



UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND GENERIC JOB PROFILE (GJP)

I. Post Information

Job Title: **Supply and Logistics Specialist**
Supervisor Title/ Level: **Regional Supply & Logistics Manager / P4**
Organizational Unit: Supply
Post Location: **LACRO + deployments as requested**

Job Level: **P 3**
Job Profile No.:
CCOG Code: **1A09**
Functional Code: **SUP**
Job Classification Level: **Level 3**

II. Organizational Context and Purpose for the job

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) is a region prone to natural disaster. Some 152 million people have been affected by 1,205 disasters (2000-2019) according to OCHA in the report "Natural Disasters in LAC region". Since 2019, the region has experienced additional disasters such as hurricanes IOTA and ETA that devastated central America in 2020, the earthquake in Haiti in 2021 and Hurricane Ian in 2022 that created havoc in Cuba.

Many hazards are cyclical in nature [most of them occurring in Q3, Q4 every year], and the most likely to trigger major humanitarian responses in the region are sudden onset ones such as earthquakes, hurricanes and flash floods. The collective impact of recurring climate shocks, most notably protracted droughts followed by seasonal flooding, leads to complex and multidimensional humanitarian needs.

In addition to natural disasters, man-made emergencies such as the ongoing migration crisis constitute a major challenge for humanitarian interventions. The crisis in Venezuela has generated the second largest displacement of people after the one in Syria. At the same time, there is a large and growing population of Haitians [UNICEF L3 declared Emergency] that have migrated to South America, and large numbers are moving from the Northern Triangle of Central America into Mexico and towards the United States, and from Nicaragua into Costa Rica.

Projections are showing the climatic phenomenon called "El nino" will be particularly intense in 2024 and will generate record breaking temperatures, intensifying droughts and their negative effects on populations.

Job organizational context:

The **Supply and Logistics Specialist** reports to the Regional Supply and Logistics Manager and is responsible for managing the supply chains operations. This includes planning, procurement, customs clearance, overseeing warehousing operations, regional transport and distribution, as well as monitoring of supplies and services.

The incumbent supports management collaboration with programmes in defining supply interventions to meet programmatic needs and achieve results for children, and provides technical and advisory support to governments, national systems and partners on supply chain

management, including coordination on the response to emergencies with EMOPS, SD and other HQ divisions.

The incumbent will be on alert for **immediate deployment to Emergency** sites, both on ongoing emergencies [Haiti L3, Migration Crisis L1 (multi-country emergency)] and sudden onset emergencies.

III. Key function, accountabilities and related duties/tasks

Summary of key functions/accountabilities:

1. **Management of the supply team**
2. **Supply Chain service delivery and emergency response**
3. **Collaboration with programme and implementing partners**
4. **Technical, advisory support to government/national systems**
5. **Innovation, products and markets**

1. **Management of the Supply team**

- Prepare the annual work plan for the Supply team; determine priorities/targets and performance measurements and monitor work progress to ensure that results are achieved according to schedule and performance standards.
- Supervise and coach team members, ensure timely performance management of staff. In collaboration with Supply Division, Regional Office and the global supply community, ensure knowledge sharing and learning is prioritized in order to continuously build capacity of individuals and the team.
- In consultation with supervisor, ensure establishment and maintenance of operational capacity to handle CO supply chains, including staffing (appropriate staffing structure, timely recruitment, clarity of roles and responsibilities) and contracting of third party services if applicable (e.g. customs clearance, warehousing, transport, distribution)

2. **Supply chain service delivery and emergency response**

- Ensure appropriate implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the supply chain operations.
- Provide input to the Country Programme Action Planning and advice on Supply requirements for the Plan of Operations and Annual Work Plans. Ensure appropriate planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the supply chain operations, including establishment of performance indicators, and assessment of fit for purpose of products and services.
- Coordinate incoming shipments planning and establish scheduling plans for intra-regional distribution.
- Ensure effective procurement of goods, contracting of services while maintaining the highest level of integrity, ethical standards and accountability.
- Ensure timely customs clearance of supplies entering the country. Oversees appropriate warehousing, inventory management and regional transport in support of countries

programme implementation. [In coordination with the other Supply & Logistics Specialist in charge of warehousing management]

- Ensure appropriate vendor management practices e.g. supply performance reviews are established and applied.
- Analyze supply dashboards, implementation rates of key performance indicators and supply information/data from various systems and report on identified supply chain bottlenecks and challenges, with a view to drive improvements and ensure efficient and effective supply chains for children.
- In case of any new emergency, develop an emergency supply & logistics strategy based on risk assessment analysis and Programme assumptions.
- Participate in high level emergency coordination, implementation and monitoring meetings with internal and external partners and establish close collaboration with Logistics Cluster/National Logistics Working Group if such is activated/existing.
- In consultation with supervisor, develop an emergency supply & logistics strategy based on risk assessment analysis and Programme assumptions. Ensure an emergency supply and logistics preparedness action plan for the RO is established in line with Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action (CCC), and implemented (establishment of relevant LTAs and frame agreements for emergency response, repositioning of stock, and training of staff).

3. Collaboration with programme and implementing partners

- Establish accountability framework with programmes, for delivery of results for children.
- Provide supply input to donor dialogue, and support development of supply components of proposals to donors including budgeting and use of innovative financing mechanisms for supplies, services and construction works.
- Support assessment of and collaboration with implementing partners including civil society, establishment of Programme Cooperation Agreements (PCAs), and monitoring of supply components under Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT).
- Develop and maintain partnership and collaborative relations with Government, UN organizations and bilateral counterparts in supply and logistics activities including harmonized and collaborative procurement.

4. Technical and advisory support to government/national systems

- Promote/drive supply chain strengthening and change management initiatives with governments and partners, to ensure efficient and effective supply chains for children.
- Provide input to capacity development initiatives in the area of supply chains for children, in close collaboration with programme colleagues. Support supply components of health systems strengthening as might be relevant in the country context.
- Advisory support to Governments/national systems in defining and determining supply solutions for children, such as use of procurement services; supply financing solutions; local market development; private sector engagement.

5. Innovation, products and markets

- Contribute to pilots and support the actual roll-out of new products and services, in close

collaboration with Supply Division.

- Promote critical thinking, innovative approaches and good practices on supply chain management within the organization as well as with externals to ensure effective and efficient supply chains for children.
- Further to analysis of supply spend and related procurement strategies, in collaboration with supervisor run initiatives to ensure local market development where relevant.

IV. Impact of Results

The ability of the Supply and Logistics Specialist to successfully plan, manage and oversee the effective and efficient supply chain management of goods, services and [occasionally] construction works for UNICEF programmes and the Government, directly impact on program goals and results for children. This in turn contributes to maintaining/enhancing the credibility of UNICEF as an effective and responsible manager of funds entrusted to the organization and to furthering UNICEF image as a competent organization for delivering cost effective and sustainable program results for children.

V. UNICEF values and competency Required (based on the updated Framework)

i) Core Values

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

ii) Core Competencies (For Staff with Supervisory Responsibilities) *

- Nurtures, Leads and Manages People (1)
- Demonstrates Self Awareness and Ethical Awareness (2)
- Works Collaboratively with others (2)
- Builds and Maintains Partnerships (2)
- Innovates and Embraces Change (2)
- Thinks and Acts Strategically (2)
- Drive to achieve impactful results (2)
- Manages ambiguity and complexity (2)

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*The 7 core competencies are applicable to all employees. However, the competency Nurtures, Leads and Managers people is only applicable to staff who supervise others.

VI. Skills

- Ability to resolve difficult, complex and sensitive situations often under pressure.
- Ability to initiate and manage change in a diverse environment.
- Ability to clearly and concisely express ideas and concepts in written and oral form.
- Ability to manage and monitor the effective use of financial and material resources.
- Ability to supervise and direct a team of professional and support staff.
- Ability to work strategically to realize organizational goals, develop strategies, set clear visions.
- Strong communication and negotiation skills to establish and maintain trusted partnerships for achievement of objectives and to develop close and effective working relationships with diverse stakeholders.
- Ability to identify and analyze systemic issues, formulate opinions and make conclusions and recommendations to resolve same.
- Skill in the identification of new opportunities or requirements to meet challenges in the field and propose changes.
- Strong knowledge of latest developments and technology in supply chain management.
- Strong understanding of supply chain processes, from programme needs assessment, through planning, procurement and contracting, logistics and delivery, monitoring and

- evaluation.
- Strong overall knowledge and understanding of UNICEF programmes, public procurement principles, financial and legal aspects of supply chain issues, ethics and risk management of supply chain operations.

VII. Recruitment Qualifications

<p>Education:</p>	<p>An advanced university degree is required in Business Administration, Management, Economics, Supply Chain Management, Logistics, Procurement, Contract/Commercial Law, International Development, Health or related social science field, or relevant first-level university degree (Bachelor's) in conjunction with a valid relevant professional certification is required.</p> <p>*A first level university degree (Bachelor's) in a relevant technical field (as identified above), in conjunction with seven (7) years of relevant work experience in supply, logistics, procurement, contracting, administration and/or other directly-related technical field, may be taken in lieu of an advanced university degree.</p>
<p>Experience:</p>	<p>A minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience, at the national and international levels, in supply, logistics, procurement, contracting, administration and/or other directly-related technical fields is required.</p> <p>Understanding of development and humanitarian work.</p> <p>Emergency experience an advantage. Health supply chain management experience an advantage.</p>
<p>Language Requirements:</p>	<p>Fluency in Spanish and English is required. Knowledge of another official UN language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish) or a local language is an asset.</p>

VII. Signatures- Job Description Certification

<p>Name:</p>	<p>Signature</p>	<p>Date</p>
<p>Title: (Head Operations)</p>		
<p>Name:</p>	<p>Signature</p>	<p>Date</p>
<p>Title: (Representative)</p>		