

Vacancy Notice No: HQ/07/VIP/TA363

Date: 5 September 2007

Title: Technical Officer

Deadline for application : **26 September 2007**

Grade: P3

Duty Station: GENEVA Switzerland

Contract type: Temporary appointment

Organization unit: Injuries and Violence Prevention (VIP) /

Duration of contract: 12 months

Disability and Rehabilitation (DAR)

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :

To enhance the quality of life for persons with disabilities through national, regional and global efforts to:

- Raise awareness about the magnitude and consequences of disability;
- Facilitate the collection, analysis and dissemination of disability-related data and information;
- Support, promote and strengthen health and rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities and their families;
- Promote community based rehabilitation (CBR);
- Promote the development, production, distribution and servicing of assistive technology;
- Support the development, implementation, measuring and monitoring of policies to improve the rights and opportunities for people with disabilities;
- Build capacity among health and rehabilitation policy makers and service providers;
- Foster multisectoral networks and partnerships.

Description of duties:

To support the development of the World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation:

- Organize the meetings of the Editorial Committee;
- Liaise with the chapter authors and contributors for the drafting of the chapter;
- Organize the peer review of the report;
- Ensure the highest possible scientific quality to the report;
- Support the organization of regional consultations;
- Oversee the process of editing and publishing the report.

To support the implementation of the UN convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

- Map and report findings on WHO's current policy and practices that address disability as a mainstream development and human rights issue;
- Draft a WHO policy on disability;
- Draft a variety of fact sheets on disability, health and human rights;
- Perform other related duties as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Post graduate degree in medicine, rehabilitation, disability studies, social science or public health.

Skills:

Good organizational skills;

Strong analytical skills and excellent scientific writing skills;

Good understanding of the international political context in the field of disability;

Good knowledge of international human rights standards and their practical implementation;
Experience of working with disabled peoples organizations and various professional bodies in the field of disability and rehabilitation;
Work experience in developing and transitional countries;
Experience of working within a UN organization would be an advantage;
Persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

Experience:

At least 5 years work experience in the field of disability, human rights and or public health, with at least 1 year at international level.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English, a working knowledge of another UN language would be an advantage.

Additional Information:

A written test may be used as a form of screening.
This VN may be used to fill other similar positions.

Annual salary: (Net of tax)
USD51395 at single rate

Post Adjustment: 68.6 % of the above figure(s). This percentage is to be considered as indicative since variations may occur each month either upwards or downwards due to currency exchange rate fluctuations or inflation.

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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.

Applications from women and from nationals of non- and under-represented member states are particularly encouraged.

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