



Chief, Health, level 4

If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

For 60 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic Health for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.

Purpose of the Job

Under the overall guidance of the Representative/Deputy Representative, you will have overall responsibility for the development, design, planning, implementation and management of the Health and/or Young Child Survival and Development (YCSD) programme. As section head, you will also direct, lead and manage a group of professional and support staff to develop, manage and administer the programme.

You will lead situational analyses, including epidemiological and emergency assessments; provide in-country leadership on Health policies, including emergency preparedness and response, with a particular focus on maternal, neonatal and child survival; provide in-country technical and operational leadership on scaling-up key maternal, neonatal and child survival interventions; and help to monitor, evaluate and report on Health programme effectiveness and impact.

Key Expected Results

Outcome of your work should include:

Timely, regular sectoral data-driven analysis for effective prioritization, programme planning, development and results-based management.

Technical leadership, guidance and coordination provided to key government and non-government partners on national policies, strategies, processes and programs related to Health, including emergency preparedness and response, with a particular focus on relevant maternal, neonatal and child survival interventions.

Technical and operational leadership, guidance and coordination provided to key government and non-government partners on scaling-up tailored packages of maternal, neonatal and child survival interventions including the elaboration and implementation of detailed sectoral work-plans and budgets.

Programme monitoring, evaluation and reporting carried out in a timely manner, efficiently, rigorously and transparently in compliance with the established guidelines and procedures.

Profile of Successful Candidate

Advanced degree in one of the disciplines relevant to the following areas: medicine, public health, pediatrics health, health research, international health, health policy and management, environmental health sciences, family health, biostatistics, socio-medical sciences, epidemiology, health education, or a field relevant to international development assistance in health.

Eight years of relevant professional work experience, including field work experience, in a field related to developmental assistance in health. Experience facilitating technical support in health related emergency and humanitarian preparedness. Experience in programme/project management, and UNICEF policies and strategy to address conflicts, natural disasters, and recovery. Experience working in the UN or other international development organization an asset.

Background/familiarity with emergency situations.

Fluency in English and another UN language required. 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 standards for quality of work and consistently achieves project goals.

Has good leadership and supervisory skills; co-ordinates group activities, ensuring that roles within the team are clear.

Translates strategic direction into plans and objectives.

Analyzes and integrates diverse and complex quantitative and qualitative data from a wide range of sources.

Quickly builds rapport with individuals and groups; maintains an effective network of individuals across organizational departments.

Identifies urgent and potentially difficult decisions and acts on them promptly; initiates and generates team- and department-wide activities.

Demonstrates, applies and shares expert technical knowledge across the organization.