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JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Chief Field Office JOB LEVEL: P5 REPORTS TO: Representative LOCATION: Pemba, Mozambique CO	JOB PROFILE NO: CCOG CODE: 1A02 FUNCTIONAL CODE: PMA JOB CLASSIFICATION: Level 5
PURPOSE OF THE JOB <p>Under the guidance of the Representative, the Chief Field Office (CFO) is accountable for managing and leading the total programme commitment of a field office within a country programme. The CFO represents UNICEF in his/her Area of Responsibility (AoR), leads and oversees the various program sectors and operational service teams ensuring the delivery of quality results in accordance with UNICEF's programme of cooperation, country programme management plan and overall vision set forward by the Representative. The CFO works in close collaboration with the Chief Field Operations & Emergency and the Deputy Representative Programmes.</p>	
KEY END-RESULTS EXPECTED <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective management of UNICEF presence, staff and assets in the Area of Responsibility 2. Effective knowledge management systems adopted and utilized to strengthen area/country programme management. 3. Situation Analysis prepared and updated; critical programme intervention points and measures identified; and programme work plans, recommendations and reports prepared. 4. Programme funds optimally used. 5. Programme monitoring and evaluations effectively conducted to improve programme performance, and programme status reports timely prepared. Gender/sex disaggregated data and inputs relevant to the country programme are provided as an integral part of programming. 6. Rights- and results-based programming approach fully incorporated into all phases of programme and project processes. 7. Commitment and institutional capacities of the national and local partners effectively gained and established. 8. Rights perspective and advocacy at the national, community and family levels incorporated in policy analysis for establishing and elevating UNICEF's credibility in national and international policy debates. 9. Effective partnerships and collaboration achieved and maintained for advocacy, technical cooperation, programme development/management/coordination, information sharing and networking. 	
KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES and DUTIES & TASKS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective management of UNICEF presence, staff and assets Represent UNICEF in the AOR, by participating in meetings and events, moving forward the agenda for children. Facilitate, take and implement measures to ensure safety and security of UNICEF staff and assets. Effectively lead the Field Office team and manage the performance and conduct the staff members to deliver results for children 	

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Provide policy advice to the Representative on programme strategies, planning and courses of action. Monitors development activities at the federal and provincial levels. Initiates new approaches and develops methodologies to best meet goals and objectives.

Collaboration with Programme section chiefs for overall coordination. Collaborate with the Operations Section to establish and maintain sound internal controls supportive of programming endeavours and to coordinate financial and supply management requirements and accountability.

2. Knowledge Management for Programmes

Ensure that area/country programmes are supported by knowledge management through data collection and analysis, complete and accurate reporting as well as participation in the Programme Knowledge Network system of "lessons learned" and other corporate-level databases.

Participate in information exchange through donor and media visits as well as in the development of training and orientation material.

3. Programme Development and Management

Identify critical intervention points and measures by administering a consistent and transparent monitoring system; analyse country level socio-political-economic trends and their implications for ongoing programmes and projects.

Coordinate changes to/or prepare programme work plans as required. Prepare program recommendations for inclusion in formal programme documentation, and new approaches, methods and practices.

Establishes programme workplans, monitors compliance and provides training, support and guidance to the programme team in order to meet objectives. Identifies human resources requirements and on-going staff development needs.

Reviews and evaluates the technical, institutional and financial feasibility and constraints of programme/projects in collaboration with Government and other partners.

Prepares relevant programme reports required for management, donors, budget reviews, programme analysis, annual reports, etc.

Supports overall management through participation in management meetings within the office, to review major office operations, human resources, programme and administrative budget management.

4. Optimum Use of Program Funds

Establish, oversee and supervise programme work plans and monitor progress and compliance. Monitor the overall allocation and disbursement of programme funds, making sure that funds are properly coordinated, monitored and liquidated. Take appropriate actions to optimize use of programme funds.

Ensure programme efficiency and delivery through a rigorous and transparent approach to programme planning, monitoring and evaluation.

5. Programme Monitoring and Evaluations

Undertakes field visits and ensures that his/her staff conduct field visits to monitor and assess programme implementation and decides on required corrective action.

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Carry out a rigorous and transparent approach to evaluate and participate in the major programme evaluation exercises in consultation with the Representative, the Operations Officer, the Evaluation Officer and others to improve efficiency and quality of programme delivery. Participate in annual sector review meetings with government counterparts. Ensure the timely preparation of annual program status reports.

6. Rights-Based and Results-Based Programme Management Approach

Adopt rights-based programmes approach in the formulation of programme goals and objectives and development of strategies and implementation frameworks. Formulate consistent and effective planning, design, implementation, monitoring and/or evaluation of programmes and projects. Bring coherence, synergy and added value to the programming planning and design processes using a results-based management approach to programme planning and design.

Prepare and submit viable recommendations on project implementation, alternative approaches, and optimal utilization of resources that contribute effectively to the fulfilment of the rights of children and women, and recommendations on programme, new initiatives and management issues to ensure achievement of stated objectives.

7. National and Local Capacity Building/Sustainability

Provide authorities and service providers with technical support and guidance to plan and organize training programmes for the purpose of capacity building and programme sustainability.

Ensure the building and reinforcing of the commitment and institutional capacities of the national and local partners starting with taking a strategic approach to the identification of these partners and partnerships.

8. Rights Perspective and Advocacy at the National, Community and Family Levels

Conduct policy analysis from a children's and women's rights perspective and advocacy at the government, community and family levels for elevating credibility in national and international policy debates. Promote the organization goals of UNICEF through active advocacy and communication in line with UNICEF national advocacy guidelines and strategy.

9. Partnership, Coordination and Collaboration

Develop partnership and collaboration with internal and external counterparts, including those of the UN and national partners, in order to improve the ability to collect and disseminate development data and information, exchange information on programme/project status and implementation and movement/distribution of supplies. Linkage to the Regional Programme Knowledge Network to ensure the availability of current and accurate programme data.

Collaborate with the Operations Section to establish and maintain sound internal controls supportive of programming endeavours and to coordinate financial and supply management requirements and accountability.

Maintain close collaboration with heads of sectoral programmes in the CO, Regional and HQ advisers for effective overall coordination on programmes.

Plans, develops and implements sectoral programme(s) by collaborating with the government and other partners. Provide leadership in provision of technical advice, negotiation, advocacy and promotion of area/country level goals, leading to agreement on practicable and priority actions to be supported by UNICEF programme and country level cooperation.

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Promote and ensure the inclusion of children and the obligations of various actors to meet their rights in international debates, in PCAs, in cross-sectoral national policies in legal reforms, in budgetary decisions, in poverty reduction strategies, in sector-wide approaches and individual programmes and projects. Collaborates with Communication and C4D Officers on strategies for information and social mobilization.

Represent UNICEF in meetings with high level and senior government officials as well as multi-lateral, bi-lateral agencies and NGO's to conduct programme advocacy and negotiations, identify strategic alliances and influence policy development to facilitate achievement of programme goals and objectives. Participate in international/national meetings and workshops.

POSITION GRADE FACTORS

P5 Grade

- The scope of the job is to provide leadership and overall coordination/supervision of the total programme commitment of a medium size Field Office with a broad range of projects. The job requires commitment and strong drive for results for the achievement of overall programme delivery and contribution to the established goals and objectives.
- As a manager, manage the programme function by leading a team of Programme Officers and/or the section consisting of a group of professionals and support staff.
- Work requires expertise as a technical specialist, or expert for technical project/programme management, requiring initiative, problem solving, creativity, and innovation.
- Technical leadership, sound judgement, planning, and resource management expertise and creative approaches are required for advising management and making recommendations on project implementation, alternative approaches, optimal utilization of resources, and recommendations on new programme initiatives and management issues to ensure achievement of stated objectives.
- Decision making includes timely and effective decisions on situation analysis, programme strategy, planning, implementation, evaluation and human resources, requiring conceptual/analytical thinking, judgement, planning skills, decisiveness, flexibility, resource management and communication.
- Formulate and/or represent UNICEF's position to external partners. Promote the organization goals of UNICEF through advocacy and policy dialogue by effective communication and influence. Make sound recommendations on policy based on situations in the locality.
- The work makes resource management and planning & monitoring expertise essential for managing the overall allocation and disbursement of funds to ensuring they are properly coordinated, monitored and liquidated in accordance with the programme budget allotments.

QUALIFICATION AND COMPETENCIES (indicates the level of proficiency required for the job.)

1. Education

An advanced university degree in one of the following fields is required: social sciences, international relations, public administration, government and public relations, public or social policy, sociology, social or community development, or another relevant technical field.

2. Experience

A minimum of ten years of professional work experience in programme management, planning, monitoring and evaluation, project administration or another relevant area is required. Experience working in a developing country and international context is considered as an asset. Experience leading programme implementation and managing teams in an Emergency context is required.

3. Language Requirements

Fluency in English. Fluency in Portuguese or a Latin language is a strong asset.

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4. Competency Profile (For details on competencies please refer to the "UNICEF Professional Competency Profiles.")

i) Core Values (Required)

- Care • Respect • Integrity • Trust • Accountability • Sustainability

ii) Core Competencies (Required)

- Nurtures, Leads and Manages People (2)
- Demonstrates Self Awareness and Ethical Awareness (3)
- Works Collaboratively with others (3)
- Builds and Maintains Partnerships (3)
- Innovates and Embraces Change (3)
- Thinks and Acts Strategically (3)
- Drives to achieve impactful results (3)
- Manages ambiguity and complexity (3)

iv) Technical Knowledge

a) Specific Technical Knowledge Required

- Understanding of protection issues in a conflict environment.
- Experience working in a humanitarian response with a displacement component
- Understanding of, and experience working with, the UN coordination system including HCT, ICCG/clusters.
- Rights-based and Results-based approach and programming in UNICEF.
- UNICEF programme policy, procedures and guidelines in the Manual.
- Experience in developing preparedness and response plans/strategies.

b) Common Technical Knowledge Required

- Methodology of programme/project management
- UNICEF programmatic goals, visions, positions, policies and strategies.
- Knowledge of global human rights issues, specifically relating to children and women, and the current UNICEF position and approaches.
- UNICEF policies and strategy to address national and international issues, particularly relating to conflicts, natural disasters, and recovery.
- UNICEF emergency programme policies, goals, strategies and approaches.
- Gender equality and diversity awareness.

c) Technical Knowledge to be Acquired/Enhanced

- UN policies and strategy to address international humanitarian issues and the responses.
- UN common approaches to programmatic issues and UNICEF positions
- UN security operations and guidelines.
- Security Management training for members of Security Management Team.
- UNICEF policies, strategies promoting and supporting gender equality and diversity.