



World Health Organization

The World Health Organization - Country Liaison Office, Vanuatu Special Services Agreement (SSA): Health Promotion Officer

The World Health Organization (WHO) invites applications for qualified individuals to serve as Health Promotion Officer at the Ministry of Health in Vanuatu for health promotion, primary health care (PHC) and risk communication and community engagement (RCCE). The successful applicant will be based at the Health Promotion Unit (HPU) in the Ministry of Health of Vanuatu and is accountable to the WHO Country Liaison Office (CLO) Vanuatu, based in Port Vila.

Background:

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected the unreached and vulnerable population globally. Similar to other Pacific Islands, the pandemic has placed an extra burden on delivering essential health care in Vanuatu, which consists of 83 islands with scattered communities and geographical isolation. Under the prolonged crisis, transparent risk communication and public awareness of health have been highlighted not only to respond to emergencies but also to improve the access to quality health services.

To this end, WHO aims to provide support to the Ministry of Health in strengthening their leadership role in health promotion, PHC and RCCE at the provincial level. The selected candidate will be expected to work directly with the Ministry of Health to design and implement health promotion activities and RCCE in alignment with the PHC concept.

Job description:

1. Plan, implement and coordinate the health promotion activities and RCCE in the event of health emergency in the Shefa province
2. Supervise and coordinate the PHC activities and the Healthy Islands Policy concept by working closely with the directorate of Public Health and HPU
3. Provide technical assistance to field Health Promotion Officers and aid post workers in the Shefa province
4. Assist in facilitating the health promotion and other in-service training for provincial nurses
5. Assist the Village Health Worker (VHW) Officers to coordinate pre-service and in-service training for VHWs
6. Assist the field officers in planning and facilitating training for the Aid Post Committee and communities for strengthening the VHWs program
7. Distribute, monitor and coordinate information, education, and communication (IEC) materials
8. Promote and implement the Health Promoting Schools (HPS) activities in collaboration with the Education Officer, Ministry of Education (MoE) in Shefa province
9. Support with management of donor funding resources
10. Monitor the Shefa health community studies and conduct a knowledge, attitude and practice (KAP) survey
11. Assist in coordinating the Shefa Provincial Health Radio Talk
12. Assist provincial health officers in various areas; HIV, vector-borne diseases, reproductive health, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, nutrition, etc.
13. Assist in other health emergencies such as natural disaster situations
14. Other related issues as assigned by the supervisors

Subject to the agreement of both parties (WHO and the Ministry of Health) these terms of reference may be modified from time to time, as required in the interest of the activity.

The signatory will primarily work under the direction of the Manager, Health Promotion Unit and WHO staff.

Qualification required:

Diploma of Vanuatu School of Nursing
Certificate in Post Public Health Nursing will be a desirable

Experience required:

At least 10 years in the health promotion field

Skills / Technical skills and knowledge:

Driving licence including boat licence is an asset
Computer skills (e.g. MS Word, MS Excel) are advantages

Language requirements:

Fluent in English or French and Bislama

Details of the proposed position:

- The person will be provided office space and necessary office equipment in the Shefa Provincial Health Department.
- The position is for Vanuatu nationals only and may require travel within Vanuatu.
- Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Contract Type: Special Services Agreement (SSA)
Salary: 1.513.100 per annum payable 126.091 Vatu monthly
Duty Station: Port Vila, Vanuatu
Duration of position: One year

Applicants interested in interviewing for this position should submit;

1. A cover letter addressing the selection criteria, resume/CV and the names and contact details of three referees by email to the following address:
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or Postal Address: WHO, PO Box 177, Port Vila
Closing date for applications: 25 November 2022

Appointments are made under the standard contract conditions of WHO