

Job no: 594362

Contract type: Temporary Appointment

Duty Station: Dakar

Level: NO-1

Location: Sénégal

Categories: Health

UNICEF works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, defend their rights, and help them fulfill their potential, from early childhood through adolescence.

At UNICEF, we are committed, passionate, and proud of what we do for as long as we are needed. Promoting the rights of every child is not just a job – it is a calling.

UNICEF is a place where careers are built: we offer our staff diverse opportunities for professional and personal development that will help them reinforce a sense of purpose while serving children and communities across the world. We welcome everyone who wants to belong and grow in a diverse and passionate culture, coupled with an attractive compensation and benefits package.

Visit [our website](#) to learn more about what we do at UNICEF.

For every child, the right to health.

How can you make a difference?

You as the Health Officer (Pandemic Fund) reports to the Chief CSD for close guidance and supervision. You will provide technical and operational support for the planning, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of Pandemic Fund-supported activities under UNICEF's responsibility as an implementing partner, in compliance with programmatic requirements and timelines. The position contributes to programme delivery in key areas including public health emergency preparedness and response, disease surveillance, coordination, risk management, and health systems strengthening.

Working closely with government counterparts, implementing partners, and UNICEF programme teams, the incumbent supports the effective and timely implementation of project activities, monitors progress against agreed workplans and results frameworks, and contributes to quality assurance, data analysis, documentation, and reporting.

You will support coordination among stakeholders to facilitate harmonized implementation of Pandemic Fund interventions and promotes effective monitoring, accountability, and risk management processes. You will also contribute to capacity-building efforts and knowledge-sharing activities to strengthen national preparedness and response systems.

In addition, the position supports the integration of equity-focused and inclusive approaches in programme implementation, helping to ensure that Pandemic Fund interventions contribute to strengthened health security and improved resilience of health systems in line with national priorities and UNICEF programme objectives.


Major Responsibilities:

Within the delegated authority and under the given organizational set-up, the incumbent may

be assigned the primary, shared, or contributory accountabilities for all or part of the following areas of major duties and key end-results.

Summary of key functions/accountabilities:

- Support to programme development and planning
- Programme management, monitoring and delivery of results
- Technical and operational support to programme implementation
- Networking and partnership building
- Innovation, knowledge management and capacity building

If you would like to know more about this position, please review the complete Job Description here:  [Health officer NOA - TA \(364days\).pdf](#)

To qualify as an advocate for every child you will have...

Minimum requirements:

- **Education:** Bachelor or equivalent (First Level University Degree) in one of the following fields is required: public health/nutrition, pediatric health, family health, health research, global/international health, health policy and/or management, environmental health sciences, biostatistics, socio-medical, health education, epidemiology, or another relevant technical field.
- **Work Experience:** A minimum of 1 year of professional experience in one or more of the following areas: public health/nutrition planning and management, maternal and neonatal health care, or health emergency/humanitarian preparedness. Experience supporting coordination of partnerships at national level with government institutions, international organizations, and/or NGOs. Relevant experience working in the United Nations system is considered an asset.
- **Skills:** Strong communication and report-writing skills. Solid experience in programme monitoring and follow-up. Proficiency in standard office software (MS Office, Excel)
- **Language Requirements:** Fluency in French is required.

Desirables:

- Knowledge of another official UN language (Arabic, Chinese, English, Russian or Spanish) or a local language.
- Familiarity with project management tools/platforms is desirable.
- United Nations Experience is an asset.
- Relevant experience at country level, particularly in development, fragile settings and humanitarian contexts.

For every Child, you demonstrate...

UNICEF's Core Values of Care, Respect, Integrity, Trust and Accountability and Sustainability (CRITAS) underpin everything we do and how we do it. Get acquainted with Our Values Charter: [UNICEF Values](#)

UNICEF competencies required for this post are...

- (1) Builds and maintains partnerships
- (2) Demonstrates self-awareness and ethical awareness

- (3) Drive to achieve results for impact
- (4) Innovates and embraces change
- (5) Manages ambiguity and complexity
- (6) Thinks and acts strategically
- (7) Works collaboratively with others

Familiarize yourself with [our competency framework](#) and its different levels.

UNICEF promotes and advocates for the protection of the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything it does and is mandated to support the realization of the rights of every child, including those most disadvantaged, and our global workforce must reflect the diversity of those children. The UNICEF family is committed to include everyone, irrespective of their race/ethnicity, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, socio-economic background, minority, or any other status.

UNICEF encourages applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of gender, nationality, religious or ethnic backgrounds, and from people with disabilities, including neurodivergence. We offer a wide range of benefits to our staff, including paid parental leave, breastfeeding breaks and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities. UNICEF provides reasonable accommodation throughout the recruitment process. If you require any accommodation, please submit your request through the accessibility email button on the UNICEF Careers webpage [Accessibility | UNICEF](#). Should you be shortlisted, please get in touch with the recruiter directly to share further details, enabling us to make the necessary arrangements in advance.

UNICEF does not hire candidates who are married to children (persons under 18). UNICEF has a zero-tolerance policy on conduct that is incompatible with the aims and objectives of the United Nations and UNICEF, including sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, abuse of authority and discrimination based on gender, nationality, age, race, sexual orientation, religious or ethnic background or disabilities. UNICEF is committed to promote the protection and safeguarding of all children. All selected candidates will, therefore, undergo rigorous reference and background checks, and will be expected to adhere to these standards and principles. Background checks will include the verification of academic credential(s) and employment history. Selected candidates may be required to provide additional information to conduct a background check, and selected candidates with disabilities may be requested to submit supporting documentation in relation to their disability confidentially.

UNICEF appointments are subject to medical clearance. Issuance of a visa by the host country of the duty station is required for IP positions and will be facilitated by UNICEF. Appointments may also be subject to inoculation (vaccination) requirements, including against SARS-CoV-2 (Covid). Should you be selected for a position with UNICEF, you either must be inoculated as required or receive a medical exemption from the relevant department of the UN. Otherwise, the selection will be canceled.

Remarks:

As per Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, the paramount consideration in the employment of the staff is the necessity of securing the highest standards of efficiency, competence, and integrity.

UNICEF is committed to fostering an inclusive, representative, and welcoming workforce. For this position, eligible and suitable male candidates are encouraged to apply.

Government employees who are considered for employment with UNICEF are normally required to resign from their government positions before taking up an assignment with UNICEF. UNICEF reserves the right to withdraw an offer of appointment, without compensation, if a visa or medical clearance is not obtained, or necessary inoculation requirements are not met, within a reasonable period for any reason.

UNICEF does not charge a processing fee at any stage of its recruitment, selection, and hiring processes (i.e., application stage, interview stage, validation stage, or appointment and training). UNICEF will not ask for applicants' bank account information.

UNICEF staff members holding fixed-term, continuing, or permanent appointments who are considered to be on abolished post status may apply for this temporary position and, if selected with a start date before 31 December 2025, may take it up as a temporary assignment, in line with UNICEF guidance on separation due to the abolition of posts or staff reduction. They will retain their fixed-term entitlements but will not hold a lien to their abolished post. For other scenarios where a Temporary Assignment may be possible, please refer to [Additional guidance on IP to IP temporary assignments after completion of the full TOD.pdf](#) (accessible to UNICEF personnel only).

The conditions of a temporary assignment, including relocation entitlements, will depend on the status of the staff member's original appointment and may be limited in accordance with applicable UNICEF policies, procedures, and practices in force.

Humanitarian action is a cross-cutting priority within UNICEF's Strategic Plan. UNICEF is committed to stay and deliver in humanitarian contexts. Therefore, all staff, at all levels across all functional areas, can be called upon to be deployed to support humanitarian response, contributing to both strengthening resilience of communities and capacity of national authorities.

Visa residence requirements: i.e. UNICEF shall not facilitate the issuance of a visa and working authorization for candidates under consideration for positions at the national officer and general service category.

All UNICEF positions are advertised, and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and advance to the next stage of the selection process. An internal candidate performing at the level of the post in the relevant functional area, or an internal/external candidate in the corresponding Talent Group, may be selected, if suitable for the post, without assessment of other candidates.

Additional information about working for UNICEF can be found [here](#).

Advertised: 09 Jul 2026 Greenwich Standard Time

Deadline: 19 Jul 2026 Greenwich Standard Time