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Junior Professional Officer

JPO, UNAIDS Country Office



UNAIDS Bamako, Mali

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I General information

Title:	Programme Officer
Sector of Assignment:	UNAIDS Country Office
Country:	Mali
Location (City):	Bamako
Agency:	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS)
Duration of Assignment:	Initially one year with the possibility to extend up to a maximum total of 3 years
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year

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<http://www.nedworcfoundation.nl/NL/JPO/General%20Information.htm>

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II Duties and responsibilities

Under the leadership of the UNAIDS Country Director, assist the UNAIDS Country Office in: (i) convening of the United Nations Joint Team on AIDS, (ii) fostering collaboration with key stakeholders including on gender, human rights, key populations and engagement of civil society; and (iii) generating and using evidence to inform the fast-track approach to ending AIDS and leaving no one behind.

Responsibility 1 convening of the United Nations Joint Team on AIDS

- Summary of duties/tasks
- Assist the UCD and the UNAIDS Country Office (UCO) team in convening, coordinating and facilitating the Joint UN Team on AIDS;
- Assist the UCD, the UCO team and the Joint UN Team on AIDS (Joint Team) in developing and implementing a needs-based, country-tailored Joint UN Plan on AIDS, in support to the national Fast-Track targets and the SDG commitments, strategies and plans, in accordance with the priorities of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);
- Support the UCD/ UCO and the Joint Team in their engagement in the development, implementation and reporting on UNDAF; assist in making sure that country priorities and needs pertinent to ending the AIDS epidemic are fully integrated in the UNDAF processes.

Responsibility 2: fostering collaboration with key stakeholders including on gender, human rights, key populations and engagement of civil society

- Summary of duties/tasks

- Assist efforts of the UCO team to foster collaboration and inclusive partnerships with key stakeholders such as National AIDS Council, Ministry of Health, other Government Ministries, sub-national government institutions, civil society organizations, communities, development partners, the private sector and others to advance the rights and ensure equitable access to prevention, treatment and other essential services, with a particular attention to key populations such as women, youth, people living with HIV, prisoners, gay men and other men who have sex with men, sex workers, transgender people, migrant workers and others, as determined by the country context and up-to-date evidence;
- Assist in generating and facilitate sharing and utilization of HIV-related strategic information, especially as related to key populations.

Responsibility 3: generating and using evidence to inform the fast-track approach to ending AIDS and leaving no one behind

Summary of duties/tasks

- Support the UCD and UCO team in the development of a good knowledge base on gender, legal and human rights issues in relation to key populations. Liaise with appropriate departments in Government, civil society organizations and communities for collecting and sharing gender, legal and human rights information on key populations;
- Assist the UCO in ensuring that civil society organizations and communities have space to engage in decision-making processes, participate fully in key partnerships and have access to financial and material resources made available by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) and other funding agencies.

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

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

- Fully understand the mission, the values, the strategic priorities and the operating modalities of UNAIDS Joint Programme; demonstrate a profound understanding of the role, objectives and operations of UNAIDS Cosponsors and the Secretariat;
- Demonstrate a good understanding of the HIV epidemic, its main drivers and impact on various populations, key principles and core priorities of the HIV response; demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the AIDS epidemic, its implications, priorities of the national response, and the place and the contribution of the HIV response to the national health and development agenda;
- Demonstrate a good understanding of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development; show ability to explain the linkages between the target of ending the AIDS epidemic under the SDG3 and other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Follow up discussions on technical issues on HIV with counterparts in order to help promoting HIV-related policies and programmes, at national and sub-national levels;
- Demonstrate competence in 'translating' strategic information into people-centered programmes and interventions, in particular as relates to key populations;
- Demonstrate ability to engage effectively with civil society and community partners;
- Demonstrate proficiency in the development of the Joint UN Plan on AIDS and in the application of the 'Three Ones' principles of coordination; demonstrate ability to integrate provisions pertinent to ending the AIDS epidemic in the UNDAF.
- Demonstrate good understanding of the UN reform, its implementation at country level, as well as the role and the contribution to the reform processes of UNAIDS Joint Programme.

The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:

- On-the-job training, through closely supervised assignments;

- Access to diverse expertise within the UN Joint Team on HIV and AIDS, working with the diverse members;
- Exposure to senior management discussions and events, across UN, government and civil society;
- Dedicated travel within country, as per available budget;
- The JPO 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: UNAIDS Country Director

Content and methodology of supervision

As part of the UNAIDS JPO programme overall framework, the JPO will benefit from the following supervision modalities:

- Structured guidance provided by the supervisor, especially in the beginning of the assignment, with the purpose of gradually increasing the responsibilities of the JPO
- Establishment of a work plan, with clear key results (Performance Evaluation Report)
- Effective supervision through knowledge sharing and performance/development feedback throughout the assignment
- Easy access to the supervisor
- Participation in Unit/Team/Office meetings to ensure integration and operational effectiveness
- Guidance and advice in relation to learning and training opportunities within the field of expertise
- Completion of the yearly Performance Evaluation Report

If more than one supervisor; clear agreement of the roles and responsibilities between the relevant parties.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Advanced University degree at Master's level in international development, social or physical sciences, public health, management or similar academic preparation.

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Two years work experience (with maximum of 4 years) preferably in programmes' management in public or private sector at the national or international levels, experience in data analysis and coordination.

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All paid relevant working experience is counted, including consultancies at the percentage it was carried out. Working experience with UNV counts. However unpaid volunteer work and internships do not count towards the required years of experience.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of French and English.

Knowledge of another UN official language will be an asset.

Key competencies

UNAIDS values:

- Knowledge of the AIDS epidemic, globally and its implications.
- Understanding of the UN system of organizations and their delivery mechanisms.

Keys values:

- Commitment to the AIDS response
- Integrity
- Respect for diversity

Core competencies:

- Working in teams
- Communicating with impact
- Applying expertise
- Delivering results
- Driving change and innovation
- Being accountable

Managerial competencies:

- Exercising sound judgement
- Building relationships and Networks

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

Provide leadership and coordinate support for an expanded UN system response to support countries towards ending the AIDS epidemic as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. To promote, support and provide guidance to national partners and the UN system in reaching Global AIDS targets by 2020 with a Fast-Track approach to rapidly scale up HIV services focused on populations and in locations most affected by the epidemic. Promote effective use of strategic information and documentation of trends on the epidemic and the response as well as provide intellectual leadership on the status of the response to HIV in the country.

VII Information on living conditions at Bamako, Mali (NON-FAMILY DUTY STATION)

Introduction

Bamako is the capital city of Mali, a vast country in West Africa which is largely made up of the Sahara Desert. As a former French colony, French is still the official national language, although Bambara is more widely spoken. Mali is a Muslim country and is extremely conservative.

Finding Accommodation in Bamako

It is not easy to find somewhere to live in the city without some insider knowledge. You need to make sure that you choose somewhere with all the facilities which you require (running water, electricity, and a security system).

Transportation in Bamako

There's no getting around it — you're going to need access to a vehicle when you are living and working in Bamako. This is a large, sprawling city which can be difficult to navigate on foot. Luckily, cars, motorbikes and gas are all cheap and readily available in the city, so owning a vehicle is an affordable luxury.

Safety and Security

Despite this poverty and security and humanitarian crisis, Bamako is a relatively safe city which will quickly feel like home. While you are settling in, it is best to hire a driver or ask a local friend to show you around, and expats are advised to stay indoors at night.

Medical services

There is the United Nations Clinic, public and private hospitals and clinics.

VIII How to apply

Applicants can apply through this link <http://www.jposc.undp.org/content/jposc/en/home/how-to-join/current-vacancies.html>

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.