



**UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND
JOB PROFILE**

I. Post Information

Job Title: Senior health specialist-polio (Outbreak Deputy Coordinator Global Polio Eradication Initiative)

Supervisor Title/ Level: Chief of Health P5

Organizational Unit: Programme Section
Post Location Abuja Nigeria

Job Level: P5 FT

Job Profile No.:

CCOG Code:

Functional Code:

Job Classification Level:

II. Organizational Context and Purpose for the job

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child everywhere, and in everything, the organization does — in programs, advocacy, and operations. The equity strategy, emphasizing the most disadvantaged and excluded children and families, translates this commitment to children's rights into action. For UNICEF, equity means that all children have an opportunity to survive, develop, and reach their full potential without discrimination, bias, or favoritism. To the degree that any child has an unequal chance in life — in its social, political, economic, civic, and cultural dimensions — their rights are violated. Growing evidence shows that investing in the health, education, and protection of a society's most disadvantaged citizens — addressing inequity — will allow all children to fulfill their potential and lead to sustained growth and stability in countries. This is why the focus on equity is so vital. It accelerates progress towards realizing the human rights of all children, which is the universal mandate of UNICEF, as outlined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child while supporting nations' equitable development.

Furthermore, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) seeks to ensure that future generations of children will be free from the threat of polio paralysis. Achieving this goal depends on rapid and effective responses to poliovirus outbreaks in polio-free countries.

Depending on the virus's evolving epidemiology, we focus mainly on the Consequential Geographies within Nigeria, which currently are the states of Sokoto, Zamfara, Kebbi, Katsina, Jigawa, and Kano.

This document describes the Terms of Reference for the GPEI Outbreak Deputy Coordinator.

Job organizational context:

This position is part of the Programme section in Abuja, Nigeria, CO. The position will report to the Chief of Health.

Purpose for the job

Under the guidance and supervision of the Chief of Health (UNICEF), and direction and oversight of the GPEI Outbreak Coordinator, the GPEI Outbreak Deputy Coordinator will be responsible for technical leadership and innovation in the development, planning, implementation, delivery, monitoring, evaluation, and oversight management of Polio interventions in Nigeria in conjunction with Routine immunization to achieve the interruption of variant virus(es) in Nigeria.

III. Key functions, accountabilities, and related duties/tasks

Summary of results-based vital functions and accountabilities.

The **GPEI Outbreak Deputy Coordinator** will act according to the NPHCDA's new blueprint, which focuses on boosting the quality of the Polio campaign, reaching missed children, and increasing community vaccine acceptance.

GPEI deputy coordinator core functions:

1. Represent the GPEI in-country and liaise between the GPEI and partners at the county and regional level; provide direct feedback to the GPEI about outbreak response progress, challenges, and potential solutions.
2. Support the UNICEF and WHO representatives with strategic and operational oversight of polio outbreak response operations, ensuring that they address the needs of the population and are aligned with the government/Ministry of Health (MOH) plans and strategies.
3. Foster close coordination with the EOC MOH, WHO in-country health and other partners, and regional offices and HQs and assist in the organization of regular coordination meetings, teleconferences, and updates.

4. Work with the EOC/WHO teams to develop a national outbreak response plan, including a budget, chronogram of activities, and human resources (HR) surge plan. Periodically adjust and adapt the plan as needed.
5. Collaborate with THE EOC/WHO teams to establish outbreak response structures that include all components of outbreak response:
6. Collaborate with the EOC/WHO teams to produce updates on outbreak response activities (e.g., SITREPS, bulletins, and newsletters) for distribution to relevant partners.
7. Collaborate with the EOC/WHO teams to organize periodic external outbreak response assessments.
8. Collaborate with the EOC/WHO teams to document the closure of the outbreak.
9. Collaborate with the EOC/WHO teams to assess the security situation in the geographic areas included in the response; as necessary, engage appropriate partners to discuss special strategies and resources for insecure areas.
10. Collaborate with the communications team to ensure the preparation of an overall outbreak response communication plan and the appropriate content of advocacy and messaging strategies.
11. Collaborate with the EOC/WHO to ensure that the logistical aspects of the outbreak response, especially financing and HR, are managed timely and efficiently.
12. Review and clear donor products and provide strategic guidance on resource mobilization and proposal development.

UNICEF core functions

13. Provides oversight to ensure that UNICEF's contributions to polio eradication are of the highest possible quality and conform to UNICEF commitments and agreements with other agencies. Ensures that UNICEF positions itself appropriately to engage in polio eradication at both National and subnational levels.
14. Acts as the main UNICEF focal point for all UNICEF activities related to polio eradication, as per delegated tasks and accountabilities of the Chief of health .
15. Oversees the coordination with the SBC section, the Supply section, the

Vaccine management and logistic team, and other critical units within UNICEF on issues about vaccines, supplies, and operational costs for polio eradication activities.

16. Oversees close follow-up of program activities through appropriate monitoring systems, regular contacts with and feedback to/from States, and other mechanisms. Ensures high-quality implementation of UNICEF's critical contributions to polio eradication.
17. Guides selected states on activities to eradicate polio and improve the delivery of routine vaccination and linked interventions, including monitoring and following up on such activities.
18. Ensures evidence and data are available, analyzed, and used in SBC and Vaccine Management Cold chain logistics and that program implementation progress is monitored and evaluated for adjustment, acceleration, and improvement of program delivery and sustainability. R
19. Ensure timely submission of all required donor reports in compliance with the established guidelines and procedures.
20. Facilitate effective partnership and collaboration for advocacy, technical cooperation, program coordination, information sharing and knowledge management, and networking.

Undertake other assignments and responsibilities as requested by the Representative, Chief of Health, and other partners to support the successful response to the outbreak.

IV. Impact of Results

The efficiency and efficacy of support provided by the GPEI Co-lead in the high-risk states contribute to the overall efforts of UNICEF, alongside other partners, to contribute to the interruption of the transmission of cVDP2 and thereby achieve sustainable results for women and children as well as meeting donors' expectations.

V. Competencies and level of proficiency required (please base on UNICEF Competency Profiles)

<u>Core Values</u>	<u>Functional Competencies</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Care ▪ Respect ▪ Integrity ▪ Trust ▪ Accountability ▪ Sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates Self Awareness and Ethical Awareness (1) • Works Collaboratively with others (1) • Builds and Maintains Partnerships (1) • Innovates and Embraces Change (1) • Thinks and Acts Strategically (1) • Drive to achieve impactful results (1) • Manages ambiguity and complexity (1)

VI. Recruitment Qualifications	
Education:	An advanced university degree in Public Health, Pediatric Health, Child Development, Nutrition, Epidemiology, Public Administration, Social Policy, Social Development, Social and Behaviour Change, Community Development, or other relevant disciplines and/or experiences.
Experience:	Ten years of professional work experience at the national and international levels in polio eradication, planning, programming, implementation monitoring, Social and Behaviour Change, and evaluation of Vaccination programs. I have professional work experience in a technical position related to Immunization and Social and Behaviour Change. Developing country work experience and a background/familiarity with work in emergencies and conflict-affected areas would be an asset.
Language Requirements:	Fluency in English

