



We are pleased to announce the following vacancy:

VA 1513 Internship Health Economics

CLOSING DATE: **Friday, 11 September 2015 at 15:00 hours of Bangkok time**
DUTY STATION: Bangkok, Thailand
DURATION: **3 to 6 months**
ORGANIZATION UNIT: **UNFPA Asia and the Pacific Regional Office**

1. 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.

In the Asia-Pacific region in recent years, the financing outlook for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) has been evolving quite rapidly. Recent developments affecting programme and donor countries as well as other key stakeholders such as civil society organizations have included, for instance: the emergence of a new global framework for financing sustainable development, a renewed commitment to the achievement of universal health coverage and the fact that countries reaching middle-income status are quickly “graduating” from access to traditional sources of external aid. These trends have major implications for financing SRHR and will require greater efforts on our part to leverage new strategic frameworks and fundamentally shift how UNFPA engages with countries and stakeholders in the region.

In response to this changing landscape, the UNFPA Asia & the Pacific Regional Office (APRO) is developing a new program of work on health economics. This program is geared at supporting country offices to understand the evolving external policy and financing environment and to leverage existing, emerging and innovative health financing instruments. It does so by enhancing the ability and skills to effectively utilize health economics to promote the prioritization of SRHR in national health planning processes and country development frameworks more generally. It also promotes sharing

peer country learnings in the context of health economics and financing and the development of new modes of engagement.

2. Purpose

The primary purpose of the internship is to support the APRO regional initiative on health economics by (i) providing technical and logistical support to the organization of a regional workshop and (ii) supporting the development of technical and analytical work on SRHR health economics in the region. In addition to providing support to the organization of the event, the intern will also be requested to conduct data gathering, analysis and research activities in the field of health economics and financing.

3. Supervision and Work Setting

(a) Supervision

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

(b) Place, timing and duration of assignment

The internship is expected to be completed within 3-6 months between October 2015 and March 2016. Presence in Bangkok, Thailand will be required for the duration of the internship.

4. Scope and Deliverables

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

- Support the workshop on “Financing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Post-2015 – Equitable, Effective and Sustainable SRHR in the New Development Framework,” from 13 to 15 October 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Assist in the documentation and drafting of the workshop report with key discussion points and agreed follow up actions;
- Support the organization of brownbag session to disseminate key workshop results at APRO Progtech meeting;
- Background research and data analysis activities to support the development of regional knowledge assets on SRHR health economics topics;
- Other related and relevant tasks as directed by the Health Economics Technical Advisor at UNFPA APRO.

5. Profile of Intern

(a) Primary expertise required:

- Health economics, policy review, public finance, public health.

(b) Educational background, including degrees and post-graduate education:

- Master's degree in economics and/or public policy analysis. Economics PhD students are strongly encouraged to apply.

(c) Work experience:

- At least two years of experience in relevant fields.
- Past experience in economic analyses (cost-benefit, cost-effectiveness) of public policies.
- Previous experience with national governments working at Ministry of Health and/or Ministry of Finance.
- Experience in organizing high level meetings and other convenings.

(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).

How to apply

Candidates should submit the following documents:

1. An application Form <http://asiapacific.unfpa.org/resources/internship-application>
2. A completed United Nations Personal History (P 11)

All the above documents must be sent by e-mail to vac-robangkok@unfpa.org

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

Please quote the Vacancy number “VA 1513 UNFPA APRO”. The deadline for application is : **Friday, 11 September 2015, at 15:00 hours, Bangkok time**

Due to the total volume of applications only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Date Issued: Thursday, 27 August 2015