



Junior Professional Officer Assignment and Candidate Profile Form

PART I: INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT

Title:

Technical Officer – Healthy Cities

Duty Station:

Geneva, Switzerland

Programme/Department:

Healthier Populations Division/Health Promotion Department

Grade Level:

P2

Contract type:

Fixed-term appointment (JPO)

Duration:

2 to 3-year assignment (one-year fixed-term appointment renewable up to 3 years subject to satisfactory performance, recommendation by respective office and partner country agreement). Extension for a third year, possibly in a different duty station, will depend on availability of financial resources and the candidate's performance.

Objective of the WHO Programme/Department:

The unit for Healthy Settings/Health Promotion works on promoting good governance for health and wellbeing in urban settings through community engagement to ensure actions on policies and programmes for enhanced policy coherence for health, and active citizen and societal engagement to promote health, equity and wellbeing. The work of the unit is guided by the SDGs agenda, the 13th GPW, the Shanghai Declaration and the Mayors consensus on health and wellbeing.

Assignment Summary:

Under the supervision of the team lead for Health Promotion under the Department of Health Promotion and Division of Healthier Populations, the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) is expected to contribute to:

1. Support policy development that optimizes health, equity and wellbeing by advocating for the inclusion of health promotion and health protection approaches
2. Promote community led actions to ensure that essential health promotion, health protection and prevention activities are responsive to local and community needs through local settings
3. Expand multi-sectoral and local approaches (e.g. Healthy cities) to ensure that people are enabled to live healthy lives free from preventable disease, disability, injury and premature death
4. Promote health literacy at all levels to facilitate cross sector collaboration, community engagement and policy development to meet and match population needs and priorities
5. Address the health of neglected populations groups

Duties, Responsibilities and Output expectations

Under the overall supervision of the team lead, Settings for Health and Development and guidance of the Director of Health Promotion, the JPO will:

1. Provide technical support in the areas of healthy cities and urban governance for health and wellbeing. This will involve:
 - Reviewing existing concepts, approaches, tools and interventions in policies, programmes and mechanisms related to governance for health and wellbeing in urban settings
 - Conducting a desk review of UN resolutions, recommendations and documents related to governance for health and wellbeing
2. Support the development and implementation of the global project on urban governance for health & wellbeing and civic engagement. This involves providing support in:
 - Setting up a Global task force membered by focal points at the 3 levels of WHO (HQ, Regions and selected countries) and relevant experts
 - Developing project package requirements
 - Engaging Regional offices and concerned partners including technical assistance provided on site at a selected Regional offices for at least 3 months
 - Production of scoping based on specific needs/ profiles of selected countries/ cities
 - Preparing project resource package (drawing on existing regional materials)
3. Support the implementation of a flagship course on community engagement for health and wellbeing
4. Promote community led actions to ensure that essential health promotion, health protection and prevention activities are responsive to local and community needs through local settings
5. Support the development of a strategy on community engagement and guidelines on models of community engagement.
6. Address the health of neglected populations groups
7. Maintain effective collaboration with the WHO Regional and Country Offices counterparts, WHO Collaborating Centres, national institutions, NGOs, and other relevant agencies in strengthening capacity building on health promotion
8. Provide support in the preparations of the WHO 10th GCHP to be held in the United Arab Emirates in March 2021 in sessions related to healthy cities, urban governance and community engagement.
9. Perform all other related duties as assigned by the coordinator.

Supervisor: Team Lead, Settings for Health and Development

PART II: CANDIDATE PROFILE

Qualifications and Experience:

Education:

Minimum: Advanced university degree in medicine, social services, social sciences or in any health-related field from a recognized university.

Desirable: Post graduate degree in Public Health, Health Policy or related field.

Work experience:

Minimum: At least two years', preferably three years' experience in Public Health, Health Promotion, Community Engagement and any other relevant areas

Desirable: Experience in Good Governance for Health, Urban Health and Project Cycle Management

Skills required for the assignment:

Minimum: Proficiency in English.

Desirable: Working knowledge of other UN languages.

WHO competencies required for the assignment:

1. Teamwork
2. Producing results
3. Communication
4. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Learning objectives of the JPO during this assignment

Upon completion of the assignment, the JPO will have the knowledge of working on a global project on urban governance for health and wellbeing and be able to develop, manage, and engage such a project at the global level.

Achieving the learning objectives

	Learning Objective	Training Components	When?
1.	Global and regional collaboration, engagement and support	Setting up of a global task force, engaging with the regions, countries, cities, and partners, and collaborating across the organisation	Throughout the JPO assignment
2.	Project management, time management and prioritisation	Developing a project package, managing the development of a global project, and meeting the requirements of the project	Throughout the JPO assignment
3.	Knowledge and awareness of the field of Health Promotion, particularly Healthy Cities, Good Governance for Health, and others including Equity	Learning the Global Public Health Agenda and Health Promotion Agenda from within the organisation through working on a project that directly contributes to its goals	Throughout the JPO assignment

The progress towards achieving the objectives will be evaluated annually by the JPO together with the first and second level supervisors. Achievement will be against WHO's Performance Management and Development System (PMDS).