UNICEF: Child Protection Officer

**Purpose of the Position**
Under the general guidance of the Child Protection section chief, the incumbent will be accountable for effective engagement in social and policy research, analysis and dialog for program development, contributing to design evidence-based program and informed decision making for increased public resource allocation towards the social sector and sustainable delivery of social services and capacity building in support of the creation of a protective environment for children. Incumbent will also facilitate the knowledge management of the Child Protection Program as well as contributing the evaluation activities.

**Key Expected Results**
Ensure the effective communication and networking developed and maintained through partnership and collaboration.

- Collaborate with Operations staff to implement internal controls systems and resolve day-to-day issues or discrepancies in financial or supply management.
- Team with local Government counterparts to exchange information on Child Protection project implementation and status as well as movement and distribution of supplies.
- Coordinate with members of the development community, including NGOs, UN and bilateral agencies in the exchange of information relating to Child Protection sector.
- In coordination with other program and teams, formulate and coordinate conduct of quality research and policy analysis on children and women, addressing the determinants of the social exclusion, disparities, inequalities as well as implications of the economic, financial trends, national public policies and public management, governance of public affairs.
- Participate in social policy dialogue and development with the Government, engages in and establishes constructive dialogue and partnerships between academia, research organizations, international (including other UN agencies and IFIs) and local stakeholders to support the development of evidence-based analysis, research action Program contributing to the progressive realization of children's rights to protection.
- Collects and analyses strategies information for the sound and up-to-date assessment of the situation of children and women for program/project planning, management, monitoring and evaluation proposes on a routine basis. Analyses the social, economic, cultural, political context and the impact on social development, emerging issues and social policy concerns, as well as implications for children and proposes and promotes appropriate responses in respect of such issues and concerns, including government resource allocation policies and the effect of social welfare policies on the protection and wellbeing of children.
- Undertakes field visits related to research, analysis and evaluation as well as provides technical assistance to the teams and program of the field office.
Qualifications of Successful Candidate

- University degree in the social sciences, preferably, sociology, policy research and analysis.
- Two years of relevant professional work experience.
- Experience working in the UN or other international development organization, and field work experience an asset.
- Background/familiarity with Emergency and gender mainstreaming.
- Fluency in English and a second UN working language. A good knowledge of local working language of the duty station an asset.

Competencies of Successful Candidate

- Communicates effectively to varied audiences, including during formal public speaking
- Able to work effectively in a multi-cultural environment
- Sets high levels of quality and productivity for self
- Demonstrates an awareness of changes in organizational strategy that impact on own work area
- Analyzes and integrates potentially conflicting numerical, verbal and other data from a number of sources
- Demonstrates and shares detailed technical knowledge and expertise
- Seeks and quickly absorbs new information and techniques
- Sets clearly defined objectives and plans activities for self, own team or department

Remarks
The New and Emerging Talent Initiative (NETI) is an entry point for dynamic professionals interested in an international career with UNICEF. Aside from the qualifications indicated in the job description for this post, all NETI program applicants must also meet the following minimum requirements:

- Completion of an advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) at the time of application
- Proficiency in English and another official language of the United Nations;
- Readiness to be assigned to any UNICEF office worldwide, including hardship duty stations
- At least 2 years of relevant work experience for functions at the P-2 level, and at least 5 years of relevant work experience for functions at the P-3 level.
- Relevant experience should include work in developing countries and in multicultural environments.