Analyst
<b>Sector of Assignment:</b>	Maternal Health
<b>Country:</b>	Mauritania
<b>Location (City):</b>	Nouakchott
<b>Agency:</b>	UNFPA
<b>Duration of Assignment:</b>	Initially one year with the possibility to extend up to 3 years
<b>Grade:</b>	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

The UNFPA Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme is intended to provide on-the-job training for young professionals who wish to obtain practical experience in development assistance. It gives them an opportunity to acquire professional knowledge in population projects in a developing country.

In view of UNFPA new strategic goal focusing on accelerating progress towards MDG 5 and based on the cluster approach, the Junior Professional Officer will work within the team of experts on Women's Health to ensure all strategic interventions aiming at reducing maternal mortality in Mauritania are implemented.

#### 1. Responsibility

- Responsibilities will include promoting Family Planning and ensuring access to Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC).

For more detailed duties and responsibilities for this post, please visit the following website:

<https://erecruit.partneragencies.org>

## III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

Upon completion of the assignment the JPO will have/ will be able to:

- Appraise and prepare projects addressing maternal mortality reduction
- Write assessment reports on the subject of reproductive health services
- Monitor progress in alleviating the burden of maternal death
- Prepare project budgets

The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:

- Pre-departure Briefing
- Induction Course
- Annual duty related travel and training

- Thematic workshops and on the job training

## **IV Supervision**

**Title of supervisor:** UNFPA Representative and Assistant Representative

### **Content and methodology of supervision**

- Job-related guidance in a timely, constructive and appropriate manner is provided on a continuous basis.
- The functions of all staff and what is required of the JPO and how this relates to the overall mandate of UNFPA will be explained.
- All necessary information, rules, policies, equipment and other tools required will be provided.
- The JPO will have opportunities to use his/her skills and abilities fully and to contribute to the work of the office to the best of his/her abilities.
- Supervisors will take an overall interest in the JPO's development and provide encouragement and advice on how the JPO can realize his/her potential.
- There will be opportunities for the JPO to express his/her views on work-related matters.

## **V Required Qualifications and Experience**

### **Education:**

An advanced university degree in the social sciences or related fields; specialized knowledge in the field of Reproductive Health.

### **Working experience :**

Preferably 2 to maximal 4 years relevant working experience in maternal health. Prior experience in developing countries is an asset.

**Languages :** Fluency in French. Knowledge of English and another UN language is an asset.

### **Key competencies**

- Valuing Diversity
- Working in Teams
- Integrity/Commitment to the mandate
- Self and conflict management
- Communicating information and ideas

## **VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section**

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania in north-western Africa is a vast, sparsely populated country. Three quarters of its land is desert or semi-desert. The population is young and growing, and the adolescent birth rate is high. Responding to unmet maternal and newborn health needs is challenging. Maternal mortality remains high, even if it has decreased by 30 percent in the past 20 years. Very few facilities provide basic emergency obstetric and newborn care. The national policy and strategic health plan, published in 2009, focuses on maternal and child health, and an observatory of human resources for health has recently been launched. The government has introduced a voluntary fixed-rate prepaid scheme covering pregnancy and birth (le 'forfait obstétrical'), which has now been extended to large parts of the country.

## **VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station**

Mauritania is a multiracial country. The languages spoken in the country include Pular, wWlof, Soninke and Hassania. Arabic is the official language though UN agencies staff usually work in French. Normal working days of the week are from Sunday to Thursday COB from 8:00 am to 16H30 with a break of 1H. The local currency is the Mauritanian Ouguiya (UM or MRO).

## **VIII How to apply**

UNFPA has established an electronic application management system. This allows applicants to create a candidate profile, which can be updated regularly and submitted for more than one vacancy.

Download the Step by Step Guide to Applying in the E-Recruit System of UNFPA at <http://www.unfpa.org/files/live/sites/unfpa/files/Documents/DHR/Step%20by%20step%20guide%20to%20applying%20online.pdf>

Please print out the Guide for your reference during the registration and application process.

Notice: There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process. UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.

For application please go to: <https://erecruit.partneragencies.org> Job ID 2327

Applications should be in latest by **22 October 5pm NY time.**

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

The successful candidate needs to be able to start the assignment as soon as possible.