

Health Specialist

Job categories	Health
Vacancy code	VA/2024/B5505/29188
Department/office	AR, SAMCO, Sri Lanka
Duty station	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Contract type	Local ICA Specialist
Contract level	LICA Specialist-10
Duration	Ongoing
Application period	04-Nov-2024 to 17-Nov-2024

Applications to vacancies must be received before midnight Copenhagen time (CET) on the closing date of the announcement.

Please note that UNOPS will at no stage of the recruitment process request candidates to make payments of any kind.

Background Information - Sri Lanka

South Asia Multi County Office:

The South Asia Multi-Country Office (**SAMCO**) oversees the development and implementation of projects in 7 countries in South Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. SAMCO offers expertise in infrastructure, procurement, human resource management, and fund management. All the project offices have local technical experts and strong partnerships with the governments in each country.

UNOPS Sri Lanka Country Office

UNOPS in Sri Lanka is based in Colombo and is responsible for helping the Government of Sri Lanka and

partner organizations deliver social and economic rehabilitation in areas affected by the 2004 tsunami and decades of armed conflict. UNOPS in Sri Lanka helps partners achieve their project goals in sectors including physical infrastructure, the environment and poverty mitigation.

UNOPS has supported Sri Lanka's development since 1998, expanding operations in 2005 to support the post-tsunami response and reconstruction process. Within the organization's mandate in project management, infrastructure, and procurement, UNOPS Sri Lanka implements customized socio-economic development projects that benefit vulnerable people and develop national capacities. Achievements in Sri Lanka include the development of sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure, procurement services & capacity building, and project management in education, fisheries, roads, health, water supply systems; flood control and sanitation, and integrated solid waste management sectors. UNOPS works closely with Government counterparts and communities to ensure increased ownership, sustainability, and accountability of Projects.

UNOPS Sri Lanka facilitated over \$22 million worth of procurement of COVID-19 protection equipment and services in partnership with the World Bank, the Government of Japan, and the United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund. Currently, UNOPS completed the procurement of US\$5 million in essential pharmaceuticals to strengthen the Sri Lanka health system during the medicine shortage crisis. Currently, UNOPS is implementing a digital health transformation project along with the Ministry of Health under funding from the Global Fund.

Functional Responsibilities

The Public Health Specialist is expected to work closely and under the direct supervision of the Director and in collaboration with relevant technical experts in the hub and AR, her/his main responsibilities are:

- Build and maintain strategic relationships with government counterparts in the Health sector at the Federal and Provincial levels;
- Lead and be the main resource for technical support in acquiring and developing new engagements in health in the Sri Lanka Country Office;
- Provide technical input to the development of new project and programme proposals in the health sector in Sri Lanka;
- Provide technical support for any health engagements as required in Sri Lanka Country Office during implementation of Health projects and programmes;
- Lead the development of knowledge and manage the knowledge base accumulated in the Sri Lanka Country Office in the health sector;
- Represent UNOPS in relevant Health related meetings, workshops, panels, symposia and other relevant fora, including to donors such as Global Fund and CCM;
- Work closely with the communication department to raise the profile of UNOPS in the Health sector in Sri Lanka, with donors, government departments, other UN agencies and other health partners, and the general public.

Competencies



Develops and implements sustainable business strategies, thinks long term and externally in order to positively shape the organization. Anticipates and perceives the impact and implications of future decisions and activities on other parts of the organization. **(for levels IICA-2, IICA-3, LICA Specialist- 10, LICA Specialist-11, NOC, NOD, P3, P4 and above)**



Treats all individuals with respect; responds sensitively to differences and encourages others to do the same. Upholds organizational and ethical norms. Maintains high standards of trustworthiness. Role model for diversity and inclusion.



Acts as a positive role model contributing to the team spirit. Collaborates and supports the development of others. **For people managers only:** Acts as positive leadership role model, motivates, directs and inspires others to succeed, utilizing appropriate leadership styles.



Demonstrates understanding of the impact of own role on all partners and always puts the end beneficiary first. Builds and maintains strong external relationships and is a competent partner for others (if relevant to the role).



Efficiently establishes an appropriate course of action for self and/or others to accomplish a goal. Actions lead to total task accomplishment through concern for quality in all areas. Sees opportunities and takes the initiative to act on them. Understands that responsible use of resources maximizes our impact on our beneficiaries.



Open to change and flexible in a fast paced environment. Effectively adapts own approach to suit changing circumstances or requirements. Reflects on experiences and modifies own behavior. Performance is consistent, even under pressure. Always pursues continuous improvements.



Evaluates data and courses of action to reach logical, pragmatic decisions. Takes an unbiased, rational approach with calculated risks. Applies innovation and creativity to problem-solving.



Expresses ideas or facts in a clear, concise and open manner. Communication indicates a consideration for the feelings and needs of others. Actively listens and proactively shares knowledge. Handles conflict effectively, by overcoming differences of opinion and finding common ground.

Education/Experience/Language requirements

Education:

- A Master's Degree in Health, Epidemiology and Social Science or other related fields relevant to the above duties is required.
- A Bachelor degree with additional two years of relevant experience may be accepted in lieu of the Master's Degree.

Experience:

- Minimum 5 years of progressive and relevant experience in health services, health programme development(formulation) or programme implementation is required.
- Understanding public health departments, health systems and health systems management is essential.
- Previous Experience working with international donors is desirable.

Language:

- Fluency in English is required.
- Working knowledge of a local language is highly desirable.

Contract type, level and duration

Contract type: ICA (Individual Contractor Agreement)

Contract level: Local ICA Specialist 10

Contract duration: Open-ended, subject to organizational requirements, availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

This vacancy is designed to specifically recruit professionals who are nationals of Sri Lanka or possess a valid residency permit enabling them to legally work within the country.

For more details about the ICA contractual modality, please follow this link:

<https://www.unops.org/english/Opportunities/job-opportunities/what-we-offer/Pages/Individual-Contractor-Agreements.aspx> (<https://www.unops.org/english/Opportunities/job-opportunities/what-we-offer/Pages/Individual-Contractor-Agreements.aspx>).

Additional Information

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- Please note that UNOPS does not accept unsolicited resumes.
- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and advance to the next stage of the selection process, which involves various assessments.
- UNOPS embraces diversity and is committed to equal employment opportunity. Our workforce consists of many diverse nationalities, cultures, languages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities. UNOPS seeks to sustain and strengthen this diversity to ensure equal opportunities as well as an inclusive working environment for its entire workforce.

- Qualified women and candidates from groups which are underrepresented in the UNOPS workforce are encouraged to apply. These include in particular candidates from racialized and/or indigenous groups, members of minority gender identities and sexual orientations, and people with disabilities.
- We would like to ensure all candidates perform at their best during the assessment process. If you are shortlisted and require additional assistance to complete any assessment, including reasonable accommodation, please inform our human resources team when you receive an invitation.

Terms and Conditions

- For staff positions only, UNOPS reserves the right to appoint a candidate at a lower level than the advertised level of the post.
- For retainer contracts, you must complete a few mandatory courses (they take around 4 hours to complete) in your own time, before providing services to UNOPS. Refreshers or new mandatory courses may be required during your contract. Please note that you will not receive any compensation for taking courses and refreshers. For more information on a retainer contract [here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSqV5mniKgsaofF5FSN9Md5aD5uSAZjKyJAldJk7p-TuINKbvW0lyMNtGJI9yn5Jt5zNhWAOSKEG9D/pub) (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSqV5mniKgsaofF5FSN9Md5aD5uSAZjKyJAldJk7p-TuINKbvW0lyMNtGJI9yn5Jt5zNhWAOSKEG9D/pub>).
- All UNOPS personnel are responsible for performing their duties in accordance with the UN Charter and UNOPS Policies and Instructions, as well as other relevant accountability frameworks. In addition, all personnel must demonstrate an understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a manner consistent with UN core values and the UN Common Agenda.
- It is the policy of UNOPS to conduct background checks on all potential personnel. Recruitment in UNOPS is contingent on the results of such checks.

APPLICATION TIPS

How to send a good application:

- [English](https://content.unops.org/HR-Documents/How-to-send-a-good-application_EN.pdf) (https://content.unops.org/HR-Documents/How-to-send-a-good-application_EN.pdf).
- [French](https://content.unops.org/HR-Documents/How-to-send-a-good-application_FR.pdf) (https://content.unops.org/HR-Documents/How-to-send-a-good-application_FR.pdf).
- [Spanish](https://content.unops.org/HR-Documents/How-to-send-a-good-application_ES.pdf) (https://content.unops.org/HR-Documents/How-to-send-a-good-application_ES.pdf).

TOGETHER, WE BUILD THE FUTURE

UNOPS – an operational arm of the United Nations – supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by successfully implementing its partners' peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects around the world.

Our mission is to help people build better lives and countries achieve peace and sustainable development.

We are proud of our people. The UNOPS family brings together approximately 160 nationalities, represented by over 5,000 UNOPS personnel as well as some 7,800 personnel recruited on behalf of our partners. Spread across 80 countries, our workforce is rich in diversity and culture – with inclusion at its core.

We understand the importance of balancing professional and personal demands and offer several flexible working options.

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