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### **Coordinating Assistant-Birth Defects Surveillance in Sri Lanka**

**Project of**      **Technical support of a Pre intern Medical Officer as Coordinating assistant for birth defects surveillance in Sri Lanka**

WHO: 511 DFC, Category 3, task 7.2

Family Health Bureau

Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition, "Suwasiripaya" Colombo 10

#### **Background of the project**

Sri Lanka has reduced maternal (31.12 per 100000 live births) and infant mortality (9.0 per 1000 live births) to lower levels to achieve millennium developmental goals. A majority (>70%) of infant deaths occur in the neonatal period. The country also reported a perinatal death rate of 8 per 1000 live births. Analysis of hospital mortality data indicates that a major proportion (18.1%) of infant deaths includes birth defects. It is noticeable that the number of deaths due to such defects has increased over the years to report 534 birth defect related under 5 year hospital deaths in the year 2010. Mortality is the tip of the iceberg. A recent survey conducted in 2011 on perinatal outcomes shows a burden of nearly 6400 cases of birth defects at birth in Sri Lanka. Leading causes of birth defects include; Cardiac Defects, Limb deformities, Cleft Lip / Palate, Chromosomal Abnormalities and Neural Tube Defects / CNS defects. A larger proportion of these deaths are preventable.

Pilot Implementation of birth defects surveillance has been started in Southern Province at institutions and notifications and abstractions forms on birth defects are already receiving. This system will be expanded to cover all the districts by early 2015. A web based information system has been developed by Family Health Bureau. Data coordination is done at the FHB level and actual data entry is carried out at institutional level.

**Place of Work:** Family Health Bureau

#### **Scope of the work :**

Under the supervision of National Program Manager (Maternal & Child Morbidity & Mortality surveillance Unit of FHB), the Pre-Intern Medical officer will perform the following;

1. To collect the notifications from each institutions on Birth defects
2. To update the web based information system
3. To collate and compile all the birth defects data received to MCMMS unit
4. To assist NPM in analyzing the birth defects data
5. To assist NPM in documentation/preparing reports based on birth defects data
6. Any other activities arranged by the National Program Manager or Director/MCH

Selected pre-intern medical officers will be posted to and working at MCMMS unit of Family Health Bureau, Colombo 10.

#### **Desired qualifications for the post/s**

Pre intern medical officer/s with M.B.B.S. qualifications

**Experience/skills required for the post**

1. Good command of professional English and writing skills
2. Previous experience and skills in data collection and data entry in scientific research
3. Journal publications on maternal & child health in reputed scientific journals
4. Computer skills:  
Ability to work in Microsoft Office Programs/software (esp Word, Access and Excel)  
Ability for basic internet surfing and data entry in on-line databases

**Nature of work:**

<b>Fulltime/part time</b>	Full time
<b>No of days per week</b>	Five (05) days
<b>Working hours per day</b>	Eight (08) hours (8.30 am – 4.15 pm)

**Salary :**

Rs 30,250.00 monthly salary

**Duration**

For six months (March 2015 –August 2015)

**Candidates are invited to submit their complete CV, including copies of relevant documents contact details & references to the following address on or 06<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

Director (Maternal and Child Health)  
Family Health Bureau,  
231, De Saram place,  
Colombo 10

**Only short listed applicants will be called for the interview. The final decision with regard to selection will be made by the Ministry of Health.**

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**Director (Maternal and Child Health)**  
**Family Health Bureau**