



Position:	Cleared by ROs and classified by HRD/HQ
Position Title:	Technical Officer – Vector Borne Diseases Control (VBDC)
Grade:	P4
Unit/Team:	
Major Office:	WCO
Duty Station:	Multiple duty stations
Organization:	HQ/WHE WHO Health Emergencies Programme
Nature of Position:	
CCOG Code:	
First Level Supervisor:	Health Operations Team Lead
Second Level Supervisor:	Incident Manager

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 and guidance on the organizational and operational aspects of comprehensive Vector Borne Diseases Control (VBDC) activities at the country level. The incumbent will manage the VBDC component of IMS and provide technical guidance to the MOH and partners on the use of integrated vector control measures, ensuring the alignment with the WHO recommended standards throughout the full cycle of the event.

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 (Describe the individual role of incumbent within the team, focusing on work environment within and outside the organization)

Supervised by the Team lead, under the overall guidance of the Incident Manager and Head of the WHO Country office, and working closely with counterparts at the respective Regional Office and HQ, the incumbent will serve as the lead focal point for the VBDC activities at the country level. S/he will liaise with other units/teams within the country office, across the organization and partners for coordinating the implementation of the approved activities, ensuring alignment of purpose between headquarters and the regional office on matters related to VBDC. S/he will also be responsible for reporting, performance assessment and evaluation of the planned activities, ensuring proper communication with partners and as appropriate.



Summary of Assigned Duties (Describe what the incumbent has to do to achieve main objectives; include main achievements expected):

During deployment, the duty station may change, and duties may be modified, based upon the technical needs of the Programme.

1. Co-develop, in collaboration with other partners, related Vector Borne Diseases Control (VBDC) activities and plans of action, in the context of the Health Emergencies Incident Management System.
2. Coordinate and facilitate scaling up of implementation, control and prevention activities, drawing on linkages between WHO office and UN partners, donors, current and potential implementing partners, through:
 - a. Providing technical guidance to team members, national authorities and other partners for the successful implementation of the planned programme activities including their monitoring and evaluation;
 - b. Building partnerships with stakeholders, exchanging technical data and maintaining a database of key project findings including insecticide resistance data and, where appropriate, preparing manuscripts for advocacy materials;
 - c. Overseeing the development of a comprehensive related information system, compiling and collating data from stakeholders, ensuring the timely reporting of activities and dissemination of related information;
 - d. Participate in technical meetings, track progress and address challenges/constraints for successful implementation of the related activities.
3. Plan and implement training of trainers and refresher courses for national programme staff and partners on control of VBDs, in close collaboration with broader initiatives.
4. Cooperate with the surveillance team for determination of sentinel sites and ensure appropriate vector surveillance mechanisms are in place for prevention and control; with support from the Regional Office and HQ.
5. Perform any other related incident-specific duties, as required by the functional supervisor.

2. Recruitment Profile

Competencies: Generic

Describe the core, management or leadership competencies required - See WHO competency model - list in order of priority, commencing with the most important ones.

1. Producing results.
2. Moving forward in a changing environment.
3. Ensuring the effective use of resources.
4. Teamwork.
5. Communication.
6. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences.

Functional Knowledge and Skills

*** Describe the essential knowledge and the skills specific to the position**

- Demonstrated in-depth knowledge of vector control, medical entomology, vector ecology, transmission of diseases and a broad understanding of public health issues.
- Proven skills on insecticide resistance monitoring and management, and database management are essential.
- Strong organizational and communication skills including ability to negotiate with national and international authorities and partners.

Education Qualifications*** Essential**

Advanced university degree (Masters level or above) in entomology and vector control. First university degree in biology or medicine from an accredited/recognized institute.

Experience*** Essential**

At least seven years of related experience, at the national and international levels, in planning, implementing, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of vector control programmes. Practical and field experience on monitoring and managing insecticide resistance. Related experience working closely with government and international agencies.

Desirable

Experience in developing and conducting training programmes for health personnel; developing of strategies for strengthening human resource and health system capacity for augmented vector borne diseases control; implementing quality assurance systems and monitoring and evaluation techniques. Relevant work experience in outbreaks and/ or health emergency management and related strategy development with WHO, other UN agencies, health cluster partners or recognized humanitarian organizations.

3. 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 applications.