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Vacancy Notice No: WRO/VN/2010/10

Date: 25 February 2010

Title: Temporary National Professional (Surveillance & Epidemiology)

Deadline for application : 19 March 2010

Duty Station: New Delhi India

Grade: NO-B

Organization unit: SE South East Asia (SE)
Office of WHO Representative, New Delhi, India.

Contract type: Temporary Appointment under Staff Rule 420.4

Duration of contract: Upto maximum 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 (Surveillance & Epidemiology), within the framework of national policies and guidelines defined in WHO programme and policy documents, in which capacity he/she will:

1) Assist the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, to build capacity in the area of national communicable diseases surveillance during normal times and public health emergencies with special emphasis on strengthening of health systems and public health human resources.
2) Provide technical support to the national and state authorities in surveillance and response activities for emerging and re-emerging communicable diseases including pandemics and compliance to IHR-2005.
3) Assist the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) - Central Surveillance Unit (CSU) of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) to provide technical support to the states and build epidemiological capacity of surveillance personnel for the enhanced performance of the IDSP at state and district levels.
4) Undertake regular performance reviews of the states/districts IDSP activities in order to provide technical assistance and overcome performance bottle necks and lacunae in epidemiological capacity for surveillance.
5) On behalf WHO, participate in strategic review meetings and missions related to the IDSP, communicable disease surveillance, epidemiological capacity enhancement and epidemic/ pandemic preparedness and response.
6) Provide technical support in monitoring outbreaks of communicable diseases in the country and analysis of surveillance data of IDSP and other communicable diseases and risk factor surveillance mechanisms for detection of early warning signals of outbreaks.
7) Update guidelines, training modules and other materials and assist in the development of monitoring and evaluation tools, assessment protocols, etc related to communicable diseases surveillance, epidemiological capacity enhancement and epidemic / pandemic preparedness and response.
8) Assist in developing detailed proposals in the area of communicable disease surveillance, epidemiological capacity building and epidemic / pandemic preparedness and response for resource mobilization from partners and in monitoring timely implementation of the proposal-related activities.
9) Support communicable disease surveillance and response; epidemiological capacity enhancement and epidemic/pandemic preparedness and response related activities through close coordination with professional staff in the country office, and the CSU at NCDC.
10) Provide technical assistance for relevant joint UN strategies such as UNDAF, promotion of MDGs pertaining to communicable diseases and for preparedness and response readiness for pandemic influenza when needed
11) Provide technical assistance to initiatives under Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) when needed

12) Undertake any other related tasks and responsibilities assigned by WR-India or the Government of India.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:
Degree in Medicine from a recognized university and postgraduate degree/diploma in epidemiology/public health 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:
Knowledge of the WHO policies, mandate, mission and goals. Sound technical knowledge and national policies and strategies on communicable diseases surveillance and response, epidemiological capacity enhancement and epidemic/pandemic preparedness and response; 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 about issues related to communicable disease surveillance and epidemiology; prevention and control of diverse communicable diseases; and pandemic preparedness and response would be an asset.

Other Skills (e.g. IT): Proficiency in use of computer applications for management and analysis of large databases on disease surveillance and health information and design of computerized disease surveillance and health information data systems.

Experience:
3 to 5 years of in the areas of communicable disease surveillance, prevention and control at state and national level working closely with the government, voluntary and private health sector; experience in the areas of training, developing policy/strategies, quality assurance, etc, in the field of communicated disease surveillance, epidemiology, prevention and control; and pandemic preparedness and response will be an advantage.

Languages:
Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English and very good knowledge of Hindi.

Additional Information:
THIS POSITION IS SUBJECT TO LOCAL RECRUITMENT AND WILL BE FILLED BY AN INDIAN NATIONAL FROM WITHIN THE 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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