

Vacancy Notice

**Position: National Professional Officer (Emergency Preparedness and Response/IHR), NO-C -
Requisition No. 2100687 – Fixed Term**

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FUNCTION

The objectives of WHO's emergency Preparedness and Response is to support member states develop and sustain the capacity and a robust system to detect, analyze, report and promptly respond to disease outbreaks and other events of potential public health impact. It also aims at building capacity of member states to identify major hazards and take necessary measure to mitigate and reduce possible impacts during emergencies.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Summary of Assigned Duties (Describe what the incumbent has to do to achieve main objectives; include main achievements expected):

Under the overall guidance of the WHO Representative, and working in close collaboration with technical staff at Country Office (HSE cluster), Regional Office, Headquarters and the incumbent:

- Provides technical expertise and guidance in the field of Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) including provision of expertise and authoritative advice for the collection, validation, analysis and dissemination of data, the design and implementation of Early Warning and Response System, and the coordination of related activities.
- Establishes and maintain close collaboration with a broad range of staff from MOH, health facilities, State health offices and partners to promote and facilitate effective cooperation for the implementation of related policies and procedures,
- Provides elaborate strategies and guidelines to ensure the quality and usefulness of EPR interventions including the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR), monitoring and rapid assessments when required during emergencies;
- Provides support in capacity building in the country to meet the core IHR competencies. Monitor progress, identify critical gaps and support the review and re-planning for meeting the required core competencies.
- Ensure that humanitarian health needs are identified by planning and coordinating joint, inter-cluster, initial rapid assessments adapting to the local context the IRA tool, as well as follow-on more in-depth health sub-sector assessments, as needed.
- Mobilize Health Cluster Partners to contribute to establishing and maintaining an appropriate Early Warning and Response System, and regularly report on health services delivered to the affected population and the situation in the areas where they work.
- Ensures a close contact and collaboration with MOH and state health offices to ensure timely communication of events of potential health risks including disease outbreaks. Monitor trends and report potential emergencies to ensure timely and coordinated response.
- Monitor internal WHO capacity to implement the WHO Emergency Response Framework (ERF) in collaboration with the other units within WHO. Participate in the development of strategies and implementation of interventions to build the WCO capacity to implement ERF.
- Support the MOH in collaboration with the regional office and HQ to strengthen cross border collaboration, capacity building and information exchange.
- Support the health cluster to Identify and make contact with health sector stakeholders and existing health coordination mechanism, including national health authorities, national and international organizations and civil society.
- Secure information from a broad range of health sectors, analysing and recommending actions and guidelines for the elaboration of medium- and long-term plans of work and strategies, including

consolidating health data in trends and trends assessment, with particular attention to surveillance, monitoring and early warning;

- Lead and promote the effective coordination of surveillance and assessment activities with Regional Offices and HQ as well as local, regional and national health entities and other international health partners including UN agencies and NGOs;
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the WR

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: Degree in medicine, health related discipline and/or postgraduate degree in Public Health epidemiology, mathematics, or statistics, with specialization in public health and studies in computer sciences.

Desirable: Additional training on disaster management and essential statistical packages and information management system.

Experience

Essential: 5 years of professional experience with an emphasis on Disease surveillance and emergency preparedness and response. Demonstrable experience of working in South Sudan in the last three years. Sound knowledge of the operations of health Cluster principles and mechanisms

Desirable: Good knowledge of WHO health surveillance system and programme management an end-to-end business processes as designed in the Global Management system; experience in project management, ideally in the UN system and/or a public health context.

Skills

Demonstrated knowledge of surveillance and monitoring systems as related to emergency preparedness and response, complemented by skills in the field of epidemiological or statistical data collection, assessment, analysis and the evaluation and monitoring in a public health context. Familiarity with polio eradication, measles mortality reduction, neonatal tetanus elimination activities and strategies as well as key routine and supplemental immunization activities. Ability to conceptualize and promote innovative strategies and policies. Ability to communicate and write in a clear and concise manner, and to develop effective guidelines. Excellent negotiation and interpersonal skills complemented by ability to motivate and lead others, and to promote consensus. Ability for research and innovations to address critical gaps.

WHO Competencies

Producing results

Teamwork

Creating an empowering and motivating environment

Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond

Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Use of Language Skills

Essential: Expert knowledge of English.

Desirable: Beginners knowledge of French. Beginners knowledge of Arabic.

REMUNERATION

Remuneration comprises an annual base salary starting at USD 57,090 (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.
- Any appointment/extension of appointment is subject to WHO Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and Manual.
- Staff members in other duty stations are encouraged to apply.
- For information on WHO's operations please visit: <http://www.who.int>.
- WHO is committed to workforce diversity.
- WHO's workforce adheres to [the WHO Values Charter](#) and is committed to put the WHO Values into practice.
- WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or users of any form of tobacco.
- This is a National Professional Officer position. Therefore, only applications from nationals of the country where the duty station is located will be accepted. Applicants who are not nationals of this country will not be considered.

How to apply: Please follow the below link

<https://careers.who.int/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=2100687>

Candidates wishing to submit applications for WHO advertised positions must first create their personal accounts/profiles in Stellis. Please find attached a Quick Guide to do this.