

Assignment Title: UNICEF Cambodia Nutrition intern (2 positions)

Location : Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA

Section: Health and Nutrition

Type of Contract : National Internship

Post Level: Intern (National)

Languages Required : English, Khmer

Starting Date :
(date when the selected candidate is expected to start) 1st March– 31st July 2022

Expected Duration of Assignment: 5 months

Background

The Health and Nutrition section at UNICEF Cambodia is providing a long-term support to Ministry of Health/National Nutrition Program (NNP) to improve and optimize these nutrition services for pregnant women and children in Cambodia.

In 2014, the Royal Government of Cambodia officially launched the “The Fast Track Road Map for Improving Nutrition 2014-2020”, a national document serving as a strategy to improve key nutrition services for women and children and to promote the leveraging of efforts from stakeholders. In 2021, the performance of the strategy was assessed and a new document is under development to guide the national efforts to improve efficiency of public health nutrition services in Cambodia.

As part of the activities, UNICEF supports the development and dissemination of a second edition of the “Fast Track Road Map for Improving Nutrition”, a national document setting the strategy to improve maternal and child nutrition services. This document has the role to guide and leverage efforts from stakeholders towards improving the quality, efficiency and monitoring of nutrition services in Cambodia.

Furthermore, UNICEF Cambodia is supporting Ministry of Health to conduct an assessment aiming to identify bottleneck of the Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) programme’s efficiency and to understand the determinants of following and completing the corresponding treatment. It was estimated that in Cambodia only 10,000 out of the estimated 50,000 total cases of SAM are identified by health service providers and able to receive the appropriate and life-saving treatment. Out of those receiving treatment, only 60-70% are able to complete the treatment, while the rest are dropping off. This assessment has the role to understand the reasons for which the children with SAM are not being able to receive and follow with the treatment, and will contribute to improving the quality of care of children with severe acute malnutrition, at health facilities and at home. UNICEF Cambodia is looking for 2 interns to be directly engaging in consultative meetings with Ministry of Health and support the data collection, analysis and results dissemination of the analysis of SAM management programme in Cambodia.

These activities are included in MOH and UNICEF RWPs under Nutrition output activity number 1.2.3.1. (**support development of the second phase Fast Track Roadmap for Improving Nutrition 2021-2025**) and activity number 1.2.1.4. (**Generate evidence on effective, sustainable, community-based strategies to improve SAM management policy and programs, including analysis of defaulters and barriers, SAM in infants under 6 months, simplified screening and treatment protocols**). The cost for the intern’s assignment will be covered through UNICEF Australia Grant for nutrition program.

Description of Duties

The intern will work under the direct supervision of National Nutrition Officer and nutrition consultants to undertake the following tasks:

- Engage in national and sub-national consultative meetings for finalization of the second edition of the “Fast Track Road Map for Improving Nutrition”
- Engage in consultative meeting with Ministry of Health and National Nutrition Programme and help with translations,
- Support finalization and translation in Khmer of the interview tools the health service providers and caregivers,
- Conduct interviews in Khmer with health service providers and caregivers in Ratanak Kiri, Mondul Kiri and Kratie, under the supervision of the national consultant
- Support the data analysis of the interviews, including transcribing and translations of interviews from Khmer to English,
- Support the reporting of the key findings of the reasons for high drop-off rates from SAM treatment from health service providers and caregivers
- Support GMP and SAM treatment data management using excel templates
- Perform other tasks assigned by the supervisor.

Experience and education requirements

- Student who graduated from Bachelor’s Degree or in final year of Bachelor Degree or is currently pursuing master’s degree in public/global health, health sciences, social science, and any other relevant field
- Strong interest in maternal and child nutrition
- Use of computer software(Microsoft office Package) for data analysis and presentation
- Good proficiency in English and Excellence in Khmer language
- Possess good communication skills and solid analytical skills- strong commitment and passion for UNICEF’s mission.

The intern should be:

- Familiar with and understand issues on child nutrition
- Familiar with multi-culture environment would be an asset

Availability:

- Desired role period 5 months, Mon - Fri (full time- 5 days per week).

Conditions of the Internship:

Interns with UNICEF may be remunerated with a living allowance, depending on the specific conditions. Preferably the costs associated must be borne by the nominating institution, related institution or government, which may provide the required financial assistance to its students; or by the student, who will have to obtain financing for subsistence and make his or her own arrangements to take on this assignment.

UNICEF will cover the cost for field trips when they travel out of their duty station in the course of the assignment and will also provide a laptop and access to telephone, printer, and other necessary equipment required for the assignment. They will work from home 3 days a week and from office 2 days a week (for the weeks not travelling to field). The seating arrangement

will be alternate with other Consultants. UNICEF will provide laptop for the duration of the assignment only. The interns will return their laptops to UNICEF at the end of their contract period.

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