National Professional Officer (Emergency Risk Management) - (1903387)

Grade: NO-C
Contractual Arrangement: Fixed-term appointment
Contract duration: Two years
Posting Date: Jul 15, 2019, 3:55:34 PM
Closing Date: Aug 6, 2019, 3:29:00 AM
Primary Location: Sri Lanka-Colombo
Organization: SE_SRL WR Office, Sri Lanka
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 overall objective of the program is to reduce the health consequences of emergencies, disasters, outbreaks, food safety events, environmental/occupational hazards and their economic impact. Objective 1: To enhance capacity building on emergency risk management (disaster preparedness and response) in the health sector. Objective 2: To strengthen capacity for preparedness and timely response to disasters, outbreaks, food safety events and environmental/occupational events. Objective 3: To ensure the effective coordination mechanism is in place with all stakeholders in emergencies, disasters, outbreaks, food safety events, environmental/occupational events. Objective 4: To enhance capacity in the control of anti-microbial resistance.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Under the direct supervision of Technical Officer EHA (WCO Sri Lanka) and general supervision and guidance of WHO Country Representative to Sri Lanka, the incumbent performs the following duties:

1. Assist the TO EHA, in the provision of management and technical support in emergencies and disaster for planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their respective projects supported by multi donors;
2. Work closely with the emergency risk management focal person from the Ministry of Health to provide technical support for disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction, community based disaster risk management in disaster prone districts;
3. Coordinate with other health and related partners for joint project implementation of activities in disaster areas/disaster prone districts, for information sharing and for reporting updates/sit reps to WHO SEARO;
4. Review and track project activities, financial reports and supplies and to liaise with concerned WHO staff for timely disbursement of project funds to the MOH;
5. Support the MOH in the planning and implementation of activities in the following priority areas:
   5.1 environmental and occupational health (eg, climate change and health),
   5.2 control of Anti-microbial resistance,
   5.3 IHR, outbreaks and public health emergencies and
   5.4 food safety and
6. Perform other relevant tasks that may be assigned by WR, Sri Lanka

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education

Essential: Degree in medicine
Desirable: Post graduate degree in public health or disaster management or related fields. Certificate in disaster management is an asset

Experience

Essential: At least five years of work experience in programme management in health emergency management. Professional experience in planning and management in the areas of health programme development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation and preparation of technical reports and project proposals related to health programmes at national level. Field experience in managing health emergencies.

Desirable: Desirable: National Programme Management experience in emergency risk management
**Skills**

Expertise in public health, disaster management, risk management, communicable disease surveillance and outbreak response and epidemiology. Good understanding in disaster management and communicable disease surveillance. Good communication skills and excellent use of computer and information technology.

**WHO Competencies**

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

**Use of Language Skills**

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

**REMUNERATION**

Remuneration comprises an annual base salary starting at LKR 6,288,943 (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.