

Junior Professional Officer Assignment and Candidate Profile Form

PART I: INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT

Title

Technical Officer

Duty Station:

Geneva, Switzerland

Programme/Department

Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (MCA)

Objective of the WHO Programme/Department:

To support high-burden countries to ensure evidence-based policies and strategies are in place to achieve universal access to high quality health services for MNCAH, and increase coverage and quality of effective MNCAH interventions among pregnant women, newborns, children and adolescents and create mechanisms to measure the impact of those strategies.

Assignment Summary:

Under the direct supervision of the Coordinator of the Policy, Planning and Programme team the JPO will assist to MCA's work in supporting countries to implement their commitments to the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, in particular in relation to quality of care for maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health. The JPO will also assist MCAs work in delivering the 'plus package' of adolescent health that will be incorporated into the introduction of HPV vaccine and using it to strengthen national adolescent sexual and reproductive health programmes. The JPO would ideally be assigned to a country office for his second/third year of his/her assignment to continue this work at country level and to gain insight into two levels of the organization.

Duties, Responsibilities and Output expectations

In particular, the JPO will assist in supporting WHO's regional and country offices in the following areas:

- implementation of the commitments to the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy in countries
- development and preparation of quality of care training packages
- development and testing of indicators
- collection of indicators in countries

The JPO will further assist in supporting countries in the delivery of the 'plus package' of adolescent health that will be incorporated into the introduction of HPV vaccine and in using it to strengthen national adolescent sexual and reproductive health programmes, in particular the JPO will assist in:

- defining the "plus package" of adolescent health that will be incorporated into the introduction of the HPV vaccine
- the ground work needed at country-level to become eligible for support from GAVI, specifically support to pilot operations research studies to test the feasibility of delivering the "plus package" with the vaccine
- planning, implementing and monitoring the delivery of the "plus package" delivered with the HPV vaccine and follow up to it.

Supervisor:

Dr Bernadette Daelmans, Coordinator Policy, Planning and Programme Team

PART II: CANDIDATE PROFILE

Qualifications and Experience:

Education:

Minimum: Advanced degree in health related science relevant to the position.

Desirable: Advanced degree in public health

Work experience:

Minimum: At least two years of experience in developing countries in clinical medicine or in public health.

Desirable: At least six months of experience in maternal, child and/or adolescent health.

Some experience in carrying out operations research and in programme implementation and monitoring

Skills required for the assignment:

Minimum:

Able to communicate effectively orally and in writing in English.

Able to gather information, analyse and present it in the appropriate form effectively.

Able to manage the different components of an evolving project

Desirable: Other UN language skills (French, Spanish,

WHO competencies required for the assignment:

- 1) Communicating in a credible way
- 2) Producing results
- 3) Effective use of resources

Learning objectives of the JPO during this assignment

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

Achieving the learning objectives

	Learning Objective	Training Components (indicate training/learning activities based on which objective can be achieved)	When? (Indicate when the activity will take place)
1.	Familiarization with the functioning of WHO at all levels HQ/Regional/Country	Briefing in HQ	On arrival
2.	Understanding Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) and Integrated Management of Pregnancy and Childbirth (IMPAC) approaches to improving quality of care	Participating in training programme/review meeting	Within 3 months of joining
3.	Familiarization with Adolescent Health '4S' approach and Adolescent Friendly Health Services (AFHS)	On the job training and assisting in programme review	Through the course of assignment
4.	Understanding how to collaborate across departments and with different programmes (RHR, IVB) and how Adolescent programming can be linked with HPV programme	Participate in cross cutting Working Groups, attend other department meetings.	Through the course of assignment

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 (PMDS).

Signature: _____
Coordinator, Policy, Planning and Programme

Signature _____
Director MCA

Date: _____