World Health Organization (WHO): National Professional Officer

**Description of Duties**

**Purpose of the Post:** To contribute to the global polio eradication initiative

**Organizational Context**

As part of the WHO/UNICEF EPI/PEI (Polio Eradication) team and under the guidance of the Polio Eradication Team Leader and the overall supervision of the WHO Representative (WR), the incumbent is responsible, in his/her zone, for supervising the implementation, reporting of activities, and advocacy of EPI/PEI eradication, together with all partner agencies operational in Somalia (comprising UN agencies, international and national non-governmental organizations, counterparts, and local authorities).

**Summary of Assigned Duties**

Under the guidance of the Polio Eradication team leader and the direct supervision of the WR for Somalia and in close collaboration with local authorities, other UN staff in the field as well as NGOs, the incumbent will undertake the following activities in his/her zone:

- Prepare for and supervisor implementation of the planned supplemental immunization activities in the assigned zone;
- Together with the partners and technical staff, review and update zonal micro plans and other documents to ensure appropriate and fair distributions of resources to guaranty quality campaigns;
- Identify areas and reasons for poor coverage and develop a special plan that addresses refusals, inaccessible areas and nomadic population;
- Collect, analyze and use SIAs reporting and monitoring data for identifying gaps and recommending corrective measures
- Support other immunization activities
- Support AFP surveillance in the zone in all aspects especially sensitivity, quality and timeliness
- Participate in the recruitment of District Polio Officers (DPOs) and other campaign auxiliary workers that support polio eradication activities at district levels
- Prepare monthly report to reflect activities conducted, progress made and constraints faced and recommendations for way forward
- Collect and collate daily security report from regions under his/her responsibility;
- Ensure the Polio Eradication Officers (PEOs) maintain daily contact with the DPOs with regard to security in each region
- Communicate and security incidence or concerns to the Polio Team Leader
- Maintain close contact with the Area Field Security Coordination Officer in the zone
- Ensure that PEOs and DPOs obtain mandatory security clearances before all travels within or out of Somalia
**Required Qualifications**

**Education**
- University degree in Medicine

**Competencies**
- Producing results;
- Fastening integration and teamwork;
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

**Functional Skills and Knowledge**
- Skills in training health workers on PEI/EPI activities standard operational procedures
- Skills in planning, managing and coordination of PEI/EPI programs
- Ability to prioritize, organize, manage and adapt management style according to needs
- Ability to build and motivate teams and work under pressure
- Computer literacy

**Experience**
- Essential: At least two years of work experience in the field of PEI and EPI
- Desirable: Experience in UN organizations/agencies or international institutions

**Languages**
- Excellent knowledge of English and of a local language.

**Additional Information**
- Applicants are kindly requested to pay attention to the screening questions as they will be used to screen out unqualified candidates.
- Only qualified applicants with the relevant experience will be considered.
- A written test/presentation and interviews will be used as a form of screening. The written test might be used as an eliminatory tool.
- Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice (this could be the base for rosters).
- Interviews will include competency-based questions.