

NPO (Immunization) - (2101562)

Grade: NO-B

Contractual Arrangement: Temporary appointment under Staff Rule 420.4

Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days): 6 months

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Primary Location Azerbaijan-Baku

Organization EU_AZE WHO Country Office, Azerbaijan

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 Division of Country Health Programmes (CHP) assists country efforts to reduce the burden of non-communicable and communicable diseases and address the social, economic and environmental determinants of health, and promotes policies and actions for health through stewardship of the WHO European Healthy Cities Network. It focuses on health promotion measures; prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, including cancers, cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes, and risks related to tobacco use, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, and the harmful use of alcohol; communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis, and vector-borne and neglected tropical diseases; elimination and control of vaccine-preventable diseases and advocacy for increased use of vaccines; containing and controlling antimicrobial resistance; addressing existing and emerging environmental health risks, and supporting violence and injury prevention. A determination to ensure universal access to people-centred quality health services across the continuum of care is matched by enriching the evidence base for policy design and interventions using social, cultural and behavioural approaches, to drive implementation of innovation at national, regional and local levels. Within CHP, the Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Immunization Programme (VIF) aims to reduce disease and death caused by vaccine-preventable diseases by:--> strengthening routine immunization programmes by achieving and maintaining high vaccination coverage with childhood vaccines;--> ensuring that all children, adolescents, adults, and women of childbearing age have equal access to safe and high-quality immunization services;--> ensuring that epidemiological surveillance, including laboratory networks, is sufficient to achieve and sustain disease elimination targets;--> supporting the implementation of an immunization week to promote immunization; and--> (v) fostering appropriate partnerships with governmental and intergovernmental agencies, nongovernmental organizations and other relevant partners.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

In the context of the WHO Health Emergencies Incident Management System (IMS) at the country level, the incumbent will support national efforts in response to COVID-19 pandemic, through provision of technical assistance on preparedness for and deployment of the COVID-19 vaccine, including strengthening of national vaccine-preventable disease control and elimination programmes. The technical assistance is provided within the framework of EU COVID-19 Vaccination and Vaccine Preparedness and Deployment Programme for the Eastern Partnership. Please describe the key duties: --> Provide technical support to Ministry of Health and/or relevant ministries and governmental agencies to support deployment of COVID-19 vaccine and vaccination including strengthening of national routine immunization;--> Disseminate and facilitate implementation of SAGE and ETAGE recommendations on deployment of COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination; --> Provide technical support to implement preparedness and readiness activities on critical programmatic areas based on COVID-19 vaccine characteristics;--> Provide technical support to implement the strategies outlined in the national COVID-19 vaccination plan including (and not limited to) evidence-informed decision making and service delivery modalities as per the vaccine characteristics, vaccine safety, demand and acceptance;--> Facilitate submission of the national vaccination coverage data to the "COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor" online platform;--> Provide support to document implementation of national COVID-19 vaccine deployment plan to share lessons learnt and to leverage and integrate the achievements to routine immunization programme strengthening;--> Conduct field visits, collect and analyze data, undertake periodic reviews;--> Support to development of and/or prepare progress reports as requested by regional and global structures;--> Oversee and coordinate the development, planning and implementation of short-term and long-term plans of National Immunization Programme to operationalize the national and regional immunization programme goals and targets;--> Facilitate and coordinate regional staff and high-level immunization partner missions as appropriate;--> Undertake any other duties which may be assigned according to the needs of the WHO.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: University degree in medicine, nursing, health management or relevant social/public health areas.

Desirable: Advanced University degree (Master's level or above) in public health or epidemiology

Experience

Essential: At least 2 years' experience in planning and management of public health or immunization programmes; Experience in developing national policy and planning documents in the area of public health, immunization and/or emergency response

Desirable: Work experience with WHO or another international public health organization (desirable).

Skills

Knowledge of WHO guidance and policies in the area of immunization, emergency response and/or COVID-19 response; Strong analytical skills and ability to review and synthesize information from multiple sources; Excellent Communication, Facilitation and Report-writing skills; Strong interpersonal skills, able to work across cultures and with the capacity to build strong working relationships; Knowledge of Office software applications.

WHO Competencies

Teamwork
Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
Communication
Producing results
Ensuring the effective use of resources

Use of Language Skills

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

Desirable: Intermediate knowledge of WHO official language.

REMUNERATION

Remuneration comprises an annual base salary starting at AZN 66,692 (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.