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**Child Survival and Development (CSD) programme**

**Location: Liberia**

**Duration: 6 months with possibility of extension**

UNICEF works in some of the world’s toughest places, to reach the world’s most disadvantaged children. To save their lives. To defend their rights. To help them fulfill their potential. Across 190 countries and territories, we work for every child, everywhere, every day, to build a better world for everyone.  And we never give up.

**For every child, Hope**

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything the organization does — in programmes, in advocacy and in operations. UNICEF is also the world’s largest provider of vaccines for developing countries. As a global authority UNICEF is able to influence decision makers at the global level and turn the most innovative ideas into reality. The equity strategy it employs, emphasizes the most disadvantaged and excluded children and families and translates this commitment to children’s rights into action. Boys, girls, and women in Liberia continue to be deprived of their rights to health care, optimal nutrition, clean water and adequate sanitation, a situation that is reflected in the country’s continued high rates of under-five, neonatal and maternal mortalities.

Through a consolidated Child Survival and Development (CSD) programme that encompasses health, nutrition and WASH as well as Birth Registration and evidence generation through data analytics to inform decision making and UNICEF has supported the Government of Liberia, as primary duty bearer, in meeting its obligations to the rights holders who are its girls, boys and women. The overall vision of the CSD programme is supporting national efforts for the reduction of under-five (including neonatal) and maternal morbidity and mortality, girls, boys, adolescents, and women, especially those who are marginalized and/or living in humanitarian conditions to have access to and utilize evidence-based, high-impact quality maternal, neonatal, child, adolescent health, and nutrition interventions, and thus survive, thrive, and develop to their full potential. The programme will contribute to Liberia’s efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals especially SDG2, *reduce hunger and food insecurity*, SDG3, *ensure healthy lives*, SDG 6, *ensure access to water and sanitation for all* and other child related such as SDG 5, gender equality and women’s empowerment and SDG 10, reduced inequalities. The approach is aligned to the UNICEF Strategic Plan (2022- 2025).

UNICEF is supporting to fast-track these gaps through building and strengthening health systems and developing government capacities through Primary health care system strengthening approaches for delivering of MNCHN services. UNICEF has utilized the health facility, outreaches and community structures with the Community health Assistants and Supervisors as great assets to reach remote communities with health and nutrition and thus the Liberia Country Office seeks to recruit a multitalented, dynamic, and forward-thinking individual for the position of CSD intern to support the section by carrying out procedural, administrative, and operational tasks, to help develop, implement, and monitor their country programme. The CSD intern will report directly to the Chief of CSD.

**How can you make a difference?**

The intern position will work with the CSD section in UNICEF CO and work closely with related Ministries in accelerating improvement of maternal, newborn and child health care outcomes. Under the guidance of the Chief of Child Survival and Development the intern will do the following:

1. Work closely and collaboratively with colleagues, partners, clients, and stakeholders to discuss strategies and methodologies in program implementation with national partners, clients, and stakeholders to promote health, nutrition, WASH, and development issues, especially in the areas of gender, emergency preparedness, maternal and neonatal health, and child survival and development.
2. Participate in development of capacity through coaching, mentoring and formal on-the-job training, when working with (including supervising) staff or (non-) governmental counterparts, including Implementing Partners (IPs).
3. Participate in monitoring and evaluation exercises, programme reviews and annual sectoral reviews
4. Support in trend analysis and presentation of CSD program performance
5. Support in the organization of meetings, workshops and logistics needed for the Section’s activities.
6. Support the calls, meetings, and follow-ups with the IP for DCT regularization processes.
7. Prepare regular and mandated programme/project reports for management, donors, and partners to keep them informed of programme progress
8. Assess, institutionalize, and provide a monthly written report on progress of workplan, performance indicators, budget execution for CSD program supported including sharing best practices and knowledge learned
9. Age, Gender and Diversity (AGD) perspective is systematically applied, integrated, and documented in all activities throughout the assignment
10. A final statement of achievements towards volunteerism for peace and development during the assignment, such as reporting on the number of volunteers (children, adolescents mobilized, activities participated in, and capacities developed
11. Perform any other duties as required.

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

* An advanced university degree (Master’s or higher) in Public Health, International health, Development studies, M & E, Global Health, Nutrition, Hygiene & Sanitation, and related field or    
  \*A first University Degree in a relevant field combined with 2 additional years of professional experience may be accepted in lieu of an Advanced University Degree*.*
* A minimum of 3 of relevant professional experience in Public Health
* Developing country work experience and/or familiarity with emergency is considered an asset.
* Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official UN language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish) or a local language is an asset.
* Knowledge of relevant computer systems and applications; Good knowledge of Excel and Data entry monitoring tools is an asset.
* Experience working with children / youth organizations is an advantage.
* Ability to work in a multicultural environment
* Have excellent academic performance as demonstrated by recent university or institution records

**For every Child, you demonstrate...**

UNICEF's values of Care, Respect, Integrity, Trust, and Accountability (CRITA).

To view our competency framework, please visit [here](https://www.unicef.org/careers/media/1041/file/UNICEF%27s_Competency_Framework.pdf).

UNICEF is committed to diversity and inclusion within its workforce, and encourages all candidates, irrespective of gender, nationality, religious and ethnic backgrounds, including persons living with disabilities, to apply to become a part of the organization.

UNICEF offers [reasonable accommodation](https://www.unicef.org/careers/unicef-provides-reasonable-accommodation-job-candidates-and-personnel-disabilities) for personnel with disabilities. This may include, for example, accessible software, travel assistance for missions or personal attendants. We encourage you to disclose your disability during your application in case you need reasonable accommodation during the recruitment process and afterwards in your assignment.

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. UNICEF also adheres to strict child safeguarding principles. All selected candidates will be expected to adhere to these standards and principles and will therefore undergo rigorous reference and background checks. 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.

**Remarks:**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and advance to the next stage of the selection process.

The selected candidate is solely responsible to ensure that the visa (applicable) and health insurance required to perform the duties of the contract are valid for the entire period of the contract. Selected candidates are subject to confirmation of fully vaccinated status against SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) with a World Health Organization (WHO)-endorsed vaccine, which must be met prior to taking up the assignment. It does not apply to selected candidates who will work remotely and are not expected to work on or visit UNICEF premises, programme delivery locations or directly interact with communities UNICEF works with, nor to travel to perform functions for UNICEF for the duration of their contracts.