

Position Description:

Technical Officer – Neglected Tropical Diseases

Title: Technical Officer –Neglected Tropical Diseases; **Grade:** P3; **Contract type:** Temporary Appointment (TA); **Duration of contract:** One year, extendable; **Duty Station:** Dili, Timor-Leste

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:

The objectives of the programme are to take forward the prevention, control and/or elimination and eradication of neglected tropical diseases by providing strategic leadership, engaging in partnerships where joint action is needed and shaping the research agenda towards strengthening the capacity of the national programme and reducing disease burden.

Description of duties:

Under the overall supervision of the WHO Representative to Timor- Leste and direct supervision of the Medical Officer – Epidemiology and broad guidance of Regional Adviser – Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and Director, CDS, the incumbent will work in collaboration with concerned staff in WCO-TLS to provide technical support in evaluating the progress of the neglected tropical diseases and vector borne disease control in Timor- Leste. The incumbent will be responsible for the following:

- To assist the Ministry of Health (MoH) in monitoring of the implementation of the progress on WHO NTD roadmap for Lymphatic Filariasis, Soil Transmitted Helminth, Yaws in Timor- Leste.
- To provide technical strategic advice and programmatic support for the national action plan towards prevention, elimination of LF and Yaws and control of STH in Timor-Leste.
- To support implementation of ongoing NTDs Mass Drug administration (MDA) for LF and STH
- To support to conduct Yaws Survey in Timor-Leste and plan MDA for Yaws elimination.
- To develop a Yearly work plan for implementation of NTDs MDA
- To develop draft report (Biannual and Annual) for KOICA on progress of the NTD MDA implementation including a summary of outputs and activities undertaken, achievements compared to the goals and objectives, and provisional financial reports, both in English and Korean Language.
- To collate and compile data and information on those diseases to update and strengthen the Regional NTD database and evidence generation
- To participate in national and regional capacity building activities in the area of NTDs
- To undertake work-related travel and training as advised by the supervisor
- To participate and contribute to operational research and national surveys related to LF, STH and Yaws.
- Liaise with the MoH NTD team and KOICA and other relevant stakeholders in Timor-Leste.
- To perform any other duties as assigned by the supervisor

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

- Essential: Advanced degree in health-related sciences or public health/tropical diseases in a relevant discipline from a recognized institution.
- Desirable: Training in epidemiology and/or operational research.
- WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an accredited institution. The list can be accessed through this link: <http://www.whed.net/>(link is external)

Skills:

- Thorough knowledge of the WHO programme policies, principles and practices of a wide range of public health issues and sound knowledge of NTDs and their control.
- Skills in conducting health situation analysis, proposal development, project management.

Other Skills:

- Basic computer skills including standard package of WHO office programmes.
- Ability work harmoniously as a member of a team and adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds.

Experience:

- Essential: At least five years' work experience, some of which should have been obtained in an international context, in the development and implementation of public health programmes including substantial professional experience in government/large organizations
- Desirable: International work experience in the area of priority communicable diseases.

Languages:

- Excellent knowledge of written and spoken Korean and English.