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Post of Research Assistant (10 vacancies)

Project: National Baseline survey on proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in Sri Lanka

Background of the project:

The Family Health Bureau has planned a national baseline survey to measure the proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, by sex. This is carried out in order to measure, monitor and report the progress of the indicator Sustainable Development Goal indicator 4.2.1. This was carried out with the globally accepted Early Childhood development Tool 2030 (ECDI 2030) and a questionnaire to obtain socio-demographic data. The result of this survey will be used to set National targets to be achieved by 2030 to ensure all the children aged 24-59 months are developmentally on track, and implement programs to provide adequate opportunities and to track the progress of the interventions designed to achieve it.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. To collect data on 24-59 months old children using ECDI 2030, socio demographic data sheet and extracting relevant data from CHDR.
2. To collate and compile all the data received to CCDSNU unit
3. To enter collected data in to a database
4. To assist NPM in analyzing the data
5. To assist NPM in documentation/preparing reports based on the collected data
6. Any other activities arranged by the National Program Manager or Director/MCH

Desired qualification and experience for the post:

1. Pre intern medical officer/s with M.B.B.S. qualifications **OR** BSc/BA degree holders
2. Ability to work with Microsoft Office applications (Word / Excel / etc.)
3. Previous experience of scientific research, data collection, data entry and analysis will be desirable
4. Good command in English and Sinhala **OR** English and Tamil languages
5. Excellent communication skills

Nature of the work:

Full time/part time:	Full time
No of days per week:	Five (05) days
Working hours per day:	Eight (08) hours / 8.30am to 4.15pm
Place of work:	Field duty in the 26 Districts of SL

Monthly remuneration: Rs. 40,000.00 (monthly allowance)

Selected candidates will be given a comprehensive training on research methodology and data collection at the FHB.

Candidates are requested to provide completed CV including copies of relevant documents, contact details before ~~01st April 2022~~ To Child Care, Development and Special needs unit, Family Health Bureau, No. 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 Healthcare & Nutrition.

Deputy Director General (Planning),

Ministry of Healthcare & Nutrition, Colombo 10

Terms of reference (TOR) for Recruitment of the post of ten Research Assistants for Baseline survey on proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in Sri Lanka

Work-plan/ PSSP

Background

The Family Health Bureau has been given the responsibility in measuring, monitoring and reporting the progress of the indicator 4.2.1. The indicator 4.2.1, measures the proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, by sex. Globally, the tool to measure this indicator is the newly developed Early Childhood Development Indicator 2030 (ECDI 2030). Although ECCD is a component of the child health programme in Sri Lanka, data on child development was not collected routinely or through surveys. Therefore it is mandatory to carry out a survey to identify the baseline values before setting targets for 2030.

In order to achieve this, an island wide survey is planned in all nine provinces as a cross sectional survey in 2022. Therefore it is required to recruit 7 Sinhala & 3 Tamil speaking research assistants to accomplish the aforementioned survey successfully. The result of this survey will be used to set national targets to be achieved by 2030 to ensure all the children aged 24-59 months are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, and receiving adequate opportunities and to track the progress of the interventions designed to achieve it.

Scope of Work

Under the supervision of National Program Manager (Child Care, Development and Special needs Unit of FHB), the research assistants will perform the following;

1. To collect data on 24-59 months old children using ECDI 2030, socio demographic data sheet and extracting relevant data from CHDR.
2. To collate and compile all the data received to CCDSNU unit
3. To enter collected data in to a database
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Selected research assistants will be posted to CCDSNU unit of Family Health Bureau.

Duration

For three months (May 2022 – July 2022)

Desired qualification and experience of the for the post

Pre intern medical officer/s with M.B.B.S. qualifications OR any graduate with a BSc/BA degree.

Ability to work with Microsoft Office applications (Word / Excel / etc.)

Previous experience of scientific research, data collection, data entry and analysis will be desired.

Good command in English and Sinhala OR English and Tamil languages.

Excellent communication skills

Expected output

1. Availability of data on the proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, by sex in Sri Lanka.
2. Availability of targets to be achieved by 2030 to improve the proportion of children aged 24-59 months who are developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being, by sex.

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- **No of days per week:** Five (05) days
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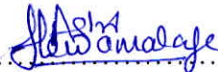
Monthly remuneration 40,000.00

A Research assistant is not entitled for any other privileges or claims other than the benefits specified above from the ministry of health or the funding agency.



Dr. Chithramalee de Silva,
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