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Vacancy Notice No.: VN/CHN/2022/TFI/001

Date: 18 Feb 2022

Title: Program Officer

Deadline for application: 4 Mar 2021

Contract Type: Consultancy Contract

Duty Station: Beijing, China

Duration: 1 April – 31 December 2022

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Tobacco use kills more than 8 million people globally every year, including more than 1 million people in China. Tobacco smoking is a known risk factor for many respiratory infections and increases the severity of respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. There is every reason for all countries to take actions immediately to help smokers quit and keep young people from becoming victims of tobacco.

In the past few years, encouraging progress has been made in China. China has banned tobacco advertising in public places and on mass media. More than 20 cities, including some small- and mid-sized cities, have taken important steps to protect people from second-hand smoke. These actions have and will continue to de-normalize smoking in the society, particularly among young people.

But China is still tackling the high smoking prevalence among people who are 15 years and older (26.6%), as well as the emerging challenges such as the increase in the use of e-cigarettes. More needs to be done to attain the target set in the Healthy China 2030 Initiative – reducing smoking prevalence to 20% or below by 2030.

To reduce tobacco use and get ahead of the rising e-cigarette use among young people, comprehensive, evidence-based tobacco control measures included in WHO Framework of Convention of Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) have to be implemented. These measures include significantly increasing tobacco tax and price, banning smoking in all indoor public places, providing accessible and affordable cessation services, and adopting immediate regulations on emerging products such as e-cigarettes.

In addition, to scale up the tobacco control measures, WHO China is also exploring an integrated approach leveraging the comprehensive health system in China, including strengthening smoking cessation services at community level which can be included into the primary health care package, and promoting tobacco tax increase as part of the strategy for sustainable financing.

This consultancy is to provide needed support to the technical officer of Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI) to plan and implement the core activities aimed at policy change in tobacco taxation, smoke-free legislations, smoking cessation and ENDS regulation and explore new opportunities to advance the implementation of the WHO FCTC.

Specifically, under the supervision of the Technical Officer of Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI) and the Coordinator of Health System and Health Security, the incumbent will perform the following duties:

1. Working closely with the TFI Technical Officer to support the planning and implementation of core TFI activities to promote WHO FCTC measures, including smoke-free legislation, tobacco tax and price measures and smoking cessation services. To be specific, the incumbent will carry out but not limited to the following tasks,
 - a. Developing policy briefs and policy suggestions
 - b. Conducting secondary research, literature review and compiling evidence to support policy advocacy and other tasks
 - c. Liaison with stakeholders
2. Working with WHO teams to explore and implement tobacco control project using an integrated approach leveraging the comprehensive health system in China
3. Working with government and partners on designing and implementing media advocacy and strategic communications campaigns in supporting of policy advocacy, e.g. the 2022 World No Tobacco Day Campaign and the public campaign to raise awareness of harm of tobacco.
4. Helping organize event or roundtables with involvement of government, high-level policy makers and public health experts; participate in meetings with tobacco control stakeholders in China.
5. Managing projects aimed at promoting advocacy priorities;
6. Producing reports, briefings, contracts and other documents; and
7. Performing other relevant duties as required.

QUALIFICATION REQUIRED:

Education

- Essential: Relevant university degree from a recognized university.
- Desirable: Postgraduate degree in Public Health, Public Policy, Economics, Health Financing, Taxation, Primary Health Care, International Policies or other relevant fields.

Experience:

- Essential: Minimum of 7 years' experience in program implementation particularly in tobacco control;
- Desirable: Relevant experiences in NCD prevention, health economics, taxation, primary health care and health system as well as policies analysis and advocacy in China. Networks in government, thinktanks, public health and taxation fields would be an advantage.

Other skills

- Sound interpersonal and communication skills required.
- Computer literacy in data analysis, word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software.

Language requirements

- Excellent knowledge of spoken and written English and Chinese

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

Note: This vacancy is open to **Chinese nationals**.

Applications should be transmitted in email message quoting vacancy notice number (VN/CHN/2022/TFI/001).

Applicants should submit a completed **Personal History Form (PHF)** with a **Cover Letter** to give reasons for being suitable of the post. A personal History Form and detailed vacancy notice can be downloaded from <https://www.who.int/china/about-us/careers>

Applicants are advised to send their applications by email to wpchnwr@who.int

This vacancy is open to applicants of EITHER SEX. Applications from WOMEN are encouraged. We regret that due to large volume of applications normally received, applications cannot be acknowledged individually.

WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or other tobacco users.