

NPO - Health Advocacy & Risk Comm. & Community Engagement - (2301394)

Grade: NO-B

Contractual Arrangement: Fixed-term appointment

Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days): 1 Year (Term Limited - Further extension based on programmatic requirements)

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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

The objectives of the programme include: 1) focusing on health advocacy as one of strategies to raise awareness and promote health and access to quality health care at the individual and community levels; 2) developing/updating national all-hazard RCCE plan/activities based on social, cultural, behavioural, demographic and environmental data; and 3) supporting the development of a national roadmap for a climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health system.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Under the direct supervision of Public Health Administrator and overall guidance of WHO Representative to Sri Lanka, Country Office, and in close collaboration with the Technical Leads in the Regional and Country Office, the incumbent will provide technical assistance to MoH in health advocacy, health promotion, RCCE and environmental health hazards:

1. Provide technical assistance to MoH and other stakeholders in health advocacy as one of strategies to raise awareness and promote health and access to quality health care at the individual and community levels.
2. Support development of health promotion strategies, plans and policies and assist in designing of health promotion messages and other materials.
3. Provide technical support in conducting community perceptions surveys through online or offline methods and socio-behavioural surveys to understand people's changing perceptions and attitudes, and the barriers and enablers influencing their ability and motivation to adopt and/or sustain positive health behaviours.
4. Enhance media monitoring, social listening, and community feedback mechanisms.
5. Support the MoH to strengthen an information monitoring system to capture emerging trends, rumours and misinformation.
6. Provide technical assistance to the MoH to conduct an infodemic study, develop/update national all-hazard RCCE plan/activities based on social, cultural, behavioural, demographic and environmental data.
7. Support the MoH to enhance risk assessments by providing evidence from social listening, perception studies, social science research and dialogue with communities.
8. Provide technical assistance in designing targeted communications for high-risk individuals and communities.
9. Support the country to develop/update strategies to prevent and address stigma and discrimination, overcome pandemic fatigue, and build and maintain trust.
10. Support MoH efforts to manage the infodemic, build digital and health literacy.
11. Support CSOs with the development and implementation of a comprehensive and feasible health-related work plan, including a robust monitoring and evaluation plan.
12. Oversee the mapping of all public/private (including services by NGOs/CBOs) entities involved in health promotion and health advocacy.
13. Support the country to conduct a climate change vulnerability and adaptation assessment (V&A) of the country's health system, health care facilities and the health of its population.
14. Provide technical assistance to the country to strengthen Health National Adaptation Plans (HNAP) informed by the health V&A.
15. Support the country to develop a roadmap for a climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health system.
16. Work together with UN agencies to support the country to address environmental risk factors.
17. Provide technical assistance to the country in implementation of WHO Chemicals Roadmap for risk reduction and knowledge and evidence.
18. Perform any other duties, as required by the supervisor or WHO Country Representative.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: Bachelor's degree in medicine or public health.

Desirable: An advanced university degree in health-related field or public health.

Experience

Essential: A minimum of two years of relevant experience, at the national level in Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), community empowerment and engagement, climate change and health promotion.

Desirable: Experience with the UN system or other international organizations is an advantage.

Skills

- Demonstrable experience in health programmes/projects.
- Analytical and leadership skills at professional level.
- Good networking and public relations capacity. Strong professional oral and writing skills including the development of reports, oral presentations, and technical documents

Desirable: Knowledge of WHO programmes is 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. Knowledge of local language/s.

REMUNERATION

Remuneration comprises an annual base salary starting at LKR 5,652,473 (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.
- 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.
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