

## Vacancy Notice



The World Health Organization has a vacancy for the position of:

**National Technical Officer (Primary Health Care)**  
*(Special Service Agreement with 1 year renewable contract subject to funding)*

The post will provide technical and administrative support to health system strengthening within the overall context of achieving universal health coverage in Lao PDR. Technical areas to be covered through a Health in All Policies approach addressing the social determinants of health include support to the Ministry of Health for: implementation of the health sector reform with a renewed focus on Primary Health Care guided by the Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care; Primary Health Care Policy and the 3 Builds Policy of the Government of Lao PDR; and overall health systems strengthening.

**The specific duties are to:**

1. Provide technical assistance in the implementation of the UHC-Partnership Programme activities supporting Primary Health Care initiatives;
2. Provide technical assistance in implementation of the health sector reform and other health systems development initiatives reflecting PHC components of multi-sectoral engagement, integrated services, community empowerment and participation (leaving no one behind) and the Primary Health Care Policy of the Ministry of Health of Lao PDR;
3. Collaborate with WHO and MoH technical staff involved in Primary Health Care activities and assist in carrying out joint activities that will strengthen the components of Primary Health Care including individual and population health services; multi-sectoral initiatives including addressing social determinants of health; and community participation and empowerment;
4. Support project focal points and Government counterparts at all levels from Central, Provincial and District in the implementation and monitoring of the UHC Partnership programme activities related to Primary Health Care and administrative tasks, with special attention to stakeholders at the Province and district level;
5. Support planning and convening of national conferences and meetings as a follow up to the Astana Declaration on Primary Health Care reflecting the critical role of primary health care in achieving universal health coverage;
6. Provide on-site field level support at the Provincial and District level, the length of field time to be determined by Supervisor;
7. Facilitate coordination among agencies and other stakeholders in the preparation for and by participating in relevant meetings;
8. Coordinate and facilitate activities for country missions, international consultants, and trainings;
9. Draft reports and other project related documents as needed; and
10. Provide assistance to other international staff in communication and language support.

**Knowledge & skills:**

- Broad knowledge in programme/ project management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation in health systems with an emphasis on public health
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work in a diverse developing-country setting.
- Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds and maintain a high standard of personal conduct.

**Education:**

- Essential: University degree in social sciences or public health from a recognized university.
- Desirable: Postgraduate qualification in any of the following fields: health systems, health promotion, public health management

**Experience:**

- Essential: Minimum of three years of experience in programme development, in areas relevant to health systems strengthening with key focus on public health/primary health care.
- Desirable: Experience in working with international organizations, in collaborative programmes, in providing technical and administrative support to government counterparts and working in the context of a developing country.

**Language:**

- Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English and local language

**Other skills:** Proficiency in standard MS Office applications.

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit application letter and curriculum vitae in English language with a subject "**Technical Officer, SSA PHC**" to the below address by **4 March 2019**.

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