



<b>Title:</b> Roster of State Co-ordinator (Neglected Tropical Diseases)	<b>Date:</b> 7 February 2019
<b>Contract type:</b> Special Services Agreement (SSA)	<b>Deadline for applications:</b> 20 February 2019
<b>Duration:</b> Initial offer of one year, extendable (For details on contract type, please refer to Additional Information below)	<b>Prospective Location:</b> Ranchi (Jharkhand) for immediate vacancy. This Vacancy Notice may also be used to fill similar vacancies at different locations in future.

The incumbent will be initially stationed at the prospective location. S/he could be posted anywhere in India as per the Project needs.

## INTRODUCTION:

All the Member States of WHO in the South East Asia Region (SEAR) share the common value of the highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental human right. All of WHO actions are based on this and rooted in the underlying values of equity, solidarity and participation.

The mandate of WHO revolves around six (6) core functions: (i) providing leadership on global health matters; (ii) shaping the health research agenda; (iii) setting norms and standards; (iv) articulating evidence-based policy options; (v) providing technical support to countries; and (vi) monitoring and assessing health trends.

WHO's Twelfth General Programme of Work (2014-19) focuses on six (6) leadership priorities specifying (i) advancing universal health coverage (ii) health related millennium development goals (iii) addressing the challenge of non-communicable diseases and mental health, violence and injuries and disabilities (iv) Implementing the provisions of the International Health Regulations (2005). (v) increasing access to quality, safe, efficacious and affordable medical products (vi) addressing the social, economic and environmental determinants of health.

WHO-SEAR is made up of 11 countries, with over 1.8 billion people, including India's population of 1.2 billion. The diversity of people and health situations requires, on the demand side, a solid understanding of the emerging socio-economic, epidemiologic and demographic patterns and trends at both the aggregate as well as national and sub-national levels, with due sensitivity to disadvantaged populations and vulnerable segments of the society. On the supply side, it is equally crucial to have a solid understanding of the commonalities and divergences of the health systems, the circumstances and political economy under which they have evolved and operate.

### **Mission of the WHO Country Office for India**

Within the framework of WHO's Country Cooperation Strategy, the mission of WHO Country Office for India (WCO-India) is to support India in: (i) developing and sustaining its own health policies, health systems and public health programmes; (ii) working to prevent and overcome threats to health; (iii) anticipating future challenges; and (iv) advocating public health.

### **Description of Duties:**

Under the overall guidance of the Deputy Head of WHO Country Office for India, technical oversight of the Team-Leader, Communicable Diseases, and day-to-day supervision of the National Professional Officer-NTDs in collaboration with the Regional Team Leader (RTL), with a view to achieve the expected results set out in

the relevant WCO-India work plans in accordance with the WHO's Country Cooperation Strategy with India, the incumbent will have the following responsibilities in her/his assigned area of work:

- i. To work in collaboration with the state for effective planning and accelerating the work towards eradication/elimination and control of neglected tropical diseases (Kala-azar, Lymphatic Filariasis, Leprosy, Dengue, Rabies, soil transmitted Helminthiasis and others) in India and towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target of 2030.
- ii. To provide technical guidance to State health directorate and WHO Representative to India in the monitoring and surveillance of all endemic neglected tropical diseases.
- iii. To strengthen the capacity of the state in the development of roadmap for implementation of activities for reducing the burden and impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases.
- iv. Undertake the strengthening of information systems and health intelligence for decision-making as well as provide technical guidance in evidence generation for various Neglected Tropical Diseases.
- v. To work together with the State government, partners and other sectoral ministries to promote gender, equity and human rights in the area of NTDs.
- vi. To liaise with senior health administrators, other sectoral ministries and partners and facilitate existing partnerships, build new partnerships and initiatives on various neglected tropical diseases and to harmonize recommendations on globally-recognized policies and strategies adapted suitably to the Indian context.
- vii. To work in collaboration with the Regional Team Leader and the staff of the National Polio Surveillance Project to ensure the effectiveness in the implementation of the NTDs programme in the State and the efficiency in management of the WHO programme.
- viii. Provide technical support to National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP) on request of RTL.
- ix. Perform any other duties as assigned by supervisor(s).

## QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

### Education:

**Essential:** University degree in Medicine (MCI/State Medical Council registration essential)

**Desirable:** Post graduation in Community Medicine/preventive & social medicine/public health/ pediatrics/other allied fields

WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from accredited institutions. The list can be accessed through this link: <http://www.whed.net/>

### Competencies:

- Producing results
- Teamwork
- Moving forward in a changing environment
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond

## **Functional Skills and Knowledge:**

The incumbent should identify with the core values of the World Health Organization. Good knowledge of modern office procedures and practices. Ability to analyse data; capacity to convey information and options in a structured and credible way; ability to speak and write clearly. Proficiency in computer applications and ability to draft reports.

The incumbent should contribute to ensuring high professional, ethical, and institutional standards of the Organization. Meet professional conduct expectations, and basic universal norms of honesty, integrity, loyalty, and lawful behavior. This includes compliance with the above, including ability to: perform within existing organizational structures and governance; adhere to WHO's processes; demonstrate gender and cultural sensitivity; demonstrate respectful and constructive interpersonal communication; perform as a team player; and demonstrate due diligence.

## **Experience:**

**Essential:** At least five (5) years of public health experience after graduation (post-graduation will be counted as experience)

**Desirable:** Experience in public health/program management and/or experience of working in the field of Neglected Tropical Diseases would be an added advantage.

**Languages:** Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English and working knowledge of local language will be an asset.

## **Additional Information:**

Monthly remuneration is INR 166,755 taxable as per Indian laws and the appointment will be through Special Services Agreement (SSA) extendable subject to satisfactory performance and continuing need for the function. S/he could be posted anywhere in India as per the Project needs.

State Co-ordinator are nationals of the country (India) in which they are to serve, are recruited locally and are not subject to assignment to any official station outside the home country. Only Indian Nationals should apply.

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Applications which are not completed in all respects will not be considered.

Those who are interested may wish to send their applications in the attached Personal History Form (PHF) (signed and duly completed in all respects) to [\*\*seindhr@who.int\*\*](mailto:seindhr@who.int)

A written test and interviews will be used as a form of screening

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