



As part of the programme 'Accelerating the action to end female genital mutilation/cutting in Ethiopia' funded by the 'Fondation Espoir' Luxembourg and the 'Comité luxembourgeois pour l'UNICEF a.s.b.l.', UNICEF is looking for

4 obstetricians / gynaecologists for a temporary mission in Ethiopia

Job location: 2 posts in Semera (Afar region) and 2 posts in Jijiga (Somali region)

Contract type: Temporary working contract

Duration: 3 months, starting Q2 2016

Qualification: A medical degree (specialisation in obstetrics and gynaecology) from a recognized medical school or college (ST5 level), minimum 5 years of experience

Key Responsibilities:

- Direct and coordinate activities of nurses, students, assistants, specialists, therapists and other medical staff;
- Training and teaching others: Conduct training to health workers on clinical care for FGM/C victims;
- Care for and treat women during prenatal, delivery and postnatal periods;
- Perform cesarean sections or other surgical procedures as needed to preserve patients' health and deliver babies safely;
- Provide care related to the reproductive system;
- Examine patients, order diagnostic tests and make diagnosis
- Conduct clinical and surgical care for complications of FGM/C victims;
- Consult with or provide consulting services to other physicians.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide medical care & support for health complication of FGM/C victims;
- Collect record and maintain patient information, such as medical histories, reports and examination results;
- Provide service to maternal and reproductive health;
- Analyze record, reports, test result, or examination information to diagnose medical condition of patients;
- Monitor patients' conditions and progress and reevaluate treatments as necessary;
- Advise patients and community members concerning diet, hygiene and disease prevention.

Assets: Clinical working experience in Africa, working on reproductive health, FGM, ability to work with limited technical resources

Language skills: English (very good command)

To apply, candidates should send their CV, authenticated copies of their education documents and of their license to practice to UNICEF-Luxembourg, 99, route d'Arlon, L-1140 Luxembourg, Attn: Sandra Visscher.

Summary of the programme

'Accelerating the action to end female genital mutilation/cutting in Ethiopia'

Ethiopia is the second largest country in Africa with 90.1 million population. The country has made tremendous progress in socio economic and health development. However, there are a number of widely practiced harmful traditional practices that are prevalent in most parts of the country with varying magnitude and type among regions and ethnic groups - FGM is one of them. Compared to other regions in Ethiopia, Somali and Afar regions have the highest prevalence rates for FGM. According to the 2008 EGLDAM survey, 87% of the girls in Afar and 71% of those living in Somali Region are cut.

The programme supported by the 'Fondation Espoir' Luxembourg and the 'Comité luxembourgeois pour l'UNICEF a.s.b.l.' aims to achieve results in the areas of both prevention and care.

- The health system is challenged with a lack of adequately trained health workers able to address health complications that occur due to FGM, a weak referral system ensuring women are receiving appropriate and timely care and a lack of quality maternity services to provide skilled birth attendance. The care component of the supported programme focuses on the provision of quality health services for victims of FGM through enhancing the capacity of health facilities and health professionals able to identify and treat such cases.
- Preventing FGM in Afar and Somali regions is at the center of the project and will be achieved through implementing a mix of community mobilization interventions. The interventions are designed to change the social norms and community attitude from favoring FGM/C towards abandoning the practice of FGM/C, and to facilitate collective public declarations of abandonment. The behavior change components shall lead towards not only abandoning the practice, but also making the community understand the serious health implications of FGM/C that girls will suffer from during their entire lives.

UNICEF in Ethiopia has strong partnerships with governmental agencies such as Ministry of Women, Children and Youth Affairs (MoWCYA), Bureau of Women, Children and Youth Affairs (BoWCYA), Ministry of Health (MoH), Bureau of Health (BoH), and Bureau of Justice (BoJ) as well as with community and civil society organizations, including religious leaders and institutions and the Organization for Development of Women and Children in Ethiopia (ODWCE) - a local civil society organization.