

Job no: 594935

Contract type: Fixed Term Appointment

Duty Station: Ambovombe

Location: Madagascar

Categories: Nutrition, Health and Nutrition

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.

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For every child, the right to an Advocate

How can you make a difference?

The Nutrition Specialist is based at the UNICEF Field Office in Ambovombe and operates under a matrix management arrangement, reporting to the Nutrition Chief and the Chief of Field Office Ambovombe. In addition to managing the nutrition programme in the assigned area, the incumbent is responsible for coordinating nutrition interventions across the three regions of the Grand Sud (Androy, Anosy, and Atsimo-Andrefana), providing technical leadership and oversight to sub-national nutrition stakeholders and partners in these regions. The Nutrition Specialist supports the development and preparation of the nutrition programme and is responsible for managing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and reporting the programme progress of a sector of the nutrition programme within the country programme. The Nutrition Specialist provides technical guidance and management support throughout the programming processes to facilitate the administration and achievement of concrete and sustainable results in maternal, infant and child nutrition programmes/projects. This is carried out according to plans, allocation, results based-management approaches and methodology (RBM), as well as UNICEF's Strategic Plans, standards of performance, and accountability framework.

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*
- *Nutrition coordination in the Grand Sud regions*

If you would like to know more about this position, please review the complete Job Description here:  [Nutrition Specialist NOC Ambovombe 00100586 GJP.pdf](#)

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

Minimum requirements:

- **Education:** Master or equivalent (Advanced University Degree) in Nutrition and Dietetics, public health, nutrition, nutritional epidemiology, global health, international health, global nutrition, international nutrition health research, nutrition research, policy and management, health sciences, nutritional epidemiology or other related fields.
- **Work Experience:** At least 5 years of relevant work experience with progressively increasing responsibilities in one or more of the following areas are required: nutrition, public health, nutrition planning and management, or maternal, infant and child health/nutrition care.
- **Skills:** Proven expertise in nutrition planning, monitoring and evaluation, public health, nutrition care and maternal health.
- **Language Requirements:** Fluency in French and Malagasy is required.

Desirables:

- Language: Fluency in English will be considered an asset.
- Experience working with international organizations and expertise in emergency nutrition response, nutrition and multisectoral coordination, IPC processes, and donor reporting are desirable.
- 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
- (8) Nurtures, leads and manages people

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.