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For 60 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.

Child Protection Officer, P-1/P-2, Colombo, Sri Lanka (JPO position)

**Vacancy No: E - V N - 2 0 1 1 -
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Post Level: P1/P2

Duty Station: Colombo

Position#: JPO201101

Country: Sri Lanka

Application Close: 27-Oct-11

Region: ROSA

Contract Type: Fixed-Term (1 -2 years)

Purpose of the Position

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 (see the criteria in the website of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs below).

Under the supervision of the Chief, Child Protection, you will support capacity building of government institutions at national and sub national levels in the areas of social and legal protection.

Key Expected Results

- Support the availability of accurate, complete and up to date information required for effective Child Protection programme and project design, implementation, management, monitoring and evaluation.
- Enhance project efficiency through implementation follow up, including monitoring UNICEF inputs. Undertakes ongoing visits to UNICEF project sites, monitors UNICEF inputs.
- Drafts relevant sections of reports required for donors, management, annual reports. Assist in the drafting of Country Programme Recommendation and other project documentation, assuring accuracy and consistency with established rules, regulations and action plans.
- Compile Child Protection project implementation training and orientation materials to promote knowledge sharing with donors, media etc.
- Team with local Government counterparts to exchange information on Child Protection.

Qualifications of Successful Candidate

Education: University degree in one of the relevant areas- International Law, Human Rights, or Social Science. A combination of a university degree at the BSc or BA level and a minimum three years of experience is considered equivalent to a university degree at the MSc or MA level.

Work experience: Bachelor's degree and 3 years of relevant experience or Master's degree and preferably 2 years of



relevant professional work experience on human rights issues, child protection. Working in emergency situations in developing countries is an asset.

Candidates will less than two years relevant experience and who have earned a university degree at the MSc or MA level will be appointed at the P-1 level.

Language: Fluency in English, and another UN language.

Competencies of Successful Candidate

Planning and organizing
Communication skills
Ability to work in a multicultural environment
Good interpersonal skills
Good advocacy, analytical skills
Teamwork/working with people
Drive for results

Remarks

UNICEF Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme allows young men and women to acquire experience in international development co-operation activities with child rights approach while contributing to the implementation of UNICEF's country programme.

How to Apply

Please go to UNICEF website and register your profile in e-Recruitment to apply for this JPO post under vacancy number: E-VN-2011-00145. UNICEF e-Recruitment portal link is as follows: <http://www.unicef.org/about/employ/index.php>

Eligibility: The post, sponsored by the Government of the Netherlands, is open to candidates who are nationals of a developing country as it appears on the list of countries eligible for the Dutch JPO programme (with the exception of Sri Lanka) and who have the qualifications specified above.

Please check the list of eligible countries the website of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

http://www.minbuza.nl/en/Key_Topics/Development_Cooperation/Associate_Experts_Programme

Nationals of the following countries are eligible to apply: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Dem. Rep., Congo, Rep., Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, East Timor, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea, Dem. Rep., Kosovo, Kyrgyz Rep., Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestinian Administered Areas, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

This is a 1-2 year assignment.

Position Details

Please click on the link pasted below to access to the Job Description to learn more about the position.

[Job Description - JPO Child Protection Officer - UNICEF Colombo, Sri Lanka](#)

The deadline for applications is **27 October 2011**: Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of their application. Thereafter only those shortlisted for interviews will be contacted.

UNICEF is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages qualified female and male candidates from all national, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply to become a part of our organization.