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We are pleased to announce the following vacancy:

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**VA JID 1704 - Intern, UNFPA Asia and Pacific Regional Office Health Economics:  
COSTING MODELS FOR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ESSENTIAL  
SERVICES PACKAGE**

CLOSING DATE: **Monday 17 April 2017, at 15:00 hours, Bangkok time**  
CATEGORY: Internship  
DUTY STATION: UNFPA APRO Bangkok, Thailand  
DURATION: June-August 2017 (Full-time with approximately 35 hours/week)  
ORGANIZATION UNIT: **Asia and the Pacific Regional Office**

**Introduction**

UNFPA is the lead United Nations agency tasked to deliver “a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.” It does so by bolstering health systems so that maternal, sexual and reproductive health services can reach even the poorest, most remote areas or in times of natural or man-made disasters. It advocates for young people’s rights to accurate information and access to sexual and reproductive health services, so that they can reach their full potential and contribute to economic and social transformation.

Gender-based violence (GBV) can take many forms, including physical and sexual violence by intimate partners as well as non-partners, psychological and emotional abuse, sexual harassment, female genital mutilation, and many other harmful practices. GBV is widespread, systemic and culturally entrenched. It has been described as reaching pandemic proportions, with more than one-third of women worldwide reporting having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner or non-partner.<sup>1</sup>

GBV has serious consequences in terms of health and physical and mental wellbeing, as well as sizable impacts on social and economic outcomes, both at individual and societal level.<sup>2</sup> A growing body of evidence has been documenting the evidence on the economic and social cost of GBV. Studies in several countries, including US, Australia, Fiji, Macedonia, Uganda, Nicaragua, Chile

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<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization (2013). *Global and Regional Estimates of Violence against Women: Prevalence and Health Effects of Intimate Partner Violence and Non-partner Sexual Violence*. Geneva: World Health Organization.

<sup>2</sup> Duvvury, N., A. Callan, P. Carney, and S. Raghavendra. 2013. *Intimate Partner Violence: Economic Costs and Implications for Growth and Development*. Washington, DC: World Bank.

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and Viet Nam, have provided estimates of the societal economic impact of GBV, with estimates suggesting economic losses up to 3.19% of GDP in Viet Nam.<sup>3</sup> Such evidence on the economic impact of GBV is very important to support advocacy efforts to influence governments, donors and other social actors to promote investments in effective interventions to address GBV.

However, evidence on the economic impact is really only the first step in the right direction. In some cases, governments fail to be swayed by the evidence about the economic impact, because there is often some confusion between the **cost in terms of economic impact of GBV** (how much GBV affects national economic performance) and the **cost of implementing services to address GBV** (how much it costs to deliver those services). The sheer magnitude of economic impact sometimes lead to the incorrect conclusion that it is very costly and almost impossible to implement effective interventions.

Once governments, in particular, are convinced of the social and economic importance of addressing GBV, the immediate next questions are:

**(a) What can be done to promote positive changes in dealing with the issue?**

The United Nations Joint Global Programme on Essential Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence recently released guidance on the Essential Services Package for Women and Girls Subject to Violence.<sup>4</sup> This guidance includes a comprehensive list of essential services to be provided by the health, social services, police and justice sectors, as well as coordination services to ensure the effective delivery of high quality core services. The Essential Services Package constitutes the most authoritative and effective guidance in this area and provides a practical tool to support countries in the implementation of GBV services delivery.

**(b) How much will it cost to do so?**

Existing models to estimates the actual cost of delivering GBV interventions are still limited. Settergren et al (2015)<sup>5</sup> propose a sampling model to estimate facility-based cost of delivering GBV services. The model requires extensive cross-sectional data collection in a number of sampled facilities in a given country, which can prove expensive and time-consuming. In addition, results seem geared towards providing facility-level estimates, which may require additional analysis to generate national-level estimates of the cost of GBV services. Duvvury and Ashe (2016)<sup>6</sup> developed a simple model for estimating the resource requirements for the Essential Services Package. In addition to data collection, the model requires additional effort to

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<sup>3</sup> What Works: Economic and Social Costs of Violence Programme. Available at <http://www.whatworks.co.za/resources/evidence-reviews>.

<sup>4</sup> UN Women, UNFPA, WHO, UNDP & UNODC (2016). *Essential Services Package for Women and Girls Subject to Violence*.

<sup>5</sup> Settergren, S., B. Adesina, and D. Adams (2015). *Costs of Delivering Services for Gender-based Violence at Health Facilities in Tanzania*. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Project.

<sup>6</sup> Duvvury, N. and S. Ashe (2016). *A Costing Tool for Action: Estimating the Resource Requirements for a Minimum Package of Essential Services for Women Experiencing Violence*. Bangkok, Thailand: UNWomen.

enable the actual application in specific countries. The One Health Tool<sup>7</sup>, developed by the UN Inter-agency Working Group on Costing, would offer an ideal setup of reference, but it conspicuously lacks GBV as one of its core areas of estimation.

In response to this pressing need, the UNFPA Asia & the Pacific Regional Office (APRO) is promoting a new initiative to develop a hybrid model that would enable the utilization of modelling-based estimates in a simple but realistic and reliable way to generate national level estimates of GBV interventions costing.

### **Purpose of the Internship**

The primary purpose of the internship is to support the APRO regional program on Health Economics and on Violence against Women to carry out initial activities in developing new and innovative models for costing GBV services.

### **Supervision and Work settings**

#### (a) Supervision

- The Intern is expected to work independently, while reporting and having a close contact with the Health Economics Technical Advisor and the Technical Specialist on Violence against Women at UNFPA APRO.

#### (b) Place, timing and duration of assignment

- The assignment is expected to be completed between June and August, 2017. Presence in Bangkok, Thailand will be required for the duration of the assignment.

### **Scope and Deliverables**

The scope and diversity of assignment of the assignment is expected to include the following tasks and deliverables:

- Carry out literature review, data gathering analysis and research activities on existing models for GBV costing
- Support the preparation of a concept note to guide the development of new and innovative models for costing GBV services
- Gather relevant data across countries in the region (e.g. on unit costs of services and indicators of service needs) to inform future GBV costing models

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.who.int/choice/onehealthtool/en>.

- Support the preparation and organization of brownbag session to disseminate key findings and garner support and interest from country offices in the region;
- Other related and relevant tasks as directed by the Health Economics Technical Advisor and the Technical Specialist on Violence against Women at UNFPA APRO.

### **Profile of Intern**

- (a) Primary expertise required:
  - Health economics, public health.
- (b) Educational background, including degrees and post-graduate education:
  - Master's degree in public health and/or health economics.
- (c) Work experience:
  - At least two years of experience in relevant fields.
  - Previous experience/interest in using modelling and evidence to influence policy making.
  - Experience/interesting working in international development and global health.
- (d) Other competencies:
  - Excellent report writing skills, analytical skills as well as good computer skills
  - Excellent presentation and communication skills in English language, both oral and written
  - Proficiency in MS Office software and good knowledge of statistical software packages (preferably Stata and Tableau).

### **Specific Conditions**

In line with the UNFPA Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual, the following conditions apply in the undertaking of the assignment:

- (a) Duration: The duration of the internship will be two months. It may be extended in case the parties reach a mutual agreement that an extension is required.
- (b) Status and duties: Interns are not staff members of UNFPA. The intern does not enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to the United Nations and its officials. At the end of the internship period, the supervisor should prepare a written evaluation of the intern's performance.
- (c) No remuneration of financial support from UNFPA: UNFPA internships are performed strictly on a non-remunerative basis. The intern must make his/her own arrangements concerning all expenses associated with the internship, including living expenses and travel costs.

- (d) Medical insurance coverage: The intern is personally responsible for and must provide proof of adequate and regular medical insurance and must maintain such insurance during the internship.
- (e) Liability and third-party claims: UNFPA is not responsible for any illness, injury, accident or death incurred during or in connection with the internship, or any costs associated with such events. UNFPA is not responsible for any claims by any parties where the loss of or damage to their property, death or personal injury was caused by the actions or omission of action by the intern during the internship.
- (f) Passports, visas, travel during the internship: The intern is responsible for obtaining a passport and all necessary visas. UNFPA will only issue a letter stating acceptance of an individual as an intern and the conditions governing the internship. The intern may not undertake travel on UNFPA official business during the internship period.
- (g) Employment Prospects: The UNFPA internship is not connected with employment and does not give rise to any expectancy of future employment. Inters with UNFPA shall not be eligible for recruitment as a staff member within a 3 month period following the conclusion of their internship.
- (h) Attendance: The internship is normally performed on a full-time basis; the intern is expected to work during normal working hours. The intern shall provide written notice in case of illness or other unavoidable circumstances which might prevent him/her from fulfilling his/her obligations.

**How to apply:**

Candidates should submit the following documents:

1. An application letter which states the candidate's motivation to apply for this internship
2. A curriculum vitae, and
3. A completed United Nations Personal History (P 11)

All the above documents must be sent by e-mail to [vac-robangkok@unfpa.org](mailto:vac-robangkok@unfpa.org) .

The P11 is available on the UNFPA websites at <http://www.unfpa.org/resources/p11-un-personal-history-form>

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The deadline for application is: **Monday, 17 April 2017, at 15:00 Bangkok time.**

UNFPA will only be able to respond to those applications in which UNFPA has a further interest.

UNFPA provides a work environment that reflects the values of gender equality, teamwork, respect for diversity, integrity and a healthy balance of work and life. We are committed to maintaining our balances gender distribution and therefore encourage women to apply.

Notice: There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process. UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.

**Date Issued: Tuesday, 03 April 2017**

**Date Closed: Monday, 17 April 2017, at 15:00 hours, Bangkok time**

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