

## Health Economist - (2204111)

**Grade:** P4

**Contractual Arrangement:** Fixed-term appointment

**Contract Duration (Years, Months, Days):** 2 years

**Posting Date** May 9, 2022, 8:37:33 AM

**Closing Date** May 24, 2022, 5:59:00 AM

**Primary Location** Philippines-Manila

**Organization** WP/DHS Division of Health Systems and Services

**Schedule** Full-time

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Please note that the deadline for receipt of applications indicated above reflects your personal device's system settings.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

*For the Future: Towards the Healthiest and Safest Region* outlines a vision for WHO work with Member States and partners in the Western Pacific. Strong, resilient, sustainable health systems are integral to delivering the four thematic priorities. Up to 60% of people living in some countries in the Region do not have access to safe, quality and affordable health services and medicines. One in five families spend 10% of their income on health care. This threatens individuals, families, communities and economies. The Division of Health Systems and Services (DHS) will contribute to taking forward the vision of, and the thematic priorities in *For the Future*. DHS will support

Member States with high quality advice and assistance on health financing, health workforce, medical products, quality and safety, law and governance, women and children, rehabilitation, surgery and health services including primary health care so that they can build resilient, responsive and sustainable health systems.

[Health Policy and Service Design \(HPS\)](#)

HPS supports Member States to develop and implement policies, strategies, and plans and service delivery design, including primary health care, to strengthen governance, financing, health workforce in order to ensure access to needed promotive, preventative, curative, rehabilitative and palliative services without financial hardship.

### DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Under the direct supervision of the Coordinator, HPS and with the general guidance of the Director, Health Systems and Services, the incumbent will have the following responsibilities:

1. Provide technical support to Member States on evidence-based policy in designing the overall health financing systems and its functions particularly in revenue collection, pooling, resource allocation and strategic purchasing;
2. Contribute to the Western Pacific Region strategy and provide support to Member States to ensure sufficient financing for health and to reduce catastrophic health expenditure in the Region during the fiscally constrained post-economic crisis period that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. Contribute technical analysis and input into the development of a Regional Framework on Financing for Health for the 2024 Regional Committee Meeting;
4. Contribute to policy dialogues and national policy, strategy and UHC roadmap development using the regional UHC action framework;
5. Provide technical support to Member States on (a) social health insurance schemes to achieve UHC; (b) public financial management to ensure efficient use of health funds and (c) health taxes;
6. Work with Asian Development Bank, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and other partners to provide analytic and policy support on the implications of the COVID-19 economic crisis for sustainable health financing in the Western Pacific Region;
7. Coordinate with WHO headquarters and country offices and country focal points on Health Accounts (HA) productions (managing the project, supervising the studies and monitoring the data quality in the Region; promoting the use of HA for policy-making) with minimum supervision;
8. Collaborate with country offices, headquarters, other UN specialized agencies, multilateral and bilateral agencies to strengthen national capabilities in the areas of health financing, such as resource allocation and strategic purchasing, costing methods, health accounts, assessment of access to services and household financial burden;
9. Collaborate within DHS and with other technical divisions to promote a corporate comprehensive support to Member States on health financing;
10. Participate in the preparation of the workplan, budget, implementation reports and donor reports, including managing WHO collaborating centres in related technical areas; and
11. Perform other related duties as assigned.

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

#### Education

**Essential:** Master's level university degree in health economics, economics, health policy, public health and/or social science or other related field from a recognized university.

## Experience

**Essential:** Minimum of seven years' relevant work experience, at national and international level, in the areas of health financing, health system development or related field.

**Desirable:** Two years of international experience in the areas of health financing, economics, public health or related field. Demonstrated quantitative skills to produce evidence and information to strengthen health systems.

## Skills

- Good knowledge on health system financing theory and practice with some understanding of public finance.

## WHO Competencies

Teamwork

Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Communication

Creating an empowering and motivating environment

Producing results

Building and promoting partnerships across the Organization and beyond

## Use of Language Skills

**Essential:** Written and spoken fluency in English

**Desirable:** Working knowledge of other UN languages

## REMUNERATION

WHO salaries for staff in the Professional category are calculated in US dollars. The remuneration for the above position comprises an annual base salary starting at USD 75,602 (subject to mandatory deductions for pension contributions and health insurance, as applicable), a variable post adjustment, which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station, and currently amounts to USD 3037 per month for the duty station indicated above. Other benefits include 30 days of annual leave, allowances for dependent family members, home leave, and an education grant for dependent children.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This vacancy notice may be used to fill other similar positions at the same grade level
- Only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.
- A written test may be used as a form of screening.
- In the event that your candidature is retained for an interview, you will be required to provide, in advance, a scanned copy of the degree(s)/diploma(s)/certificate(s) required for this position. WHO only considers higher educational qualifications obtained from an institution accredited/recognized in the World Higher Education Database (WHED), a list updated by the International Association of Universities (IAU)/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The list can be accessed through the link: <http://www.whed.net/>. Some professional certificates may not appear in the WHED and will require individual review.
- Any appointment/extension of appointment is subject to WHO Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and Manual.
- Staff members in other duty stations are encouraged to apply.
- For information on WHO's operations please visit: <http://www.who.int>.
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- WHO has a mobility policy which can be found at the following link: <http://www.who.int/employment/en/>. Candidates appointed to an international post with WHO are subject to mobility and may be assigned to any activity or duty station of the Organization throughout the world.
- Applications from women and from nationals of non and underrepresented Member States are particularly encouraged.

