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**Vacancy Notice No:** SE/CO/NPO/2015/FTMAV1

**Date:** 3 November 2015

**Title:** National Professional Officer - Health & Environment

**Application Deadline:** 24 November 2015

**Grade:** NO-B

**Duty Station:** Male, Maldives

**Contract type:** Fixed-term Appointment

**Organization unit:** SEARO Countries (SE\_ACO) /  
SE\_MAV WR Office, Maldives (SE\_MAV)

**Duration of contract:** Two Year

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :**

The WHO operates, on the basis of the biannual programmes, within the framework of the Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) for the Republic of Maldives, which reflected the medium-term vision for the WHO's collaboration within the Government of the Republic of Maldives in Support of its national health strategies, policies and priorities. The current WHO CCS is an evolving framework to reflect priorities of the current health sector reform in the Republic of Maldives as well as with the on-going WHO reform. It has the following five stages priorities: 1. enhancing public health interventions to sustain achievement in MDGs and beyond at national and subnational level; 2. strengthening of the health system based on the primary health care approach; 3. preventing and controlling disease and disabilities; 4. strengthening health information systems, monitoring and evaluation and research; 5. partnership and coordination in support of effective health reforms and decentralization.

### **Description of duties:**

Under the direct supervision of the Medical Officer and overall guidance of the WHO Representative (WR) to Maldives, the incumbent will provide country-level coordination and technical support for the health and environment activities. Specifically, the incumbent will be expected to:

- Coordinate and provide support in the implementation of activities in the areas of social determinants of health, environment and health within the overall framework of the WHO Country Cooperation Strategy for the Republic of Maldives 2013-2017 and the work plan for 2014-2015 biennium;
- Provide support in the implementation of activities in the area of environment and health within the overall framework of Maldives 2016-2020 United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and Low Emission Climate Resilient Development (LECRd) Joint Programme;
- Act as a focal point for all health and environment related WHO Programmes at the country level;
- Support efforts to strengthen environment health capacities at national, subnational and community levels, including creation of coordination mechanisms and structures for assessment, monitoring and improvement of environmental hazards and health risks;
- Follow up on donor reporting requirements and ensure timely and technically sound reporting;
- Identify the technical support needs from the Regional Office to ensure effective implementation of the workplan activities, and prepare and organize WHO technical assistance missions in the areas of social determinants and environment health, including efficient travel and meeting schedules, briefing/debriefings agendas.
- Assist in preparation for the national and local meetings, trainings, workshops and other events by providing necessary technical

support in developing background materials;

- Provide support in assessing and strengthening disease surveillance systems related to climatic condition changes;

- Perform any other duties as assigned by supervisor.

## REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

### Education:

Essential: University Degree from a recognised university in environment or other health related field.

Desirable: Masters in Public Health or related field with a concentration in environment health or health programme management.

WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an accredited institution. The list can be accessed through this link: <http://www.whed.net/>

### Skills:

Functional skills and knowledge:

- Advanced knowledge and proven experience in public health area, programme planning and development, programme implementation and management, monitoring and evaluation;

- Knowledge of WHO norms and standards, including those aimed in environment and health;

- Knowledge of local context of public health practices in the country;

- Ability to deal with complex issues and multi-tasking skills.

Competencies:

1) Communication

2) Teamwork

3) Respecting and Promoting individual and cultural differences

4) Producing results

5) Building and promoting partnership across the organization

Other Skills:

Good computer skills, including standard package of office programmes

### Experience:

Essential: At least 2 years of work experience in public health area and/or programme management;

Desirable: Established track record in public health and/or programme management, including experience in networking, partnership, resource mobilization and M&E.

### Languages:

Excellent knowledge of English and Dhivehi

### Additional Information:

Please visit the following websites for detailed information on working with WHO:

<http://www.who.int> to learn more about WHO's operations

<http://icsc.un.org> Click on: Quick Links > Salary Scales > by date

### Annual salary: (Net of tax)

Rufiyaa 306,254 at single rate

This vacancy notice may be used to fill other similar positions at the same grade level.

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A written test and interviews may be used as a form of screening

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All applicants are encouraged to apply online as soon as possible after the vacancy has been posted and well before the deadline stated in the vacancy announcement.

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