VACANCY NOTICE

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Vacancy Notice No: WCO-SRL-2022/06  Date: 18 May 2022
Title: National Consultant – Primary Health Care (PHC) Strengthening  Deadline for application: 31 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

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 PHC centered health system for universal health coverage (UHC) 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:

WHO is seeking a national consultant to provide technical assistance on strengthening PHC centered health systems towards accelerating progress towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC). In the current country context WHO Sri Lanka is focusing on recovery from COVID-19 and maintaining health systems functions during the economic crisis. The successful candidate is expected to provide support to the Public Health Administrator in coordinating health systems areas as well as cross cutting systems issues across all programmatic areas as in the WHO workplan agreed with the Ministry of Health (MoH).
Job Description:

Under the general supervision of the Public Health Administrator and in close consultation with the WCO country team, the SSA will work to:

- Support WHO’s role as Lead on the UN Health Results Group, specifically agreed technical work including webinars across PHC areas
- Provide technical inputs for the ADB shared care cluster pilot in line with WHO priorities of PHC and resilience
- Review the MoH HRH Master Plan (2022-2030) with the international consultant and assist with the two year operational plan in line with PHC areas above, including coordinating the updating national health workforce account; and, the health labour market analysis in collaboration with ILO
- Initiate the planning management platform work ensuring technical needs are captured by the IT platform
- Perform any other related duties assigned by the supervisor

Deliverables

- Updated national health workforce account for 2022
- Updated health labour market analysis
- Review of the two year operational plan for the HRH Master Plan (2022-2030)
- Recommendations for the shared care cluster model (conceptual and operational), in the emerging challenges due to COVID-19 and the economic crisis

Recruitment Profile:

Education:

Essential
- A university degree in medicine/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, health management, programme planning in the context of PHC at national and sub-national level

Desirable
- Previous experience with PHC at policy/decision making level including integration of a programmatic area in to PHC

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: rgelk@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

"WHO is committed to workforce diversity". “Any attempt to unduly influence WHO’s selection process will lead to automatic disqualification of the applicant.”

WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or other tobacco users

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