



Project Officer – PROMISES

Job title:	Project Officer – PROMISES
Level:	SB4, Peg 1
Position Number:	00144120
Location:	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Full/Part time:	Full time
Fixed term/Temporary:	Service Contract (Temporary)
Rotational/Non Rotational:	Non Rotational
Duration:	12 months

The Position:

The Project Officer –PROMISES (the Project for the Improvement of Access to Information and Services of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and of Gender-based Violence for Women and Young People) will work with the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights(SRHR)/HIV analyst (JPO), who will be managing the project. The Project Officer will support the planning, delivery, monitoring and reporting of project activities and ensure the successful delivery of PROMISES.

You will report directly to the Project Manager-SRHR/HIV analyst (JPO).

How you can make a difference:

UNFPA is the lead UN agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. UNFPA's strategic plan (2018-2021), focuses on three transformative results: to end preventable maternal deaths; end unmet need for family planning; and end gender-based violence and harmful practices.

The UNFPA 2018-2022 country programme contributes to the equitable enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights by all Sri Lankans, particularly among vulnerable women and young people, and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) agenda. Within the classification of a middle-income country, UNFPA Country Office in Sri Lanka is engaged in policy advocacy and dialogue backed by evidence.

In a world where fundamental human rights are at risk, we need principled and ethical staff, who embody these international norms and standards, and who will defend them courageously and with full conviction.

UNFPA is seeking candidates that transform, inspire and deliver high impact and sustained results; we need staff who are transparent, exceptional in how they manage the resources entrusted to them and who commit to deliver excellence in programme results.

Job Purpose:

PROMISES is a project to contribute to realizing the Government of Sri Lanka's commitment to the Women Peace and Security (WPS) agenda, which was made at the G7 Foreign



Ministers' Meeting in 2018 where the Government of Sri Lanka has accepted the Government of Japan's invitation to partner under its partnerships initiative. UNFPA together with Implementation Partners (IPs) committed to the project goal that women and young people will have improved access to SRHR information and services and be able to counter myths and prejudices that perpetuate communal violence by 2022. The project geographical targets are especially in the conflict affected areas including four provinces of North, East, South and Central.

Today's young people make up a quarter of the population. They are the driving force in a country and play a critical role in contributing towards long-lasting peace and sustainable development. How well they navigate through life will determine not only the course of their own lives, but also of the country and the world. UNFPA works to help young people realize their rights to make informed choices about their own bodies, their own lives and the world they live in. UNFPA works with partners and youth networks to strengthen the capacities of young people to lead and participate in decisions affecting them, and strengthening their ability to advance human rights, sustainable development and peace.

Working in collaboration with an inter-disciplinary team in the Country Office, you will support the Project Manager-SRHR/HIV analyst to successfully deliver the project and contribute to creating opportunities and enabling youth to lead and participate in sustainable development and peace.

About the project:

UNFPA's PROMISES Project will enhance access to information and services on SRHR and Sexual and Gender Based Violence for women and young people in order to strengthen individual & community-level knowledge of these issues and eliminate myths and misconceptions that ultimately perpetuates or leads to communal tensions and violence among communities.

Specific objective:

By 2022, women and young people will have improved access to SRHR information and services and be able to counter myths and prejudices that perpetuate communal violence.

Expected results:

Result 1 - Family planning rebranded and repackaged to encompass a human rights based approach.

Result 2 - Youth friendly health centres and FP programmes are better resourced and equipped to address young people's & women's (specifically those in the higher reproductive age groups) right to access information, education and health services.

Result 3 - Capacity of existing shelters for SGBV survivors are strengthened both in terms of infrastructure and comprehensive service provision.

The project has been implemented starting from April 2019 and continues until March 2022 for 36 months. Currently, the project is in the 2nd year of implementation.



You would be responsible for:

- Coordinate with all the IPs regularly together with operations team in UNFPA to ensure execution of planned activities and expenditure in a timely manner.
- Follow up on monitoring activities based on their M&E framework with all relevant parties together with an M&E consultant
- Work with consultants to ensure their work progress as planned, to produce high quality products, and to smoothly implement admin/operation work
- Support other team members to steadily proceed admin/operation tasks including preparation for documents, develop any communication materials, prepare for events or any other activities and strengthen the project activities
- Support team members to reduce any language barriers by translating Sinhalese into English as necessary
- Obtaining technical inputs from experts within UNFPA and the government partners where necessary and providing consolidated input to develop Information Education and Communication and Behaviour Change Communication materials, strategies, action plans etc.
- Review evidence and data gathered from the project with a lens of SRHR, gender, diversity and inclusiveness
- Contribute to the implementation of UNFPA-led activities especially media campaign and religious leaders' sensitization activities to be smoothly executed as planned
- Liaise with the country office's SRHR, Gender and Communications teams for guidance and strategic alignment to ensure effective implementation of the project in line with UNFPA's mandate.
- Ensuring that UNFPA's interests, perspectives and knowledge are taken into account in project activity design, planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting
- Contribute to improving quality of written documents including quarterly, half year and final completion reports and other project related documentation

Carry out any other duties as may be required by UNFPA leadership.

Qualifications and Experience

Education:

Master's degree in the area of gender, public health, development or social sciences is required

Knowledge and Experience:

- At least 2 years of progressively responsible professional experience in the area of Sexual and reproductive health and/or gender in Sri Lanka is required



- Proven ability to work as a project team
- Ability to work collaboratively as well as in an independent manner and organize the workflow efficiently within limited time period.
- Proficiency in current office software applications.
- Previous experience working with government authorities is preferable

Languages:

Full proficiency in English (including excellent writing and communication skills), and Sinhala or Tamil is required.

Required Competencies

<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemplifying integrity, • Demonstrating commitment to UNFPA and the UN system, • Embracing cultural diversity, • Embracing change 	<p>Functional Competencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management skills • Networking and partnership building skills • Advancing a policy-oriented agenda • Results-based project management • Internal and external communication
<p>Core Competencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving results, • Being accountable, • Developing and applying professional expertise/business acumen, • Thinking analytically and strategically, • Working in teams/managing ourselves and our relationships, • Communicating for impact 	

Compensation and Benefits

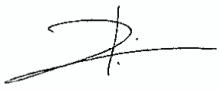
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Incumbent’s Name & Signature

 Rie Takahashi, SRH/HIV Analyst 

Immediate Supervisor’s Name & Signature



Head’s of Office Name & Signature

 Ritsu Nacken, UNFPA Representative