**VACANCY NOTICE**

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**Vacancy Notice No:** WCO-SRL-2022/04  
**Date:** 12 April 2022

**Title:** National Consultant – Non-Communicable Diseases  
**Deadline for application:** 2 May 2022

**Contract type:** Special Services Agreement  
**Grade:** NO-B – FTE:100%

**Duration of contract:** 06 months with possible extensions  
**Organization unit:** Country Office for Sri Lanka

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**Introduction:**

The World Health Organization is the United Nations Specialized agency for health established on 7 April 1948. WHO was one of the first United Nations agencies in Sri Lanka (1952) and over sixty years on, WHO remains a steadfast intergovernmental organization committed to supporting the people of the country to attain the highest level of health through the strengthening of the health system on the principles of equity, fairness and responsiveness with emphasis on the poor and marginalized.

**Our goal**

"To support the people of the country to attain the highest level of health through strengthening of the health system on the principles of equity, fairness and responsiveness with emphasis on the poor and marginalized."

**Our Core Functions**

- Providing leadership on matters critical to health and engaging in partnerships where joint action is needed
- Shaping the research agenda and stimulating the generation, translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge
- Setting norms and standards, and promoting and monitoring their implementation
- Articulating ethical and evidence-based policy options
- Providing technical support, catalyzing change, and building sustainable institutional capacity
- Monitoring the health situation and assessing health trends

**Objectives of the Consultancy:**

The objective of the programme is to provide support to the national and international stakeholders including NGOs in developing evidence-based policies and National Programmes for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, associated risk factors, trauma, injury & violence, care of the elderly and disability.
Job Description:

Under the overall guidance of the WHO Representative and in close coordination with the consultation with the WCO country team, the SSA will work to:

- Facilitate technical support of the Consulting agency and the Economic Cell of the Ministry of Health to perform costing of the National Multisectoral Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDS 2021-2025 and capacity building of technical staff of the Directorate of NCD on costing
- Facilitate technical support to implement WHO technical packages to address NCD risk factors of unhealthy diet and physical inactivity
- Facilitate technical support of WHO to analyze data of STEPs survey 2020 and to formulate the knowledge dissemination products
- Facilitate technical support to promote access and quality cancer care services in the following areas
  - Building the capacity of health staff of primary health care institutions on provision of quality breast cancer care
  - Developing and publishing of an Atlas on confirmed carcinogens and Conducting a training of trainer workshop for public health staff
  - Building the capacity of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and Onco-Surgeons on advanced techniques on reconstruction and rehabilitation in the management of oral cancer
  - Facilitating technical support to implement National Strategic Plan on Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Care in Sri Lanka (2021 – 2025)
- Facilitate technical support to align the work of Jaffna healthy City to be in line with the action domains and strategic approaches recommended by the WHO
- Facilitate technical support to fulfil the Institutional Development Plan (IDP) of the NMRA Sri Lanka to achieve the benchmarking status and to coordinate a team of experts from WHO Regional Office and HQ to review and document the progress achieved in fulfilling the IDP and the level of maturity in July/ August 2022
- Facilitate technical support and clearance of SEARO Research Review Committee (RRC) for the fourth follow-up field survey of the prospective cohort study on environmental and behavioral risk factors for declining kidney functions in Anuradhapura district

The SSA is expected to work in close coordination with the Deputy Director General and the Director (NCD) of the MoH.

Deliverables

- Successful completion of the contract on Costing of the National Multisectoral Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDS 2021-2025 and capacity building of technical staff of the Directorate of NCD on costing
- Progress of the contracts to facilitate technical support to implement WHO technical packages to address NCD risk factors of unhealthy diet and physical inactivity, on track
- Data of STEPs survey 2020 analyzed, reported and knowledge dissemination products formulated
- Progress of the contracts to facilitate technical support to promote access and quality cancer care services, on track
- Progress of the contracts to align the work of Jaffna healthy City to be in line with the action domains and strategic approaches recommended by the WHO, on track
Successful completion of the Mission by the team of experts. Review WHO Regional Office and HQ to review and document the progress achieved in fulfilling the IDP and the level of maturity documents and continuation of the technical support to fulfil the gaps in the Institutional Development Plan (IDP).

- Obtaining clearance of the RRC for the fourth follow-up field survey of the prospective cohort study on environmental and behavioral risk factors for declining kidney functions in Anuradhapura district and successful initiation of the TSA contract.

**Recruitment Profile:**

**Education:**

**Essential**
- University degree in health or related fields from a recognized University

**Desirable**
- An advanced university degree in public health or related fields

**Experience:**

**Essential**
- At least 2 years of work experience in the areas of public health/non-communicable disease control at national level

**Desirable**
- Non-Communicable Disease related research experience

**Language Skills:**

- Excellent written and spoken English, fluency in Sinhala or Tamil.

**Competencies:**

- Producing results
- Teamwork
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Communicating in a credible and effective way
- Ensuring effective use of resources

**Annual Salary & others Benefits:**

**Annual Salary**
- Annual salary will be based on Professional Staff local salary pay band

**Others Benefits**

**WHO Offers locally competitive packages such as:**
- Health Insurance; Accident and illness insurance through Cigna Insurance.
- Annual Leave (30 days per year)
- Sick leave (7 days per year).
- WHO Holidays
Special Requirement

- Availability to start work in two weeks from selection

NOTE:

1) Qualified Candidates will be evaluated and interviewed.
2) Applicants should send a brief Resume of their relevant experience, explaining reasons for being suitable of the activity, together with duly completed Personal History Form (PHF) and scanned copies of educational certificates.
3) Please send your applications only via email to: ragelk@who.int
4) We regret that due to large volume of applications normally received, applications cannot be acknowledged individually.
5) This vacancy is open to all Sri Lankan Nationals (all genders). Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply

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