Epidemiologist

- Mainland Europe
- Genève, CH

World Health Organization

The objective of the Global Malaria Programme (GMP) is to support Member States to adopt WHO’s malaria-related technical recommendations, and to advance implementation of the new Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030.

The Programme’s core roles are to: 1) Address key malaria control and elimination strategic questions; 2) Set, communicate & disseminate evidence-based normative guidance, policy advice and implementation guidance to support country action;

- Coordinate WHO capacity building & technical support to Member States, jointly with Regions, Intercountry Support Teams (ISTs) and Countries; 4) Help countries develop and implement robust surveillance systems to generate quality data and use those data to achieve greater impact; 5) Keep an independent score of global progress in malaria control and elimination, including drug & insecticide resistance.

Description Of Duties

The Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030 calls for large reductions in malaria morbidity and mortality rates and the acceleration of malaria elimination efforts worldwide. The WHO Global Malaria Programme (GMP) has established a Strategy, Evidence and Economics (SEE) unit to undertake analytical work in support of the Global Technical Strategy particularly in the areas of malaria programme financing, analysis of coverage gaps, and ascertaining the most cost-effective strategies for reducing the burden of malaria in different settings. The unit also assesses progress of global strategies to combat malaria and produces the World Malaria Report annually. The Epidemiologist will provide high quality epidemiological expertise in support to the work unit under the supervision of the coordinator SEE.

The Epidemiologist takes up a crucial role in a multi-disciplinary team that works closely with other units in GMP, other departments in WHO and external partners. He/ she will lead specific streams of work under the supervision of the Coordinator of SEE, working with other team and departmental members as necessary. The Epidemiologist will develop collaborative relationships between HQ departments, Regional and Country Offices and external partners. He/she will work with a peer community that pursues creative engagement within WHO, stimulating innovation while ensuring alignment with overall departmental goals. Through provision of renowned expertise the Epidemiologist supports the Organization to successfully influence national and international efforts to implement the Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 206-2030.

In Collaboration With The Coordinator SEE And Other Team Members, The Epidemiologist Will

- Provide technical expertise and support to regions and countries and liaise with other partners to collect, compile and validate information on malaria programme coverage and disease trends that underpins the regular publications produced by the unit;

- Oversee analysis on malaria programme coverage, disease trends and the impact of interventions, including combining routinely collected information with that obtained from health facility or household surveys within a robust statistical framework;
Take up an instrumental role in the support of the writing of the World Malaria Report and other products of the SEE team;

Engage in the planning and execution of work in selected areas that require in-depth analysis such as the achievement of universal coverage of malaria interventions, malaria workforce requirements, malaria disease burden estimation and malaria elimination;

Establish and maintain relations with colleagues, development partners and others for coordination and exchange of information to support epidemiological analysis on malaria control;

Pro-actively participate in technical discussions and contribute towards the advancement of malaria programme planning, monitoring and evaluation with key global and regional partners;

Provide technical expertise and support in responding to requests for information from other units in GMP, WHO and other agencies on the malaria situation in selected countries, regions or globally;

Provide crucial methodological support to other units in the Global Malaria Programme.

**Required Qualifications**

Expert knowledge of English is required.

**Desirable**

Intermediate knowledge of French.

**Skills**

Advanced knowledge of epidemiology and statistical analysis with strong hands-on quantitative skills and demonstrated ability to analyse and interpret complex data sets and present findings clearly and concisely in English. Ability to work quickly and willingness to deliver products under time pressure and short deadlines. Self-starter, self-motivated, self-manager. Willingness and capacity to take responsibility, ability to juggle many tasks concurrently and prioritize workload in a pressured environment with competing demands and high expectations. Excellent interpersonal skills, including integrity, good judgment, team working and diplomacy. Knowledge of another UN language would be an asset. In depth knowledge of data base and statistical software (Stata/r/SPSS/ SAS ) including programming skills.

**WHO Competencies**

- Fostering integration and teamwork
- Producing results
- Communicating in a credible and effective way
- Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

**Additional Information**

This vacancy is published in English only.

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 these will be reviewed individually.

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. WHO's salaries are calculated in US dollars. They consist of a base salary and a post adjustment, which reflects the cost of living in a particular duty station and exchange rates. Other benefits include: 30 days annual leave, family allowance, home travel, education grant for dependent children, pension plan and medical insurance.

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Annual salary: (Net of tax)
USD 69,032 at single rate
USD 74,130 with primary dependents

Post Adjustment: 87.7 % 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.

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