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Dear Colleagues,

UNICEF seeks a Chief Social Policy & Economic Analysis, P-5, Office of Research, Florence, Italy. Application deadline is 15 January 2013.

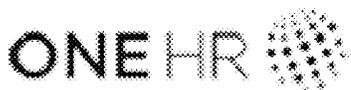
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Thank you,

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If you are a committed, creative professional and are passionate about making a lasting difference for children, the world's leading children's rights organization would like to hear from you.

For 60 years, UNICEF has been working on the ground in 190 countries and territories to promote children's survival, protection and development. The world's largest provider of vaccines for developing countries, UNICEF supports child health and nutrition, good water and sanitation, quality basic education for all boys and girls, and the protection of children from violence, exploitation, and AIDS. UNICEF is funded entirely by the voluntary contributions of individuals, businesses, foundations and governments.

Chief Social Policy & Economic Analysis, P-5, Florence, Italy

Vacancy No: E-VN-2012-001889

Job Level: P-5

Duty Station: Florence

Position#: 00006759

Country: Italy

Application Close: 15-Jan-13

Region: HQ ONY

Contract Type: Long-term Staff (FT)

Purpose of the Position

You will manage the Office of Research-Innocenti-UNICEF work programme on Socio-Economic Policies and Children, which analyses the impact of economic and social policies on children and promotes child-friendly economic and social policies. You will initiate, conceptualise and carry out data-driven analysis and research that contributes to policy reform and enriches UNICEF's corporate knowledge on public policy issues pertaining to the advancement of children's rights. You will provide strategic and technical leadership in the development, collection, analysis and use of information for assessing progress for children and women in developing and industrialized countries. You will lead the exchange and promotion of relevant knowledge through networking within UNICEF and the UN and with academics, researchers and policy practitioners externally.

Key Expected Results

1. Lead and contribute to research and analysis in social and economic policy to reflect UNICEF's overall policies and approaches, including the development of concepts, frameworks and plans for producing evidence-based analysis and action-oriented research and policy advocacy in low middle income and industrialized countries.
2. Contribute to inter-regional and cross-disciplinary studies and activities within the Office and to the Organisation's equity agenda in achieving the MDGs.
3. Give direction so that UNICEF initiated research reflects innovation, analytic rigour and sensitivity to problems, and is communicated effectively to relevant audiences through a wide range of media, including high-profile publications, technical reports, databases, conference materials and related documents.
4. Organize, manage and contribute to the work of socio-economic research teams that survey the relevant literature, promote data collection and analysis and prepare specific studies and reports in cooperation with other UNICEF offices and external partners. Initiate new research and introduce appropriate methodologies. Lead the preparation of project proposals and seek and obtain financial or in-kind contributions to the research programme.
5. Support and participates in policy and implementation research in support of the achievement of the MDGs with equity, undertaken by UNICEF field offices following agreed organizational priorities and in collaboration with other HQ Division and Regional Offices.

6. Maintain and promote co-operation with UNICEF HQ and field offices and their partners, through information exchange, collaboration and co-publishing arrangements, coordination of studies, and participation in professional meetings and networks.
7. Contribute to the Office of Research's role of providing quality assurance for research within UNICEF in economic and social policy by the development of guidelines and providing technical input to research ToR and proposed projects prepared by other offices, particularly in relation to research methodologies. Serve on advisory boards for research by country offices, regional offices and headquarters and contribute to peer review.
8. Contribute to the implementation of an effective knowledge management strategy for research through maintaining an overview of research both within UNICEF and outside relating to social and economic policy. Collaborates with HQ Divisions and Regional Offices to build and enhance networks of collaborative research centres in all regions. Develops easily accessible syntheses of significant research findings and analyses important knowledge gaps for possible inclusion in future research
9. Provide leadership and guidance to the social and economic policy team.
10. Contribute to the overall management of the Office of Research and its work programme and advise on the UNICEF Office of Research research programme.
11. Carry out work planning of the social and economic policy unit linking to objective of overall Office of Research.
12. Act as a resource person for key UNICEF meetings and advocacy activities as requested by the Director.

Qualifications of Successful Candidate

Advanced university degree in economics, statistics, development economics or social development planning.

Ten years of relevant, professional and practical experience at national and international levels in socio-economic development and policy. Experience in policy analysis and research including in the management of research, and a well-developed network of professional contacts.

A strong record of professional publications.

Demonstrated experience in negotiating and discussing policies and programmes for socio-economic development with government and multi/bilateral institutions, and in advocating with various social sector actors the policy/programme changes needed for improved child well-being.

Excellent English for drafting, writing of reports, negotiating and advocating with high-level officials. Fluency in at least one other UN working language. Knowledge of Italian an asset.

Competencies of Successful Candidate

Communicates effectively to varied audiences, including during formal public speaking

Creates and encourages a climate of team-working and collaboration in a multi-cultural environment

Consistently achieves high-level results, managing and delivering projects on-time and on-budget

Has good leadership and supervisory skills; co-ordinates group activities, ensuring that roles within the team are clear

Analyzes and integrates diverse and complex quantitative and qualitative data from a wide range of sources

Identifies urgent and potentially risky decisions and acts on them promptly; initiates and generates organization-wide activities

Sets, develops and revises organizational strategy and develops clear visions of the organization's future potential

Quickly builds rapport with individuals and groups; maintains an effective network of individuals across organizational departments

Negotiates effectively by exploring a range of possibilities

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