



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

I. Post Information

Job Title: Education Specialist – Education in Emergencies / Information Management / Climate change
Supervisor Title/ Level: Chief, Education
Organizational Unit: Programme
Post Location: Madagascar Country Office

Job Level: Level 3 / International – TA
Job Profile No.:
CCOG Code: 1F
Functional Code: EDU
Job Classification Level: Level 3

II. Organizational Context and Purpose for the job

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything the organization does — in programmes, in advocacy and in 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 — her or his rights are violated. There is growing evidence that investing in the health, education and protection of a society's most disadvantaged citizens — addressing inequity — not only will give all children the opportunity to fulfill their potential but also will lead to sustained growth and stability of 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 also supporting the equitable development of nations.

Job organizational context: The Education Specialist GJP is to be used in a Country Office (CO) where the Education Programme is a component of the Country Programme (or **UNSDCF**). The Specialist reports to the Chief, Education who is at Level 5/4, or Education Manager who is at Level 4.

Purpose for the job: Under the guidance and general supervision of the Chief, Education (Level 4), the Specialist supports the development and preparation of the Education programme with focus on education in emergencies/Disaster Risks Reduction and climate change, information management and support to coordination of emergency and is responsible for managing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and reporting the progress of education programmes/projects including resource mobilization within the country programme. The Specialist provides technical guidance and management support throughout the programming processes to facilitate the administration and achievement of results on education programmes/projects to improve learning in general, learning outcomes and equitable and inclusive education, especially for children who are marginalized, disadvantaged and excluded as they are affected by emergencies.

The Specialist contributes to achievement of results according to plans, allocation, results based-management approaches and methodology (RBM), as well as UNICEF's Strategic Plans,

standards of performance, and accountability framework.

III. Key functions, accountabilities and related duties/tasks

Summary of key functions/accountabilities:

1. Support to programme development and planning
2. Programme management, monitoring and delivery of results
3. Technical and operational support to programme implementation
4. Networking and partnership building
5. Innovation, knowledge management and capacity building

1. Support to programme development and planning

- Support the preparation, design and updating of the situation analysis for the education programmes to ensure that current and comprehensive data on education issues is available to guide UNICEF's strategic policy, advocacy, intervention and development efforts on education programmes with focus on education in emergencies, Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change / information management and coordination
- Help supervisor set priorities, strategies, design and implementation plans. Keep abreast of development trends to enhance programme management, efficiency and delivery.
- Participate in strategic programme discussion on the planning of education programmes. Formulate, design and prepare programme proposals for the sector, ensuring alignment with UNICEF's Strategic Plans and Country Programme and coherence/integration with the UN One Plan Framework (UNSDCF), regional strategies and national priorities, plans and competencies.
- Establish specific goals, objectives, strategies and implementation plans for the sector using results-based planning terminology and methodology (RBM). Provide inputs and prepare required documentations for programme review and approval.
- Work closely and collaboratively with internal colleagues and partners including private sector to discuss strategies, methodologies and intersectoral interventions, and to determine national priorities to ensure the achievement of concrete and sustainable results.
- Provide technical and operational support throughout all stages of programming processes and to ensure integration, coherence and harmonization of programmes/projects with other UNICEF sectors and achievement of results as planned and allocated.

2. Programme management, monitoring and delivery of results

- Plan and collaborate with internal colleagues and external partners to establish monitoring benchmarks, performance indicators and other UNICEF/UN system indicators to assess/strengthen performance accountability, coherence and delivery of concrete and sustainable results for the assigned sector on education programmes.
- Participate in monitoring and evaluation exercises, programme reviews and annual reviews with the government and other counterparts to assess progress and to determine required action/interventions to achieve results.
- Prepare and assess monitoring and evaluation reports to identify gaps, strengths and weaknesses in programme management.
- Identify lessons learned and use knowledge gained for development planning and timely intervention to achieve goals.

- Actively monitor programmes/projects through field visits and surveys, and exchange information with stakeholders to assess progress, identify bottlenecks and potential problems, and take timely decisions to resolve issues and/or refer to relevant officials for timely resolution.
- Monitor and verify the optimum and appropriate use of sectoral programme resources (financial, administrative and other assets) confirming compliance with organizational rules, regulations/procedures and donor commitments, standards of accountability and integrity, ensuring timely reporting and liquidation of resources.
- Prepare regular and mandated programme reports for management, donors and partners to keep them informed of programme progress.

3. Technical and operational support to programme implementation

- Provide technical guidance and operational support to government counterparts, NGO partners, UN system partners and country office partners and donors on interpretation, application and understanding of UNICEF policies, strategies, processes and best practices and approaches on education and related issues to support programme management, implementation and delivery of results.
- Arrange/coordinate availability of technical experts with Regional Office/HQ to ensure timely and appropriate support throughout the programming process.
- Participate in education programme meetings and programme development on **education in emergencies, Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change / information management**, including preparedness/response and contingency planning, to provide related technical and operational information, advice and support **and strengthen humanitarian coordination mechanisms**.
- Provide support to both national and regional **education in emergencies, Disaster Risk Reduction, and climate change**.
- Draft strategic/policy papers, briefs and other strategic programme materials for management use including SITREP, HAC update and other key humanitarian documents

4. Networking and partnership building

- Build and sustain effective close working partnerships with relevant government counterparts, national stakeholders, global partners, donors, **bilateral partners and private sector** and academia through active networking, **steering committee mechanisms**, advocacy and effective communication to build capacity, exchange knowledge/expertise and to reinforce cooperation to achieve sustainable and broad results on education programmes.
- Prepare **innovative** communication and information materials for CO programme advocacy to promote awareness, establish partnerships and support fund raising for education programmes.
- Participate and/or represent UNICEF in appropriate inter-agency (UNCT) discussions on education and related issues to collaborate with inter-agency partners/colleagues on the UN **One Plan** Framework (**UNSDCF**), planning and preparation of programmes/projects ensuring organizational position, interests and priorities are fully considered and integrated in the **UNSDCF**, process in development planning and agenda setting.

5. Innovation, knowledge management and capacity building

- Apply and introduce innovative approaches and good practices to build the capacity of partners and stakeholders and to support the implementation and delivery of concrete and sustainable programme results.
- Keep abreast, research, benchmark, and implement best practices in education management. Assess, institutionalize and share best practices and knowledge learned.

- Support the development of studies related to education in emergencies, Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change, information management and relevant data base.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of policies and procedures to ensure optimum efficiency and efficacy of sustainable programmes and projects.
- Organize and implement capacity building initiatives to enhance the competencies of clients/stakeholders to promote sustainable results on education in emergencies and Disaster Risk Reduction / climate change and related programmes/projects.

IV. Impact of Results

The efficiency and efficacy of support provided by the Education Specialist to programme preparation, planning and implementation, contributes to the achievement of sustainable results to improve learning in general, learning outcomes and universal access to quality, equitable and inclusive education. Success in education programmes and projects in turn contribute to maintaining and enhancing the credibility and ability of UNICEF to provide programme services for mothers and children that promotes greater social equality in the country.

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

i) Core Values

- Care
- Respect
- Integrity
- Trust
- Accountability

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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- Drive to achieve impactful results (1)
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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. Technical Competencies

Technical competencies must be demonstrated in the following areas:

- **Some understanding of the overall global development context**, including issues such as: poverty, conflict and the impact of these factors on education and vice-versa; and inter-sectoral approaches to address such issues in collaboration with other sectors (including Social Policy, Child Protection, Nutrition, WASH, Health, and Communications within UNICEF).
- **Knowledge of global developments in education and international engagement strategies**, including the application of the equity lens and human rights perspectives to programming.
- **Some ability to support policy dialogue**: translation of analytical findings and evidence into development programme and policy discussions around equity and learning with partners, including government, **bilateral** and development partners, **private sector**, CSOs

and academia in relevant areas.

- **Some education sector planning knowledge/ability**, including the range of modalities for delivering results in **education in emergencies, Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change** with linkages between different sub-sectors (e.g. ECD, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary, Inclusive Education), cost-effectiveness and efficiency issues, key institutional structures, components and processes, as well as governance issues.
- **Education and policy sector analysis capacity**, including understanding of the core education data sets and indicators; tools for analysis of equity; determinants of student access and learning; budget, costing, and financial management in education systems; political economy; and education policy and strategic planning.
- **Some programme management in education**, including programme design, costing, monitoring, **leading steering committees** and evaluation and reporting.
- **Some ability to support engagement with partners** e.g. Sector Wide Approaches, Global Partnership for Education, Education in Emergency working groups, education cluster, Education Provider Forums, Delivering as One, Inter-sectoral partnerships such, as well as networking with other key partners.
- **Some understanding of gender and inequity issues** in relation to education and development, emergencies, and the application of gender / equity analysis to policy and planning in education.
- **Understanding of policies and strategies to address issues related to resilience:** risk analysis and risk management, education in conflict situations, natural disasters, and recovery.

VII. Recruitment Qualifications

Education:	An advanced university degree in one of the following fields is required: education, economics, psychology, sociology, or another relevant technical field.
Experience:	<p>A minimum of five years of professional experience in programme planning, management, and/or research in education with proven background and knowledge in Education in Emergencies Disaster Risk Reduction and climate change.</p> <p>Experience working in a developing country preferably with international organizations is considered as an asset.</p> <p>Relevant experience in UNICEF, a UN system agency or international organization is considered as an asset.</p>
Language Requirements:	Fluency in both English and French is required. Knowledge of a local language is an asset.