

Technical Officer (Epidemiologist) - (2203490)

Grade: P4

Contractual Arrangement: Temporary appointment under Staff Rule 420.4

Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days): 12 months

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Primary Location Bangladesh-Dhaka

Organization SE_BAN WR Office, Bangladesh

Schedule Full-time

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please note that the deadline for receipt of applications indicated above reflects your personal device's system settings.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

The objective of the WHO Bangladesh Country Office is to implement the Country Cooperation Strategy by supporting the Bangladesh Government in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of national health policies, strategies and plans and developing and managing WHO's technical cooperation programmes. The Country Office develops a two-way collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh in support of their efforts of achieving national health goals; of ensuring the attainment of universal health coverage and of contributing to global and regional public health action by providing need-based technical assistance in national level policy formulation, setting norms and standards, improving knowledge dissemination and management, monitoring country health situation and building sustainable institutional capacity, to play a greater leadership role in different national level policy and technical forums. The position is based in strategic priority 2: The WHO Health Emergencies Programme (WHE). The mission of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme is to help countries, and to coordinate international action, to prevent, prepare for, detect, rapidly respond to, and recover from outbreaks and emergencies. The main focuses for this position are, a) support the development of country IHR core capacities in an all-hazard approach b) Oversee surveillance and management of emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases including influenza, and other epidemic prone diseases c) Provide up to date health information, data, analysis, interpretation, and presentation to support policy and decision making and d) support trainings and capacity building to the MOHFW.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Under the direct supervision of Team Lead (WHE) and the overall supervision of WHO Representative, the incumbent will undertake the following duties:

1. Provide support and facilitate the development, implementation, and evaluation of country strategies and workplans to advance IHR core capacity development in line with WHO standards.
2. Support the training, conduct and reporting of the components of IHR monitoring and evaluation framework including Simulation exercises, State Party Annual Reporting and After/Intra-action reviews of public health events to strengthen preparedness and response.
3. Oversee surveillance and management of emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases including influenza, and other epidemic prone diseases.
4. Provide up to date health information, data, analysis, interpretation, and presentation to support policy and decision making.
5. Provide technical expertise and operational support for the timely response to outbreaks/epidemics and health emergencies, in collaboration with national health officials, including laboratory staff, and other partner organizations.
6. Support and facilitate the development and implementation of evidence-based policies, public health programmes and interventions for the management of priority infectious hazards.
7. Provide support to public health emergencies response through active participation on the Incident Management Support Team, Health cluster meetings, UN coordination mechanisms including document review, situation update and other relevant activities.
8. Perform any other duties as assigned by supervisor.
9. To submit end of assignment report.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: A medical degree and a master's level or above degree in epidemiology, statistics, database management or public health from an accredited/recognized institute.

Desirable: Additional or specialized training in communicable diseases, or global health security.

Experience

Essential: At least seven years' related experience, at the national and international levels, in quantitative epidemiology and the implementation of public health surveillance, outbreak investigation and response in humanitarian settings. Experience in planning developing and implementing health security, and working with inter-agency mechanism used to coordinate preparedness and response to health emergencies

Desirable: • Knowledge of IHR (2005), the epidemiology of infectious diseases and other global health security threats and of issues and practices for disease prevention and control • Previous experience in UN organizations/agencies, health cluster partners, recognized humanitarian organizations, international institutions, or nongovernmental organizations, particularly in developing countries

Skills

• Sound knowledge of International Health Regulations (2005) including its implementation evaluation and reporting. • Sound knowledge and skills in database management and statistical analysis, secondary data review, survey designing and implementation, monitoring and evaluation systems design or use, and public health information management. • Demonstrated knowledge, competency and professional skills on surveillance, outbreak investigation, monitoring and evaluation and interpretation of results related to infectious public health events. • Sound knowledge data analysis and presentation. • Demonstrated ability to provide sound methodological and technical advice and guidance to multiple stakeholders and partners in countries. Knowledge of working in or with multilateral organizations, preferably WHO. • Ability to provide leadership to and manage the staff under his/her responsibility; ensure their performance, continuous development, and engagement, promoting a culture of working across boundaries, and integrity in accordance with the WHO's policies, rules, and procedures.

WHO Competencies

Teamwork

Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Communication

Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond

Ensuring the effective use of resources

Creating an empowering and motivating environment

Use of Language Skills

Essential: Expert knowledge of English.

Desirable:

REMUNERATION

WHO salaries for staff in the Professional category are calculated in US dollars. The remuneration for the above position comprises an annual base salary starting at USD 75,602 (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance, as applicable), a variable post adjustment, which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station, and currently amounts to USD 2898 per month for the duty station indicated above. Other benefits include 30 days of annual leave, allowances for dependent family members, home leave, and an education grant for dependent children.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This vacancy notice may be used to fill other similar positions at the same grade level
- Only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.
- A written test may be used as a form of screening.
- In the event that your candidature is retained for an interview, you will be required to provide, in advance, a scanned copy of the degree(s)/diploma(s)/certificate(s) required for this position. WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU)/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed through the link: <http://www.whed.net/>. Some professional certificates may not appear in the WHED and will require individual review.
- Any appointment/extension of appointment is subject to WHO Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and Manual.
- Staff members in other duty stations are encouraged to apply.
- For information on WHO's operations please visit: <http://www.who.int>.
- WHO is committed to workforce diversity.
- WHO prides itself on a workforce that adheres to the highest ethical and professional standards and that is committed to put the [WHO Values Charter](#) into practice.
- WHO has zero tolerance towards sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment and other types of abusive conduct (i.e., discrimination, abuse of authority and harassment). All members of the WHO workforce have a role to play in promoting a safe and respectful workplace and should report to WHO any actual or suspected cases of SEA, sexual harassment and other types of abusive conduct. To ensure that individuals with a substantiated history of SEA, sexual harassment or other types of abusive conduct are not hired by the Organization, WHO will conduct a background verification of final candidates.
- WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or users of any form of tobacco.

- WHO has a mobility policy which can be found at the following link: <http://www.who.int/employment/en/>. Candidates appointed to an international post with WHO are subject to mobility and may be assigned to any activity or duty station of the Organization throughout the world.
- Applications from women and from nationals of non and underrepresented Member States are particularly encouraged.