



Junior Professional Officer Program (JPO) Chiffre Nr. 2022-2-47

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PART I: INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT

Title: JPO Technical Officer (Global Surveillance and Risk Assessment)

Organization: WHO, World Health Organization

Programme/Department: Health Emergencies Programme (WHE), Emergency Response Division (WRE), Alert and Response Coordination Department (ARC), Public Health Intelligence (acute events) (PHI)

Country and Duty Station: Geneva, Switzerland

Duration: 2 years with possibility of extension for another year. The extension of appointment is subject to yearly review concerning priorities, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance.

Please note that for participants of the JPO-Programme two years of work experience are mandatory! Relevant work experience can be counted. In order to assess the eligibility of the candidates, we review the relevant experience acquired after obtaining the first university degree (usually bachelor's degree).

Objective of the WHO Programme/Department:

The mission of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme (WHE) is to build the capacity of Member States to manage health emergency risks and, when national capacities are overwhelmed, to lead and coordinate the international health response to contain outbreaks and to provide effective relief and recovery to affected populations.

The WHE Response Division (WRE) is responsible for rapidly detecting and responding to health emergencies while leveraging relevant national and international partnerships, ensuring that emergency-affected populations in acute and protracted emergencies have access to essential health services and that systems are maintained and strengthened in fragile, conflict and vulnerable settings while implementing at scale, proven prevention strategies for priority pandemic/epidemic-prone diseases.

The Alert and Response Coordination Department (ARC) is responsible for identifying new public health events, assessing risks to public health, conducting epidemiological surveillance and field investigations, monitoring public health interventions, and communicating public health information to technical partners and stakeholders.

The main thrust of the Public Health Intelligence (acute events) (PHI) is to monitor and assess the implementation of public health policies and projects in the areas of early detection, verification and assessment of public health emergencies, including diseases with epidemic and pandemic potential in addition to all hazard events. Duties involve close collaboration within the WHE Programme, WHO HQ, Regional and Country Offices and with a broad range of partners, to provide technical expertise and promote information-sharing. Successful results involve ongoing contacts with a broad range of external partners, UN and UN Agencies, national and international institutions to exchange findings and promote information-sharing, experience and lessons learnt.

Assignment Summary:

Under the overall guidance of the Team Lead and Unit Head, Public Health Intelligence (acute events) (PHI) unit, the Junior Professional Officer will assist in monitoring and the implementation of public health policies and programmes in the areas of Public Health intelligence and response to public health emergencies, including emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases particularly those with epidemic and pandemic potentials. The PHI unit mandate is aligned with those of the department, Alert and Response Coordination Department (ARC) and contributes to the global missions of the WHO's Health Emergencies Programme (WHE) Response division (WRE) inside the WHE program, responsible for rapidly detecting, verifying, assessing and responding to health emergencies. WHE works hand in hand with Member States to strengthen their capacities and manage health emergency risks and, when national capacities are overwhelmed, to support, lead and coordinate the international health response to contain outbreaks and to provide effective relief and recovery to affected populations.

Duties, Responsibilities and Output expectations

Under the supervision of the Public Health Intelligence (PHI) Team Lead, the Junior Professional Officer will provide technical support, implement the team technical activities and related to the early detection, verification and assessment of acute public health events. S/he will contribute to:

- Conducting event-based surveillance among other activities following the Public Health/Epidemic Intelligence process.
- Detecting, verifying informal reports and contributing to risk assessment of signals and events relevant for WHO in collaboration with Regional Offices.
- Participating in multi-disciplinary risk assessments of specific events (such as emerging infectious diseases like COVID-19, MERS, or Ebola and other viral haemorrhagic fever, other infectious diseases such as influenza and avian influenza, dengue, Yellow fever, cholera, chemical industrial accident, deliberate events).
- Maintaining a case-based database for emerging or unknown diseases and providing regular analysis.

- Synthesising event-based information to prepare briefing materials, epidemiological reports and presentations.
- Carrying out ad-hoc and standardised surveillance data analysis.
- Supporting the preparation of communications via the WHO Event Information Site (EIS) for National IHR Focal Points under the IHR (International Health Regulations) framework.
- Contribute to the 24/7 duty roster.
- Undertake international travel as required.

Supervisor:

Public Health Intelligence (PHI) Team Lead

PART II: CANDIDATE PROFILE

Qualifications and Experience:

Education:

Minimum: **Master's degree** in public health, epidemiology or in a related field.

Desirable: Qualification in infectious disease epidemiology, or in-service training in disease surveillance and/or risk assessment/risk management. Medical or paramedical background will be an asset.

Work experience:

Minimum:

At least two years' experience in epidemiology or public health field at the national and/or international level, in particular in disease surveillance and control.

Desirable:

Experience in international health activities in resource limited countries.

Skills required for the assignment:

Minimum: Excellent knowledge of English.

Desirable: Working knowledge of French.

Desirable:

Good skills in inter-personal communication in different cultural environments.
Excellent writing and editing skills.

WHO competencies required for the assignment:

Communication

Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Team work

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