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Junior Professional Officer Programme (JPO) Chiffre Nr. 2023-1-27

I. Job Description

Title: JPO, Programme Officer (Climate)

Organizational Unit: WASH Unit, Programme Section

Agency: United Nations Children's Fund UNICEF

Post Location: Nairobi, Kenya, Eastern & Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO)

Duration of assignment: 2 years with possibility of extension for another year. 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 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).

II. Post Information

Training and Learning Plan

- Participation in a one-week JPO Induction Programme in New York;
- Guidance and advice in relation to training opportunities within the field of expertise;
- Use of yearly JPO training funds for internal/external training opportunities;
- Participation in the Mentoring, Coaching, and Career Counselling and Career transition programmes;
- Encourage field mission and/or stretch assignment during and after the 2nd year

In addition, the JPO will benefit from the following specific learning opportunities in the receiving office:

- Renewable Energy training
- Environmental and Social Safeguards training
- Climate Financing training

UNICEF is strengthening its capacity in Climate, Energy and Environment (CEE) work for children. This JPO offers the opportunity to develop these skills and to mainstream them across other country offices and regions in some of the emerging P3 (FT) and P4 (FT) Climate Specialist functions.

III. Strategic Office Context and purpose for the job

UNICEF works in some of the world's toughest places, to reach the world's most disadvantaged children. To save their lives. To defend their rights. To help them fulfill their potential. Across 190 countries and territories, we work for every child, everywhere, every day, to build a better world for everyone. And we never give up. For every child, a future.

Climate change is already causing widespread disruptions in every region of the world and threatens to undermine progress in nearly every area of human development. It poses substantial risks to multiple dimensions of poverty and wellbeing - people's health, nutrition, education, food security, water and shelter, economic development, as well as natural environment. While climate-related hazards threaten all of us, their impacts fall unequally. Children will bear the brunt of climate impacts due to their greater vulnerability and the disproportionate risks they face, especially in developing countries.

In Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) region, changes in climate are manifested through rising temperatures, changing patterns of rainfall and the differences in frequency and intensity of extreme events. There is increasing evidence that climate change is contributing to higher temperatures in the region. In subtropical regions of southern Africa, for example, temperatures have been rising at approximately twice the global rate over the last five decades (IPCC, 2018). These temperatures are exacerbating the impacts of drought and flooding which decimate livelihoods, leaving households desperate for food and putting children at risk of acute malnutrition and burden of diseases, such as malaria and dengue fever. Extreme events such as floods, droughts and cyclones have increased in frequency and severity across the region in recent years. This is compounded by lack of access to sustainable energy, making children, families, communities and systems particularly sensitive to the impact of extreme climate events.

The climate extremes impact children in a number of ways. These may include direct impacts such as injury suffered during unusually heavy rainfall events or from increases in infectious, vector and water-borne diseases in areas subject to higher annual average temperatures and rainfall intensity; deteriorating sanitation and compromised access to clean water as boreholes and other water sources dry up; and disruption of schooling due to infrastructure damage. The impacts can also be felt indirectly, when climate change interacts with other development pressures, resulting in such challenges as rising food prices or local conflicts over scarce natural resources, with children and households forced to cope accordingly.

Strategic office context:

In response, UNICEF is building low-carbon, climate resilience into its programmes through resilient services (e.g., health, education, nutrition, social protection, and WASH) to children. In the ESA region, UNICEF continues to advocate for and support countries vulnerable to climate change in the sectors of WASH, health, education and the social policy space to develop, strengthen and implement child sensitive sector plans which integrate climate resilient risk management, mitigation and adaptation planning approaches. This not only ensures that policies and plans are child sensitive, but also incorporate the voices of children and youth themselves. In addition to this, UNICEF also continues to ensure, through its work, that communities vulnerable to climate change are reached through the development and implementation of climate action targeted at resilience and adaptation activities for the benefit of children.

Therefore, the WASH section at UNICEF ESARO is seeking donor support for the funding of a JPO position for 2022-2023 that will provide critical support for the accelerated implementation of the Climate Flagship Programme in ESA. The JPO will support the RO ability to ensure the technical excellence and quality of programmatic work and support to Country Offices on climate, environment, energy and DRR in the region. Overall, the funding of this position will provide much-needed support for the organization's strengthened commitment to the promotion of combatting climate change and environmental degradation and protect children from the impacts of the climate crisis.

Purpose for the job:

The main purpose of this assignment is to strengthen capacities of the UNICEF ESA Regional Office and its partners in scaling up its regional strategy on climate and environment in the ESA region by strengthening our climate financing and innovation efforts to enable scaling up low-carbon, resilience building and development. The purpose of the position is aligned with UNICEF's global strategy on climate, environment, energy and DDR and the ESARO Climate Flagship Programme.

The Climate Officer (JPO) will report to the Climate Specialist and work closely with RO section counterparts in a cross-sectoral manner. The Officer will be located at the ESA Regional Office in Nairobi, Kenya. This role will allow for UNICEF to strengthen its climate and environment support to the 21 countries in ESA as they intensify their work in this area and strive to meet the increased needs of government systems and communities. In addition, the Climate Officer will play an important role in strengthen delivery under the Climate Flagship programme, with a specific focus on innovative climate financing to mobilize project financing pipelines for climate adapted operations and programme. This will include components of innovation and research as well as partnerships and resource mobilization, in addition to generic support to the WASH and Climate team in ESARO.

IV. Key function, accountabilities and related duties/tasks

1. Climate Finance, partnerships, knowledge management and resource mobilization

- Map climate financing efforts and opportunities by and for Country Offices in ESA.
- Provide technical support for mapping, scaling up and accessing climate financing for low-carbon development, adaptation and innovative programming.
- Development of Knowledge Management materials outlining and highlighting best practices, case studies and investment cases for innovative climate financing to support climate programming and access climate financing.
- Support implementation, monitoring and documentation including climate action research and innovation (technical or systems) as well as sharing of results.
- Build on existing initiatives on climate services, including blended finance, to support data needs for UNICEFs thematic priorities and child focus on climate services related to WASH, health, nutrition, education, child protection and disaster risk reduction.

2. Evidence generation and analysis

- Support evidence generation and analysis on climate hazards and impacts on child vulnerabilities .

- Support collection and development of data on UNICEF thematic areas and sectors in support of climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and building climate resilience.
- Support vulnerability data collection, and assessment in line with UNICEF's key thematic areas in order to support child focused vulnerability assessment and mapping activities at sub regional level.

3. Policy, advocacy, and positioning of UNICEF

- Technical support to COs implementing the Global Advocacy Pillar 4 on climate change and water scarcity.
- Technical support to development of policy briefs and mapping of child sensitivity in national climate policies and strategies.
- Support provision of technical guidance and policy advice to Regional Office for supporting governments, the private sector and civil society partners on environmental risks facing children.

V. Impact of Results

The programmatic support by the JPO on climate financing, evidence generation and analysis as well as policy, advocacy and positioning of UNICEF will directly impact the development and implementation of UNICEF ESARO Climate Flagship Programme. This will enable UNICEF to more efficiently and effectively respond to threats to children's rights, wellbeing and needs posed by the climate crisis which are currently ongoing and escalating in the countries of Eastern and Southern Africa.

VI. Competencies and level of proficiency required

Core Values attributes

- Care
- Respect
- Integrity
- Trust
- Accountability
- Sustainability

Core competencies skills

- Demonstrates Self Awareness and Ethical Awareness
- Works Collaboratively with others
- Builds and Maintains Partnerships
- Innovates and Embraces Change
- Thinks and Acts Strategically
- Drives to achieve impactful results
- Manages ambiguity and complexity

VII. Recruitment Qualifications

Education: Master's degree in one of the following fields is required: environment, climate change, social and economic development, international cooperation, international development, or another relevant technical field is required.

Experience:

A minimum of two years of professional experience in one or more of the following areas is required: climate change, environmental sustainability, fundraising, advocacy and communications, project management.

Relevant experience in a UN system agency or organization is considered as an asset. action is considered as a strong asset.

Language Requirements:

Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official UN language or local language of the duty station is considered as an asset.

VIII. Information and living condition of Duty station:**General Information:**

Nairobi is now one of the most prominent cities in Africa politically and financially. Home to thousands of Kenyan businesses and over 100 major international companies and organizations, including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the main coordinating and headquarters for the UN in Africa & Middle East, the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON), Nairobi is an established hub for business and culture.

Security:

The Security Level in Nairobi is classified as Moderate (Level 3) as per the UN security management system in Kenya. Terrorism is one of the security challenges to UN operations in Nairobi.

Housing:

Different types of long-term accommodation are available in Nairobi: standalone houses, houses in gated compounds, apartments. These could be furnished and/or fully serviced, or unfurnished. Advertisements of rental opportunities are also posted at UNON Bulletin Board.

Schools & Childcare:

Most of international staff's children attend international schools with an academic system that is widely recognized abroad. International schools often include a kindergarten and pre-school classes (sometimes even a nursery) for younger kids. It is advisable to ask your embassy in Nairobi which schools your compatriots prefer for their kids.

Work for spouses & partners:

Work opportunities for spouses/partners are limited. However, if hired by any organization a work permit must be applied for through the same hiring organization. Spouses of UN staff members can join the United Nations Kenya Local Expatriate Spouse Association (UNKLESA), which often provides information on job opportunities in Kenya and other networking events.

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