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Junior Professional Officer



Technical Officer

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I General information	
Title:	Technical Officer
Sector of Assignment:	Tobacco Free Initiative, Non-Communicable Diseases
Country:	Egypt
Location (City):	Cairo
Agency:	WHO
Duration of Assignment:	Initially one year with the possibility to extend up to a maximum of 3 years
Grade:	P2 step 1 in the first year, or P1 step 1, 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 **NATIONALS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT APPEAR ON THE LIST OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR THE DUTCH JPO PROGRAMME:**

 $\frac{http://www.nedworcfoundation.nl/pdf/List\%20of\%20eligible\%20countries\%20\%20November\%20}{2018.pdf}$

For criteria see the website of Nedworc Foundation:

Junior Professional Officer Programme - Nedworc Foundation

Please read the criteria and FAQ section carefully before considering applying

II Duties

General

The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) will work with WHO Technical Officers to assist governments in the Eastern Mediterranean (EMR) region in their development and implementation of national tobacco control economic related policies, strategies and plans and assist WHO in the preparation, provision and coordination of technical support to countries in the areas of tobacco control economics and innovative financing. The JPO will also assist EMRO in information sharing of best practices and putting forward future plans for country needed actions and activities in the area of tobacco products economics and taxation. The JPO will in addition support the work in the Region related to economics of growing tobacco and the alternatives to it.

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Summary of duties:

- Provide technical support to countries in the area of tobacco economics and tobacco taxation. (25%)
- Develop advocacy and technical material in this area of work. (25%)
- Contribute to the organization of activities that are relevant to this area of work. (20%)
- Conduct duty travels to support countries in this area. (5%)
- Strengthen regional networking and alliances to support this are of work. (5%)
- Support the ongoing work of the unit in the area of economics of tobacco and of taxation. (10%)
- Support the ongoing work of the unit when needed. (10%)

III Training component: Learning elements and expectations

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

- Gain experience from working in the United Nations at regional and country level.
 Understand the workings of the international development community. On-the-job training including duty travel to WHO Country Offices and interactions with governments and partners from WHO Collaborating Centres, UN agencies, donor governments a
- Develop technical skills and knowledge on the various components of a health system as the underlying basis for the implementation of all health related global priorities.
- Gain experience in project planning, implementation and coordination.

The JPO training programme includes the following learning elements:

- On-the-job training including duty travel to WHO Country Offices and interactions with governments and partners from WHO Collaborating Centres, UN agencies, donor governments and international, regional and national institutions working in health.
 Scheduled training opportunities, where relevant: Throughout the assignment
- On-the-job training through working with country level partners in national ministries of health, professional associations, civil society and the international donor community, and participation in the implementation of international development programmes: Throughout the assignment
- 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: Regional Advisor, Tobacco Free Initiative

Content and methodology of supervision

The work objectives and the expected outcome are discussed and agreed upon by the JPO and supervisor within the first four weeks of assignment. They are evaluated every six months by the supervisor against WHO's Performance Management and Development System (ePMDS+). There will be regular meetings with the supervisor throughout the assignment. In the regular meetings progress is evaluated, challenges are discussed, and plans are finalized together. In addition, team meetings will be held and will take place on different aspects of the work. Learning activities and developmental opportunities form part of the ePMDS+.

V Required Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Minimum: Master's degree or equivalent in economics or health economics.

A first-level university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in combination with qualifying experience (at least 3 years of relevant working experience) may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree

Part of the candidates' academic training <u>must have taken place in a developing country</u> that appears on the following list of eligible countries of the Dutch JPO Programme. http://www.nedworcfoundation.nl/pdf/List%20of%20eligible%20countries%20%20November%20 2018.pdf

Working experience:

Minimum 2 years to maximum 4 years relevant working experience.

Desirable: Professional experience in an international organizations, or at country level; professional experience in health care issues.

Working experience within the UN system should not exceed 50% of the relevant working experience including UNV, (paid) UN internship and UN consultancy.

All paid work experience since obtaining Bachelor's degree will/can be considered.

Languages:

Minimum: Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English Good knowledge of Arabic language is an asset.

Key competencies

- Producing results
- Communication
- Teamwork
- · Respecting and promoting individual and cultural difference

VI Background information on Agency/Department/Section

The Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI) is a priority programme for WHO under the Non-communicable Diseases (NCD). Both are located in the EMR Office in the Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health (NMH) Department, which handles the following areas:

- NCD prevention, which tobacco control is part of;
- NCD management;
- Mental health and substance use

This Department is providing support to one of the 4 main areas of high priority for the Regional Director, which is the NCDs. The TFI at WHO Regional Office of the Eastern Mediterranean works towards:

- Building the capacity of countries from the Eastern Mediterranean Region in tobacco control;
- Assisting countries to implement their obligations under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) by developing coherent legislation and policies through a multi-sectoral approach;
- Providing technical support to undertake research in various aspects of tobacco control, including prevalence of tobacco use, tobacco product regulation and trade, health and economic impact, second-hand smoke, smoking and children, and implementation of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System;

• Conducting communication and media advocacy to enhance public awareness, including celebration "World No Tobacco Day" on 31 May, every year.

The four main areas of work in the TFI are:

- 1- National capacity building.
- 2- Legislation developments and the support of the WHO FCTC implementation.
- 3- Surveillance and monitoring.
- 4- Communication and media focus.

The programme also focuses on the following policies at country level (MPOWER):

- 1- Monitor the tobacco epidemic including the tobacco industry activities.
- 2- Protect people from second hand smoke.
- 3- Offer help to quit.
- 4- Warn people from tobacco use health hazards.
- 5- Enforce total and comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising promotion and sponsorship.
- 6- Raise taxes.

VII Information on living conditions at Duty Station

The Arab Republic of Egypt is located in the north-eastern corner of Africa and south-western Asia. Egypt is divided into 29 governorates.

Throughout Egypt, days are commonly warm or hot, and nights are cool. Egypt has only two seasons: a mild winter from November to April and a hot summer from May to October. The differences between the seasons are variations in daytime temperatures and changes in prevailing winds.

The JPO will be living in Cairo, which is a modern cosmopolitan city that has all the conveniences of modern living. Egypt has a large international expatriate community and a big UN presence with more than 24 UN organizations operating in the Country. Living conditions are conductive for work and family life. Educational facilities and schooling of all types are widely available.

VIII How to apply

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

Applicants will receive acknowledgement of receipt of their submission

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.