**VACANCY NOTICE**

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**Vacancy Notice No:** WCO-SRL-2019/02  
**Date:** 18 March 2019  
**Title:** National Consultant – National Salt Reduction Strategy  
**Deadline for application:** 29 March 2019  
**Contract type:** Special Services Agreement  
**Grade:** -  
**Duration of contract:** Initially 12 months (may be extended)  
**Organization unit:** Country Office for Sri Lanka

**Introduction:**

The government has launched the National Salt Reduction Strategy 2018-2022 of Sri Lanka and the prioritized actions are currently implemented. The WHO County Office Sri Lanka is a recipient of a LINKS one-time grant to implement a project on “Supporting the Government of Sri Lanka to implement the National Salt Reduction Strategy 2018-2022” over a period of 20 months (April 2019-December 2020). In this regard, a National Consultant (under a Special Service Agreement) will be recruited to assist in achieving the objectives of the project.

**Objectives of the Consultancy:**

In collaboration with the NCD Bureau and the Directorate Environment and Occupation Health of the Ministry of Health, WHO and other stakeholders, the consultant will coordinate the activities and provide assistance to implement the project.

**Job Description:**

Under the supervision of the WHO NCD Team Leader, the national consultant is expected to coordinate, facilitate and provide assistance in achieving the following project objectives:

1. Development of a communication package to educate and change behavior of people to reduce salt intake
   - Communication package to educate and change behavior of people to reduce salt intake developed by Q1 2020
   - A framework to monitor the implementation of the package to educate and change behavior of people to reduce salt intake developed by Q2 2020
   - A National NCD Advisory Board approved Communication package to educate and change behavior of people to reduce salt intake by Q4 2020

2. To provide policy/technical support in revising standards, guidelines and regulations related to salt content of foods; and to build the capacity of the government to successfully engage with the food industry to reduce salt content across identified foods
   - current food standards and regulations in Sri Lanka reviewed and relevant revisions identified by Q3 2019
   - key food categories to be reformulated identified by Q3 2019
   - target levels of salt/sodium set for each identified food category by Q4 2019
   - advocacy material developed to engage with the food industry by Q2 2020
• skills of relevant officials of the government of Sri Lanka built to engage with the food industry by Q2 2020
• A reformulation schedule jointly developed with the food industry by Q4 2020

3. To develop food standards and guidance to promote healthy eating in various settings

• The report of the landscape assessment to determine the current status of food procurement and provision in hospital and schools Q2 2019
• Set of national standards for identified foods and meals for adults and children developed Q1 2020
• Guidance and advocacy documents to promote healthy eating in settings of hospitals and schools developed by Q2 2020
• A framework to monitor the implementation of the guidelines to implement promote healthy eating in settings of hospitals and schools developed by Q2 2020
• A National NCD Advisory Board approved guidelines to promote healthy eating in settings of hospitals and schools by Q4 2020

The consultant will facilitate capacity-building opportunities for the government to effectively engage with the food industry.

The consultant is also expected to contribute to the media/communication-related technical work of the WCO SRL, particularly in digital media engagement.

Recruitment Profile:

Education:

Essential

Degree in medicine from a recognized university

Desirable:

Advanced university degree in public health (MPH, Masters); professional training in epidemiology, health programme management, research methodologies or medical informatics

Experience:

Essential

At least 5 years of relevant working experience at the national or sub-national level in public health, planning, program management, monitoring and evaluation of programmes related to health systems.

Desirable

• Experience in establishing harmonious relationships with partners, within and outside of government.
• Familiarity with process of international and UN organizations
• Experience in communication and media campaign is an advantage

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 UN Salary Band for senior professional

Others Benefits

WHO Offers locally competitive packages such as:

- Health Insurance; Accident and illness insurance;
- Annual Leave (30 days per year)
- Sick leave (7 days per year);
- WHO Holidays

Special Requirement

- Availability to start work in Mid-April 2019.

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: ragelk@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.

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