



Junior Professional Officer Program (JPO) Chiffre Nr. 2022-2-48

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PART I: INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT

Title: JPO Technical Officer (Research for Health)

Organization: WHO, World Health Organization

Programme/Department: Research for Policy and Impact/Research for Health - Science Division

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 Research for Health Department sits within the Science Division. The overall mission of the Science Division is to harness the power of science and innovation to improve health in a systematic way, by ensuring the excellence, relevance and efficiency of WHO's core technical functions, including norms and standards and research. Within this Division, the specific purpose of the Research for Health department is to accelerate the impact of ethical, evidence-based research for people's health.

Its mandate is structured around three key roles:

- 1) to provide leadership on matters related to the impact of research on people's health around the world;
- 2) to ensure that ethics is central to WHO's recommendations to countries, to public health programmes and for clinical practice, with the aim of maximizing benefits while mitigating risks;
- 3) to secure the overall efficiency and impact of the WHO research process.

The Research for Health Department is made up of three units:

- (1) Emerging technologies, research prioritization & support,
- (2) Health ethics & governance, and
- (3) Evidence to policy and impact.

The Evidence to Policy and Impact Unit aims to strengthen the regular use of context-specific research evidence in policy and practice to catalyse the implementation of the 13th General Programme of Work. In view of contributing to accelerating the achievement of WHO's 'Triple Billion Goals' and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the unit covers the following two major functions:

- Country-oriented policy and scaling options to translate research and innovation to impact
- Leadership on policies in research to ensure access and scale-up

The above two functions will be coordinated through an end-to-end delivery process for the 3 levels of WHO.

'The 'triple billion goals' include: 1 billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage, 1 billion people more people better protected from health emergencies, and 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being, respectively.

Assignment Summary:

The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) will provide technical support to the Unit Evidence to Policy and Impact in developing and implementing activities related to promoting evidence-informed policy and practice both within the Organization and at Member State level. The responsibilities play a critical role in fostering and facilitating a systems approach in view of building and institutionalizing capacities to formulate and scale-up sound, evidence-informed health policies and programmes. This includes the provision of technical assistance, as well as contributing to the development and dissemination of new tools, guidance and standards that aim to ensure a functional interface between research and decision-making.

Duties, Responsibilities and Output expectations

The JPO will be assigned the following tasks:

- Support the conducting and publishing of scoping reviews on existing knowledge translation frameworks and tools to support the identification and development of new mechanisms for translating evidence into policy and practice to foster impact at country level;
- Collect and disseminate good practices and lessons learned from national, regional and international activities connecting research to policy and practice, and establish a comprehensive repository that is easily accessible to Member States and regularly updated;
- Prepare and assist in carrying out research-to-policy country assessments, and support the publication and dissemination of such products;

- Contribute to the conceptualization, organization and co-facilitation of WHO Regional Advisor and other expert meetings in view of enhancing the exchange of experiences, identification of knowledge translation needs and development of new innovative approaches;
- Contribute to the establishment and coordination of a global network of WHO collaborating centres and other institutional knowledge brokers and stakeholders, including funders and the media, to support the generation, use and uptake of evidence for policy-making;
- Develop and implement a communications and advocacy strategy aiming to build strong and collaborative relationships within the international stakeholders, including media, funding agencies and government relations, and raise awareness and catalyse a climate of change, favourable to evidence-informed health policy-making; and
- Any other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

Supervisor:

Unit Head, Research for Policy and Impact (1st level)

Director, Research for Health (2nd level)

PART II: CANDIDATE PROFILE

Qualifications and Experience:

Education:

Minimum: Master's degree in public health, implementation research/ health systems research, political or social sciences, international relations or public affairs.

Work experience:

Minimum: Two years of experience in international public health/health systems policy-making, and/or health system research.

Desirable: International work experience, in particular in low- and middle-income countries. Work experience in research-to- policy engagements, health systems political outreach, facilitation, policy, capacity building and/or communication.

Skills required for the assignment:

Excellent knowledge of international public health/health systems policy and/or research in international public health/health systems policy.

Excellent knowledge of English (spoken and written). Solid skills in communications, advocacy and networking.

Working knowledge in another UN language and experience in conducting systematic reviews would be an advantage.

WHO competencies required for the assignment:

The candidate is expected to demonstrate and be guided by WHO competencies, specifically:

1. Producing results
2. Moving forward in a changing environment
3. Communication
4. Teamwork
5. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural difference

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