



## **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA)**

**Post Title: Youth Programme Assistant – North and East (SC4 – SB2, Peg3)**

**Duty Station: Colombo**

**Duration: One year (full time)**

### **Background**

The overall objective of this assignment is to assist in the delivery of the Youth Programme of UNFPA Sri Lanka. Through the Youth Policy Programme in Sri Lanka, UNFPA aims to work with all Provincial Councils in the country to bring together stakeholders at provincial level, to formulate comprehensive Provincial Youth Policies.

This posting is required to support the Country Office to carry out its youth programme activities envisaged for the year 2017. During the year 2016, UNFPA Sri Lanka has begun its engagement with four out of the nine provinces and in it is envisaged to engage with the other five in the year 2017. Hence, this post will also be responsible for follow up activities with all nine provinces and engagements at the national level to ensure delivery of programme objectives.

### **Objectives**

Under the overall guidance of the UNFPA Representative and under the direct supervision of the Policy Analyst - Consultant – Youth and Young People, the Youth Programme Assistant will:

- Identify potential stakeholders to promote youth policy advocacy in sub national (Provincial) levels – specifically in areas that use Sinhalese as the medium of administration
- Contribute to build strategic partnerships and stakeholder engagement as opportunities to successfully implement the National Youth Policy at subnational levels
- Support sub national authorities to formulate youth advocacy forums as groups who can influence policy makers to integrate youth aspects into development agendas
- Work together with sub national level authorities to incorporate sub national youth – specific perspectives into the implementation of the National Youth Policy
- Contribute to the analysis and collection of youth-specific socio-demographic data with a view to identify opportunities for policy interventions of direct interest to young people

### **Qualifications & Experience**

- Completed secondary level education (G. C. E. Advanced Level) required. A diploma/degree in Social Sciences or any other development field is preferred.
- Minimum 3-5 years of experience in the development sector is required. Experience as a volunteer would be highly regarded;
- Good interpersonal, leadership, networking and communication skills;
- Willingness to contribute and work as part of a team;
- Flexible and open to learning and new experiences;
- Respect for diversity and adaptability to other cultures, environments and living conditions;
- Fluency in English and Tamil languages are required and an understanding of Sinhala is an advantage
- Computer skills (i.e. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, social media, and others).

## **UNFPA work environment**

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**Deadline for application: 18 December 2016**