

## **Junior Professional Officer Program (JPO)**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **PART I: INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT**

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<b>Title:</b>	Junior Professional Officer, Technical Officer
<b>Organization:</b>	WHO, World Health Organization
<b>Unit:</b>	Neglected Zoonotic Diseases / Department for the Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD)
<b>Country and Duty Station:</b>	WHO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>2 years with possibility of extension for another year</b> The extension of appointment is subject to yearly review concerning priorities, availability of funds, and satisfactory performance

**Please note that for participants of the JPO-Programme two years of work experience are mandatory!** Relevant work experience can be counted. In order to assess the eligibility of the candidates, we review the relevant experience acquired after obtaining the first university degree (usually bachelor's degree).

#### **Objective of the WHO Programme/Department:**

The objectives of the Department of Control of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) are to reduce the negative impact of endemic tropical diseases on health and on the social and economic wellbeing of all people world-wide: to reduce morbidity, mortality and disability through the prevention, control and where applicable, eradication or elimination of selected endemic tropical diseases using, where possible, a synergic approach, provision of technical support to Regions and countries; capacity building; and involvement of relevant partners for implementation; formulation of integrated disease-control strategies.

#### **Assignment Summary:**

Under the supervision of Team Leader, Neglected Zoonotic Diseases (NZD), the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) will be assigned to tasks in the following areas:

- Epidemiological assessment of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) including the development of strategies and guidelines, the provision of health information and evidence for monitoring and control of zoonotic NTDs, and
- Epidemiology and data management of NTDs to inform investment in strategies for the control of zoonotic NTDs based on the best evidence and evaluation of interventions.

## **Duties, Responsibilities and Output expectations**

1. Provide epidemiological support towards the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of NZD programmes;
2. Under the supervisor's guidance, provide input on strategies for control and elimination and guidelines for management of zoonotic parasitic diseases based on the best available evidence in collaboration with counterparts in WHO HQ, Regions and relevant partners;
3. Liaise with regions and countries to collate and analyse data on NTDs and other relevant drivers of disease for trend analysis and monitoring and evaluation of NZD programmes and contribution to GPW13;
4. Liaise with regions and countries to assess needs and make proposals for the design of tools to build targeted capacity in countries for the control and elimination of NTDs with specific focus on zoonotic diseases, namely taeniasis/cysticercosis, echinococcosis, rabies, foodborne trematode infections and snakebite envenoming;
5. Assemble the business case for investment in control and elimination of NTDs with specific focus on zoonotic diseases through direct interaction with country counterparts, the organization of international expert meetings and relevant partners;
6. Assist with drafting fund-raising proposals, advocacy and awareness raising materials for zoonotic NTDs.

### **Supervisor:**

Team leader, Neglected Zoonotic Diseases

## **PART II: CANDIDATE PROFILE**

### **Qualifications and Experience:**

#### **Education:**

Minimum: **Master's degree** in veterinary or medical sciences, public health or related subject.  
Desirable: Post-graduate degree in epidemiology or (veterinary) public health, health economics, biostatistics or (veterinary) public health.

#### **Work experience:**

Minimum: Two years of relevant working experience in epidemiology or related area and data management.  
Desirable: Work experience in less developed countries in the above areas.

#### **Skills required for the assignment:**

Minimum: Excellent knowledge of English.  
Desirable: Working knowledge of French or Spanish would be an advantage.

#### **WHO competencies required for the assignment:**

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

## Learning objectives of the JPO during this assignment

Upon completion of the assignment, the JPO will have / be able to ...

### Achieving the learning objectives

	Learning Objective	Training Components	When?
1.	Built knowledge on the global impact of NTDs and burden of disease epidemiology; understood and implemented the role of the programme within the Organization and in international collaboration towards control/elimination of NTDs	On the job training; Participation in technical workshops; Structured guidance (establishment of work plan with clear key results), weekly training and feedback meetings with supervisor	Throughout the JPO assignment
2.	Achieved competency in providing technical assistance to Member States and further stakeholders	Participation in extensive programme reviews, joint travels with senior experts to countries and meetings and through mentorship by supervisors and colleagues	Throughout the JPO assignment
3.	Built and maintained a network of collaborative professional relationships within WHO, with counterparts and with international partners	On the job training; missions to different countries to establish working relationships with national counterparts and experts, interactions with a variety of partners in different countries and regions, presentations at relevant meetings	Throughout the JPO assignment
4.	Acquired autonomy in project management in an international environment, including budgeting	On the job training; participation in relevant training courses	Throughout the JPO assignment
5.	Developed high-level writing skills for international public health publications; including grants for fundraising	Participation in drafting and revision of a variety of documents (technical information, guidelines, strategy papers, policy briefs, grants, scientific papers) with detailed feedback	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).

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