

**Job no:** 595829

**Contract type:** Temporary Appointment

**Duty Station:** Cotonou

**Location:** Benin

**Categories:** Facilities Management

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 a Champion***

**How can you make a difference?**

You, as the Construction Officer will report to the Supply and Logistics Specialist as per the Country Office (CO) set-up and is responsible for providing technical support to construction activities of the country office. The technical support on construction projects includes planning, support to procurement, as well as monitoring of construction works on site. You will collaborate closely with UNICEF Programme/ Operations in defining construction interventions to meet programmatic needs and achieve results for children.

**Summary of key functions/accountabilities:**

- Preparation of construction annual workplan
- Collaboration with UNICEF Programmes/Operations and coordination with Government counterparts
- Preparation of design and technical documents
- Support to procurement process
- Monitoring of construction projects

If you would like to know more about this position, please review the complete Job

Description here:  [Construction Engineer NO-B TA \(3 months\).pdf](#)

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

**Minimum requirements:**

- **Education:** Bachelor or equivalent (First Level University Degree) in civil engineering, construction engineering, architecture or other relevant area.
- **Work Experience:** A minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience, at the national and/or international levels, in project monitoring, site supervision, quality assurance and/or other directly-related technical fields is required.
- **Skills:** The role requires strong expertise in construction project management, resource and contract management, negotiation, technical documentation, and a solid understanding of the Benin context.
- **Language Requirements :** Fluency in French is required.

**Desirables:**

- Language: Knowledge of another official UN language (Arabic, Chinese, English, Russian or Spanish) or a local language
- Previous emergency response, humanitarian, and UN work experience, combined with knowledge of green building compliance, accessibility standards, child-friendly design, and experience liaising with government counterparts, would be considered strong assets.
- 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 are conditional on the selected candidates' willingness to comply with current or future vaccination requirements, should UNICEF mandate it for personnel. Failure to comply with such requirements, where applicable and without a duly approved medical

exemption from the relevant UN authority, will result in the cancellation of the selection or may lead to other administrative measures, including separation from service.