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Dear Sir/Madam,

WHO has openings for the following positions for further dissemination.

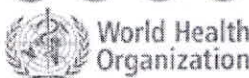
1. National Professional Officer – Mental Health _ NO-B – Fixed Term
2. National Professional Officer – Communicable Diseases Control _ NO-B – Fixed Term

Closing Date: **30 July 2024**Interested candidates are kindly requested to apply through <http://www.who.int/careers/en/>

Thank you.

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National Professional Officer (Mental Health) - (2405237)

Grade: NO-B

Contractual Arrangement: Fixed-term appointment

Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days): 24 months

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Closing Date Jul 31, 2024, 3:29:00 AM

Primary Location Sri Lanka-Colombo

Organization SE_SRL WR Office, Sri Lanka

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

WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends. Related to mental health, WHO Sri Lanka office aims to improve quality of life people in Sri Lanka by supporting the government in prevention and control of priority mental health, substance use and neurological disorders, preventing suicides, and promoting mental health, advocating for integrated mental health and social care services in PHC and community-based settings, preparing and responding to mental health and psychosocial issues during health emergencies and promoting the rights of people with psychosocial, intellectual and cognitive disabilities.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Under the direct supervision of Medical Officer (NCD) and the overall guidance of the WHO Representative and in close collaboration and coordination with the Ministry of Health and partners, the incumbent will:

1. Facilitate policy support as needed for enabling planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the essential components of the National Mental Health policy and plan;
2. Support scaling up services for mental, neurological and substance use (MNS) disorders via implementation of WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP);
3. Provide technical tools, SOPs etc. to ensure provision of comprehensive, integrated mental health and social care services in primary care and community-based settings;
4. Support implementation of strategies for mental health promotion and prevention especially in schools and workplaces and promote programs targeted at vulnerable groups, including children, elderly and people affected by conflicts and disasters (e.g. psycho-social interventions after disasters and during emergencies);
5. Provide technical assistance to strengthen information systems and research to improve data on burden of mental and neurological disorders;
6. Provide technical assistance to the country in developing mental health related tools and guidelines including LIVE LIFE: an implementation guide for suicide prevention;
7. Support the country to update the mental health law taking into consideration regional and international human rights instruments;
8. Provide support to improve mental health literacy, address stigma and discrimination and promote the rights, opportunities and care of individuals with mental disorders;
9. Encourage using WHO Quality Rights toolkit to evaluate quality of mental health services;
10. Increase awareness of disability issues, and promote the inclusion of disability as a component in national and sub-national health programmes;
11. Facilitate collection and dissemination of disability-related data and information;
12. Support the country to conduct the WHO/WB Model Disability Survey and/or WHO Disability Assessment Schedule (WHO DAS 2.0);
13. Represent WHO country office in the UN Disability Inclusion Inter-Agency Coordination mechanism at the country level, and contribute to reporting via the UNCT Accountability Scorecard on Disability Inclusion tool;
14. Support proposal writing and donor reporting for Mental Health, Psycho-Social Support and Disability programs;
15. Perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor(s).

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: Bachelor degree in Medicine or public health

Desirable: Master's degree in public health or medical science

Experience

Essential: At least two (2) years of professional work experience in the field of mental health, and/or psychiatry

Desirable: Experience of working with the MoH and/or province level; Experience in developing mental health guidelines, training modules and other tools; Experience in conducting of WHO disability assessment Schedule (WHODAS.2)

Skills

Essential: Sound understanding of principles of public health, to be able to provide quality technical inputs, and good problem-solving, analytical and negotiation skills

Desirable: Knowledge of WHO programmes and practices an asset

WHO Competencies

- Teamwork
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Communication
- Ensuring the effective use of resources
- Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond

Use of Language Skills

Essential: Expert knowledge of English. Expert knowledge of local language.

REMUNERATION

Remuneration comprises an annual base salary starting at LKR 6,980,640 (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance, as applicable) and 30 days of annual leave.

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.
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- According to article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff is the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity. Due regard will be paid to the importance of recruiting the staff on as wide a geographical basis as possible.
- Any appointment/extension of appointment is subject to WHO Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and Manual.
- The WHO is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment of mutual respect. The WHO recruits and employs staff regardless of disability status, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, race, marital status, religious, cultural, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, or any other personal characteristics.
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NPO (Communicable Disease Control) - (2404312)

Grade: NO-B

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Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days): 18 months

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Schedule Full-time

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OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

To provide technical and operational support to Ministry of Health and other partners in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of communicable disease prevention and control activities. To support national counterparts, donors, development partners and academic institutions in the identification of priority areas for communicable disease interventions and research activities. To support public health activities and programmes aimed at achieving health/communicable diseases related SDGs and beyond. To coordinate support from donors and development partners, during public health events of global and regional significance under IHR (2005) and humanitarian crisis.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Under the supervision of Public Health Administrator and guidance of the WHO Representative, and the technical and policy guidance from SEARO, the selected candidate will carry out the following duties:

1. Supporting in updating and planning of the strategies and interventions/ activities of the national programmes for communicable diseases (TB, HIV, Hepatitis, STI, NTDs, EPI, Malaria and vector-borne diseases) control;
2. Providing technical support for timely implementation, monitoring and evaluation of activities/interventions of the national programmes for communicable diseases control;
3. Providing support for conducting situational analysis, measurement of protective and risk factors, development of locally adapted tools for monitoring & evaluation and research for communicable diseases control;
4. Identification of solutions for improved programme management and implementation, and analyzing the lessons learned for successful implementation of future programmes on communicable diseases control;
5. Coordinating with partners and NGOs in programme implementation, and support to the Government in mobilization of resources for communicable diseases control especially in crisis situation;
6. Preparing project/ programme documentation and participate in programme reviews and evaluation;
7. Preparing proposals and budgets in conjunction with other country team members and under the leadership of Public Health Administrator for donor assistance in compliance with WHO/ donor procedures and guidelines
8. Ensuring appropriate documentation of activities in the areas of responsibility for transparency and future inspection/audit;
9. Performing other relevant duties as may be assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: University degree in medicine

Desirable: Master's degree in Public Health/Community Medicine

Experience

Essential: At least 2 years of professional experience at the national level in communicable diseases control

Desirable: Working experience in public health at WHO and/or UN system along with research experience in communicable diseases

Skills

- Should have technical and managerial competence in communicable diseases epidemiology, prevention and control;

- Knowledge and expertise in training, statistical analysis, planning, monitoring and evaluation of interventions, and in development of locally adapted tools and instruments for communicable diseases prevention and control;
- Ability to make evidence-based decisions on implementation of interventions; leadership qualities; skills in interacting with a variety of health professionals and proven capacity in establishing harmonious relationship with government institutions, partners and donors.

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- Please note that WHO's contracts are conditional on members of the workforce confirming that they are vaccinated as required by WHO before undertaking a WHO assignment, except where a medical condition does not allow such vaccination, as certified by the WHO Staff Health and Wellbeing Services (SHW). The successful candidate will be asked to provide relevant evidence related to this condition. A copy of the updated vaccination card must be shared with WHO medical service in the medical clearance process. Please note that certain countries require proof of specific vaccinations for entry or exit. For example, official proof /certification of yellow fever vaccination is required to enter many countries. Country-specific vaccine recommendations can be found on the WHO international travel and Staff Health and Wellbeing website. For vaccination-related queries please directly contact SHW directly at shws@who.int.

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