

# **WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

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## **Junior Professional Officer Assignment and Candidate Profile**

**Assignment:** Training Support Programme (TSP) Unit – Epidemiology Project.  
**Post No:**

<b>Regional Programme/ Cluster/Department:</b>	<b>WHO/HQ CDS/EPR/IHR/LYO</b>	<b>Duty Station: Lyon</b> 58 avenue Debourg, 69007 Lyon, France
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### **Objective of WHO Programme**

The WHO Lyon Office for National Epidemic Preparedness and Response (LYO) is part of the Coordination Programme for the International Health Regulations (IHR). The Office provides support to Member States in the strengthening of infectious diseases surveillance, alert and response, in order to comply with the IHR requisites. Within the Office, the role of the Epidemiology Project within the Training Support Programme (TSP) Unit is to assist countries in strengthening their epidemiological surveillance, alert and response systems through expertise and training. In particular, the Unit provides support for a better understanding of core capacities for surveillance and response required by the IHR, develops guidelines and training modules, elaborates new tools for reinforcing quality of surveillance systems, assists WHO regional offices in the design of their training strategies, helps in the implementation of field epidemiology programmes, and gives technical advices when requested. The Unit also tries to develop a network of field epidemiologists involved in surveillance, alert and response activities.

### **Name, title, telephone, fax and e-mail address of direct supervisor**

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### **Assignment Summary**

Under the supervision of the project leader for the Epidemiology Project within the TSP Team, the JPO will work as part of a team of professionals who will support Member States to strengthen their surveillance, alert and response functions. The JPO will participate in the development of guidelines and adaptation to the different WHO regions, the building of training modules, and will provide technical expertise when requested. The JPO will participate in regular technical meetings of the Unit and in program planning exercises. Focusing on the development of capacities for communicable diseases at country level, he or she will interact with other professional and administrative staff on a regular basis to identify key WHO program elements, their evaluation and appropriate follow-up strategies.

He will participate in building a network of field epidemiologists and in the website which will support the network. This website will include a moderated forum which will allow registered epidemiologists to share information, ask and respond to operational and methodological issues, as well as specific distance learning and related links.

### **Key Deliverables**

- Building of a network of field epidemiologists
- Development of training modules for surveillance, early warning and response, in the scope of IHR

### **Minimum Qualifications and Experience**

Medical doctor/veterinarian/pharmacist/MPH with experience in public health and/or epidemiology

Working knowledge of English

Good capacities in communication in different cultural environments

Good writing skills

Computer literate in word processor, electronic management tools (Excel, Access, etc) Internet, email and presentation software (PowerPoint)

Ability to undertake international travel

Ability to function effectively in a team setting.

### **Additional desirable qualifications and experience**

Field experience in public health with NGO's or other development agencies

Experience to work with international funding agencies

Knowledge of administrative policy and practices

Other working languages