

Position: 304302
Position Title: Medical officer (measles and rubella elimination)
Status: Revision without grade increase
Grade: P4
Unit/Team: VPI/DCD
Major Office: EMRO
Duty Station: Cairo, Egypt
Organization: WHO
Nature of Position: Fixed term
Duration: Two Years
Effective Date:
FTE: 100%
CCOG Code:
First Level Supervisor: RA/VPI, FT P5, PN 173549

Second Level Supervisor: DCD, FT D1, PN 172013

1. Background and Justification

****Purpose of the Position***

To strengthen national immunization programmes with particular emphasis on implementation of the regional and national strategies and plans of action for achieving regional disease control and elimination targets, including measles and rubella control and elimination and maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination, through improving routine immunization coverage, implementation of supplementary immunization activities, strengthening disease surveillance and control of outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in countries of the EMR.

2. Job Description

****Objectives of the Programme and of the immediate Strategic Objective***

To reduce childhood morbidity and mortality attributable to vaccine preventable diseases and achieve regional elimination and control targets through improving routine immunization, implementing supplementary immunization activities, expanding immunization beyond infancy, and introducing new and underutilized vaccines with ensuring equitable access of all communities and individuals to vaccines of assured quality.

****Organizational context***

Under the direct supervision of the Regional Adviser, Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Immunization (RA/VPI), the overall guidance of Director, Department of Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control, and in close collaboration with the other team members of VPI and the EPI focal points at the countries, the incumbent will be responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring of activities pertaining to achieving control and elimination of measles, rubella and maternal and neonatal tetanus control and elimination and control of outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases in countries of the EMR.

S/he is expected to take the necessary decisions in providing technical advice to Member States and work independently on developing the necessary plans and guidelines within the framework of the global and regional strategies.

****Summary of Assigned Duties***

The incumbent will perform the following duties:

1. Lead developing/updating guidelines and materials related to measles/rubella control and elimination strategies
2. Provide technical expertise for reviewing and updating the national multiyear plan and annual workplan of action for measles/rubella control and elimination
3. Provide technical expertise to the countries for developing and implementing locally suitable strategies and plans of action for improving access to and uptake of immunization services and achieving high routine immunization coverage of measles and rubella vaccines
4. Lead planning and implementation of measles/rubella supplementary Immunization Activities (SIAs) and outbreak response activities, including,
 - a. Conducting outbreak risk assessment
 - b. Proper planning and preparation for the SIAs including using the country readiness assessment tool
 - c. Conducting intra SIAs monitoring and follow up
 - d. Conducting post SIAs evaluation and vaccination coverage survey
5. Strengthen and monitor performance of measles/rubella case-based surveillance systems and conduct periodic surveillance assessments reviews
6. Guide the member states in preparing and submitting documentation of achieving measles/rubella elimination and provide secretariat support to regional verification commission (RVC) for measles/rubella elimination verification.
7. Provide technical support to the remaining countries for conducting risk assessment and implementing national strategies and activities for achieving maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination
8. Contribute to management of measles related resource mobilization and financial implementation

3. Recruitment Profile

Competencies:

- Teamwork
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Communication
- Building and promoting partnership across the organization and beyond
- Moving forward in a changing environment

Functional Knowledge and Skills

- Excellent knowledge in analysing vaccine preventable diseases and EPI-related data, synthesizing information and presenting clear and concise conclusions and recommendations for decision making
- Demonstrated in-depth knowledge of principles, practices, methodology and techniques of planning of immunization programmes at senior level
- Excellent capacity for conducting training and advocacy

Education Qualifications****Essential***

- Master's degree in epidemiology/public health.

****Desirable:***

- Training in operational research, data management in EPI-related fields. Professional training in biostatistics and data analysis

Experience****Essential***

- At least 7 years of extensive and practical experience in strengthening immunization programmes and implementing measles and rubella control and elimination strategies at senior level at national and international levels. Excellent field experience in response to measles outbreaks, designing and implementing measles and rubella SIAs and implementing measles case based surveillance

Desirable

- Experience in immunization data analysis, interpretation and using data for advocacy, planning and improving programme performance

4. Use of Language Skills

Excellent knowledge of English. Knowledge of Arabic or other UN languages is an asset.

Other Skills (e.g. IT)

- Proficiency in MS Office applications