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### Vacancy Announcement: Technical Officer, Health Information and Statistics/ Information, Evidence and Research, WHO/EMRO

Dear Dr Asadi Lari,


I am pleased to share with you a vacancy notice, pertaining to the fixed-term position of the Technical Officer, Health Information and Statistics/Information, Evidence and Research, for WHO/Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office in Cairo/Egypt.

Kindly note that the interested candidates are requested to visit WHO's e-recruitment website at: [www.who.int/employment](http://www.who.int/employment) in order to apply on-line. The system provides instructions for on-line application procedures and the deadline for applications is **15 November 2014**.

I wish to encourage you to disseminate the attached vacancy notice, and have suitable Iranian applicants.

Thank you for your cooperation and best regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
Dr Jihane Tawilah  
WHO Representative  
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## World Health Organization

The mission of WHO is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health.

Vacancy Notice No: EMRO/14/FT575

Date: 23 October 2014

Title: Technical Officer (Post No. 360461)

Application Deadline: 15 November 2014

Grade: P4

Duty Station: Cairo, Egypt

Contract type: Fixed-Term Appointment

Organization unit: EMRO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EM/RGO) /

Duration of contract: Post of limited duration for 2 years

EM/IER Information, Evidence and Research (EM/IER)  
Health Information and Statistics (HIS)

### OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME :

Objectives of the Programme and of the immediate unit or field activity (Overview of the programme):

To work with Member States to improve the availability, quality and use of health information at the national and sub-national levels and to strengthen the evidence base at regional and global levels to monitor and reduce health inequalities.

1. Supporting countries to improve their National Health Information Systems (NHIS), and promote health observatories for monitoring the health situation and trends in the Region.
2. Working with regional and international partners to improve the NHIS including Civil Registration and Vital Statistics systems and promote the use of WHO Family of International Classification for morbidity and mortality classifications.
3. Supporting the implementation of population-based health examination surveys and facility-based assessment.

### Purpose of the Post:

To lead the technical preparation for strengthening the national health information system (NHIS), conduct situation analysis, health examination and facility surveys, and advise the Member States on improving their cause-specific mortality statistics. The incumbent will lead the design, implementation and analysis of surveys, equity, comparative and trend analyses and conduct research in mortality statistics.

### Organizational Context:

Under the direct supervision of the Regional Adviser, Health Information and Statistics (HIS) and within delegated authority, the incumbent will be the specialist in the HIS team leading the operational initiatives to strengthen the national health information systems and conduct related researches.

The incumbent will follow the WHO guidelines on health information and evidence. He/she will engage with national authorities to provide expert advice and technical guidance, will have close contacts with HQs and country offices in close collaboration and coordination with technical Programmes at all levels of the organization.

### Description of duties:

The incumbent will perform the following duties:

- Provide technical advice to EMR Member States in conducting situation analysis of the core HIS

components to identify gaps, set priorities for the improvement of HIS systems and co-develop evidence-based national HIS strategies.

- Analyse the cause-specific mortality statistics, and advocate conducting data quality assessment (DQA), in EMR countries, using WHO standard tools.
- Develop guidelines to strengthen national capacity in EMR countries to record, compile, analyse and disseminate reliable statistics on health determinants and risk, health status and health system response.
- Lead the design, implementation, and analysis of the health examination surveys, other population-based and facility-based surveys.
- Provide technical support to EMR countries and technical units in data analysis and statistical modelling of survey micro data and other observational studies.
- Advise countries on improving the health management information systems and promote the assessment of quality of routine data.
- Design innovative tools to strengthen the national surveillance systems and advice countries on relevant electronic platforms for individual records and aggregated data.
- Build national capacities to develop accurate and timely statistical reports which include core and country specific health-related indicators.
- Undertake other tasks assigned by supervisor related to strengthening national HIS and monitoring of situation and trends in the region.

## REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

### Education:

#### Essential:

University degree in, Health Sciences, Mathematics, Statistics, Demography, or Econometrics and Master's degree in, Biostatistics, Demography or Epidemiology.

Desirable: PhD in Biostatistics, Demography or Epidemiology.

### Skills:

#### Competencies:

WHO global competencies model at:

[http://who.int/employment/competencies/WHO\\_competencies\\_EN.pdf](http://who.int/employment/competencies/WHO_competencies_EN.pdf)

- 1) Communicating in a credible and effective way
- 2) Producing results
- 3) Fostering integration and teamwork
- 4) Building and promoting partnerships across the organizations and beyond

#### Functional Skills and Knowledge:

In-depth knowledge of survey design, implementation and analysis.

Technical expertise in evaluation of national health information systems (NHIS), and implementation of strategies to improve NHIS and disease and risk factors surveillance systems.

Good knowledge of demographic technics and mortality analysis

Excellent analytical skills in health situation and trends analysis and statistical modelling.

Knowledge of statistical software, such as STATA and R

Strong professional oral and writing skills in English including the development of reports, oral presentations and technical documents.

#### Other Skills (e.g. IT):

Proficiency in MS Office.

### Experience:

#### Essential:

At least 7 years' relevant experience, combined at the national and international levels, in Health Statistics, mortality and causes of death estimation, survey design/implementation and surveillance.

Desirable: Working experience in developing countries and countries in emergency.

Languages:

Excellent knowledge of English. Knowledge of Arabic or French would be an asset.

Additional Information:

Applicants are kindly requested to pay attention to the screening questions as they will be used to screen out unqualified candidates.

Only qualified applicants with the relevant experience will be considered.

A written test/presentation and interviews will be used as a form of screening. The written test might be used as eliminatory tool.

Other similar positions at the same level may be filled from this vacancy notice (this could be the base for rosters).

Candidates will be interviewed using a competency based approach.

Annual salary: (Net of tax)  
USD 67,611 at single rate  
USD 72,605 with primary dependants

Post Adjustment: 35.4 % 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.

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WHO is committed to workforce diversity.

Any appointment/extension of appointment is subject to WHO Staff Regulations, Staff Rules and Manual. Only candidates under serious consideration will be contacted.

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Currently accepting applications



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