

Vacancy Notice



The World Health Organization has a vacancy for the position of:

Technical Officer (Maternal & Child Health)

(Fixed-term position, 2-year contract with possible extension, at NO-A level)

Purpose of the post:

To effectively contribute to the improvement of maternal, neonatal and child health through strengthening support for the implementation of the National Strategy and Action Plan for Integrated Services on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) 2016–2025 in the country by strengthening district health planning, information, management, supervision and monitoring.

Duties:

Under the overall supervision of the Medical Officer (MCH) and guidance of the Head of WHO Country Office, the incumbent shall perform the following functions:

1. Provide technical assistance to the RMNCH Sub-committee 4 on Newborn Care in implementing and monitoring its action plans, and in improving quality of care;
2. Provide technical assistance to the government on improving nutrition status, in particular through promoting breastfeeding;
3. Liaise with the government counterparts to facilitate the communication and implementation of the programme;
4. Assist in the interpretation during field trip and translation of related documents; and
5. Assist in any other tasks assigned by the supervisor and the Head of WHO Country Office.

Knowledge & skills:

- Broad knowledge of principles, practices, methodology, and techniques in public health.
- Significant knowledge and skills in district health program management including maternal and child health.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to work well with, and positively relate to, people at all levels and from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds and orientations.
- Good understanding of the principles of results-based management and ability to develop plans, organize resources and take actions to ensure objectives are achieved within realistic time lines.
- Ability to acquire a thorough working knowledge of essential WHO procedures, policies and rules and regulations that support WHO's presence in countries.
- Ability to work independently and take initiative. Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds and maintain a high standard of personal conduct.

Education:

Essential: University degree related with maternal and child health and/or public health.

Desirable: Postgraduate studies and/or training in maternal and child health and/or public health.

Experience:

Essential: Minimum one year working experience in maternal and child health and/or public health in Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Desirable: Working experiences in WHO or other international agencies.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English and Lao.

Other skills (e.g. IT): Proficiency in standard MS Office applications.

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit applications online at <http://www.who.int/careers/en/> (**Job#1703750 “Technical Officer (Maternal & Child Health), NPO, NO-A, Vientiane, Lao PDR”**). Should you have any difficulties in the online applications process, please submit your applications at the below address by **27 November 2017**

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