

Vacancy Notice No: WRO/VN/2010/12

Date: 4 March 2010

Title: Temporary National Professional (Leprosy & Neglected Tropical Diseases)

Deadline for application : **26 March 2010**

Grade: NO-B

Duty Station: New Delhi India

Contract type: Temporary Appointment under Staff Rule 420.4

Organization unit: SE South East Asia (SE)
WHO Country Office for India

Duration of contract: Upto a maximum of two years

Description of duties:

Under the overall guidance of the WHO Representative (WR), direct supervision of Scientist (Public Health Administrator) and technical guidance of National Professional Officer (CDS) the incumbent will work as Temporary National Professional (Leprosy & Neglected Tropical Diseases), within the framework of national policies and guidelines defined in WHO programme and policy documents, in which capacity he/she will perform the following duties in respect of:

A - Leprosy:

1. Technically assist the National Leprosy Elimination programme (NLEP) of India as per the WHO-GOI workplan in planning, implementation and monitoring of the program activities and collaborative activities like Leprosy Elimination Campaigns and Leprosy Elimination Monitoring.
2. Provide technical inputs in support of the timely implementation of the annual programme implementation plan while identifying and addressing;
3. Assist in formulating work plans for health sector portions of the Five Year Plans in the technical area of leprosy.
4. Coordinate, guide and supervise the work of WHO-supported human resources working in NLEP at National / State / Zonal /District levels.
5. Assist the national programme managers in the annual projection, supply, distribution and utilization of WHO-supplied leprosy drugs.
6. Assist the national programme managers in strengthening the information systems related to leprosy including in the collection, compilation, collation and analysis of program-related data and graphic presentations and GIS mapping of leprosy in the country.
7. Support operational research on various aspects of leprosy elimination in consultation with GoI, WHO-SEARO and other multilateral and bilateral partners, in order to identify gaps and devise means to improve implementation of the NLEP.
8. Liaise with concerned technical units/ departments of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, WHO-SEARO and with multilateral and bilateral development partners in order to strengthen existing partnerships and identify new partners to support NLEP and to mobilize extra budgetary funds for the activities in this area; and to harmonize recommendations on policies and strategies relating to NLEP suitably adapted to the Indian context.

B. Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs):

1. Provide technical assistance for the effective implementation and achievement of the goals and targets of the national programmes/initiatives dealing with the control of Lymphatic Filariasis, the elimination of Yaws and Kala-Azar and the control of soil transmitted helminthiasis.

2. Provide technical assistance to the Government of India in the monitoring and implementation of the multi countries Joint Action Plan (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal) for control of Kala-Azar in border areas.
3. Coordinate, guide and supervise the work of WHO-supported human resources working in the area of neglected tropical diseases at National / State / Zonal /District levels.
4. Provide the relevant technical support for the logistics management of WHO-supplied drugs for the various NTDs.
5. Assist the national programme managers in strengthening the information systems and operational research for the various neglected tropical diseases in consultation with the MoH&FW, GOI; WCO-India/SEARO/HQ; multilateral and bilateral developmental partners involved in this area.
6. Strengthen existing partnerships, facilitate new partnerships to support the national programmes/initiatives on various NTDs and mobilize extra budgetary resources for the activities of the WHO India country office in this area; and harmonize recommendations on policies and strategies relating to the various NTDs suitably adapted to the Indian context.

C. Other Duties: Undertake any other tasks and responsibilities as may be assigned by WR-India.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Degree in Medicine from a recognized University; postgraduate degree/diploma in public health, community medicine or equivalent.

Competencies:

1. Communicating in a credible and effective way.
2. Fostering Integration and Teamwork
3. Setting an Example
4. Creating an empowering and motivating environment
5. Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond

Skills:

Thorough knowledge of the WHO's and country's policies and strategies on the elimination/control of leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases; good administrative knowledge of the functioning of Ministries and other related departments/agencies; demonstrated ability to work in harmony with national/international staff and maintaining poise even in difficult situations. In-depth knowledge of elimination of leprosy and control of diverse neglected tropical diseases will be an asset.

Other Skills (e.g. IT): Proficiency in computer applications; ability to write reports and to make oral presentations on technical issues..

Experience:

Essential: Three to five years' professional experience in the development and implementation of communicable diseases control programmes, specifically in the area of leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases, at state and national level working closely with government and/or international agencies.

Desirable: Experience in public private and /or intersectoral approaches in the elimination of leprosy and control of neglected tropical diseases, developing and conducting training programmes for health personnel, development of strategies for strengthening human resource and health system capacity for augmented diseases control programmes; quality assurance systems and monitoring and evaluation techniques.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English and knowledge of local language (Hindi).

Additional Information:

THIS POSITION IS SUBJECT TO LOCAL RECRUITMENT AND WILL BE FILLED BY AN INDIAN NATIONAL FROM WITHIN INDIA.

Annual salary: (Net of tax)
INR 1,491,910/- at single rate

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

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