

Position:	Cleared by ROs and classified by HRD/HQ
Position Title:	Water and Sanitation (WASH) Lead
Grade:	P4
Unit/Team:	
Major Office:	
Duty Station:	Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
Organization:	HQ/WHE WHO's Health Emergencies
Nature of Position:	
CCOG Code:	
First Level Supervisor:	Team Lead (the final reporting lines will be identified in accordance with the level of the emergency).
Second Level Supervisor:	Incident Manager
Functional relation:	WASH expert

1. Background and Justification

Purpose of the Position

In the context of the WHO Health Emergencies Incident Management System (IMS), at the country level, the incumbent will provide technical expertise in planning, monitoring, evaluating, coordinating and implementing support of environmental health interventions with a focus on provision of safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, and hygiene.

2. Job Description

Objectives of the Programme and of the immediate Strategic Objective

The mission of WHO's Health Emergencies Programme (The Programme) is to help countries, and to coordinator international action, to prevent, prepare for, detect, rapidly respond to, and recover from outbreaks and emergencies.

Organizational context

Under the supervision of the Team Lead, the overall guidance of the Incident Manager and Head of WHO Country office and working closely with counterparts at the respective regional office, HQ, other WHO staff and partners, the incumbent has the front line responsibility for the assessment of the national water, sanitation and hygiene situation and support to the Directorate of Public Health Engineering and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW). This involves ongoing contacts with a broad range of WHO staff and responders as well as a broad range of official from the Government, to provide expertise and authoritative advice on priority actions to be taken. Contribute in designing and implementing water and sanitation plans of action pertaining to the incident management, including identifying needs, resources and gaps, negotiating access to common logistics facilities at country level.

Summary of Assigned Duties:

Under the supervision of the Health Operations function lead, the incumbent will perform the following tasks:

- 1) Monitor and report on WASH activities within the health facilities and for health activities in the refugee and host communities including preparedness for the monsoon/cyclone season. Evaluate gaps and needs and propose remedial actions for improvement.
- 2) Advice and when required provide onsite support to the health partners on WASH in healthcare facilities and in the camps.
- 3) Provide onsite support to ensure applicability and appropriate implementation of the recommended infection control activities in the health facilities and for the health activities supported by the WHO, specifically for healthcare waste management.
- 4) Provide support in operationalising the acute watery diarrhea (AWD) preparedness plan
- 5) Secure water, hygiene, sanitation and hygiene expertise within the WASH cluster, providing implementation guidance.
- 6) Support water quality surveillance in camps with partners, share results and take actions where needed
- 7) Support WASH and health sectors in preventing WASH related diseases including vector borne disease, hepatitis A and E among the populations in the camps and host community
- 8) Write required situation reports. Represent WHO in the WASH Sector Coordination, and lead the WHO contribution to the WASH Sector, by ensuring an ongoing, timely and technically sound input.
- 9) Perform any other related incident-specific duties, as required by the functional supervisor.

3. Recruitment Profile

Competencies:

1. Creating an empowering and motivating environment.
2. Ensuring the effective use of resources;
3. Building and promoting partnerships across the organization and beyond;
4. Communication
5. Teamwork.
6. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Functional Knowledge and Skills

- Demonstrated knowledge of emergency response situations in the field of water and sanitation with proven ability to identify and solve technical problems in difficult circumstances.
- Excellent analytical and organizational skills, with proven ability to elaborate and implement projects.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to promote cohesive action and convince officials with tact and diplomacy.

- Knowledge of WHO, the UN system or a nongovernmental organization (NGO) work in the field of response relief and/or of their practices and procedures as related to the work.

Education Qualifications**Essential**

Essential:

Advanced university degree (Master's level or above) in sanitary engineering, humanitarian/health logistics or other related field from an accredited/recognized institute, with specialization in water and sanitation.

Desirable

- Complementary studies in public health water, water quality, sanitation and hygiene.
- Degree or training in computer applications in water and sanitation project design and related database systems.

Experience**Essential**

At least seven (7) years of relevant experience, at the national and international levels, in the design and implementation of water and sanitation assessment and/or the design and management of related projects in emergency situations. Experience in developing and promoting collaborative actions with national authorities.

Desirable: Some experience or a sound knowledge of WHO mandate and goals or in UN organizations/agencies, health cluster partners, recognized humanitarian organizations, international institutions or NGOs.

Use of Language Skills

Excellent knowledge of English or French (depending on the country of assignment). Working knowledge of another WHO official language would be an asset.

Other Skills (e.g. IT)

Good computer skills in Microsoft Office.