



United Nations World Food Programme Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is seeking applications from qualified and experienced Bangladeshi nationals for **Programme Officer (Head of Nutrition Unit)** for its Dhaka Country Office.

Type of Appointment : Fixed Term
Post Grade : NO-B
Duration : One year (with possibility for extension)

The incumbent will be expected to provide substantial leadership in defining an innovative vision for WFP's role in combating malnutrition in Bangladesh, and articulate a strategy for implementing that vision, which is coherent with both WFP and national nutrition policies. The incumbent will also advise on and oversee the nutritional aspects of all WFP programmes in Bangladesh, focusing on the design, planning and monitoring of those programmes and assuring that they are both consistent with nutrition policies and having the optimal nutritional impact, provide support in terms of capacity building, strategic planning and implementation of operational guidelines to assure readiness and adequate response in addressing nutrition and assure good representation as well as cooperation with relevant sections within WFP, with other UN agencies and NGOs as well as with the IASC Nutrition Cluster, during emergencies.

Under the direct supervision of the Head of Programme Implementation Section (PIS) and overall guidance of the WFP Deputy Country Director the incumbent will be responsible for the following major duties:

- Lead the conceptualization of a new vision covering WFP's strategy for, and role in, combating malnutrition in Bangladesh, drawing on national and WFP nutrition policies and best practices in nutrition and food assistance. Help animate nutrition-related fora to ensure streamlined and close coordination and coherent programming with other players defining nutritional policies and implementing nutritional programmes in Bangladesh. Lead WFP's relationship with relevant ministries in the Government of Bangladesh, with UN agencies, NGOs and with professional organizations (e.g., training, research, testing institutes) on nutrition-related matters.
- Plan, guide and oversee the implementation of the nutritional component of WFP's Country Programme, refugee operation and periodic emergency operations.
- Support implementation of the nutritional interventions at the field level by providing supervision, technical guidance and training to the WFP Field Offices, and where appropriate, staff of WFP partners.
- Support WFP programme units by providing nutrition-related inputs for developing operational guidelines / manuals and setting nutrition-related indicators for monitoring.
- Monitor nutritional outcomes of WFP activities in Bangladesh and analyse them against targets.
- Provide technical assistance for conducting research, reviews, surveys related to nutrition and public health.

Qualifications and Experiences:

- Advanced University degree in nutrition, or a related science with expertise in nutrition, public health and food security issues.
- Five years progressively responsible experience in research, programme management or advisory support in the area of nutrition, public health or food policy and significant experience with the management of nutrition and public health issues.
- Strong verbal and written communication in English, sound computer skills in MS Office and willingness to frequently travel to field locations are essential.

Submission of application: Only candidates meeting the above requirements are requested to submit their applications quoting this vacancy announcement along with Curriculum Vitae (with contact telephone number and name & addresses of three references) and one copy passport size photograph to: **Human Resources Officer, WFP, UN Offices, IDB Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh or e-mail to: Bangladesh_Vacancy_Announcement@wfp.org** by **20 November 2008**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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