

Job Description

JOB TITLE: Health Specialist

POSITION GRADE: T11

RECRUITMENT TYPE: International Hire

POSITION LOCATION: HQ

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: FT-REN (Fixed term appointment with option to renew)

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Are you ready to make a lasting impact on the future of Asia and be a catalyst for positive change? We are thrilled to offer a unique opportunity to become an important part of the prestigious Asian Development Bank (ADB). At ADB, our mission is simple yet powerful: to alleviate poverty and promote sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region.

Organizational Setting and Reporting Relationship

Background and Objectives:

The Asian Development Bank's Climate and Health Initiative (CHI) is a flagship program launched to address the growing challenges posed by climate change to health systems in Asia-Pacific. It aligns with ADB's Strategy 2030, which aims to build resilience against climate impacts while promoting sustainable development. The CHI operationalizes key health-related components of ADB's Climate Change Action Plan 2023–2030, which consolidates policies and practices at the nexus of climate change and health. The CHI will foster greater collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing among key stakeholders to develop climate-resilient and low-carbon health care systems. The Junior Professional Officer (JPO) will support the implementation of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Climate and Health Initiative (CHI) under the Sectors Group. This initiative is a cornerstone of ADB's efforts to address the intersection of climate change and public health in Asia and the Pacific. The JPO will focus on strategy development, implementation support, partnerships, and advocacy to promote climate-resilient and low-carbon health systems among ADB's developing member countries (DMCs). The role involves working with ADB regional human and social development teams, and ADB resident missions; governments; multilateral and bilateral development organizations; and other stakeholders to embed climate considerations into health systems.

1. **Strengthening Climate-Resilient Health Systems:** Enhancing healthcare infrastructure to withstand climate-induced stressors such as extreme weather events, heatwaves, and disease outbreaks.
2. **Promoting Low-Carbon Solutions:** Supporting the transition to sustainable healthcare practices by reducing carbon emissions of health systems.
3. **Fostering Collaboration:** Engaging governments, international development organizations, academia, private sector actors, and civil society groups to co-develop innovative solutions.
4. **Mobilizing Investments:** Identifying investment gaps and leveraging domestic and international financing to enhance health system resilience.

The position of Health Specialist is assigned to the Health Sector Office within the Sectors Group. You will be based at our Headquarters in Manila, Philippines.

You will report to Director, Health Sector Office.

Your Role:

As a Health Specialist, you will help advance CHI's objectives through strategic planning, implementation support, cultivating partnerships across sectors, and advocating for innovative solutions.

You will:

- Support the design and implementation of actionable strategies for DMCs that align with global frameworks like the Paris Agreement while addressing priorities identified by DMCs.
- Help strengthen collaborations with international and regional agencies, multilateral development banks, private sector entities, academia, civil society organizations, and donor agencies.
- Support the development of communication materials and ADB representation at global forums such as the UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP) or G20 events.
- Contribute to designing and implementing region-wide and country-level strategies that embed climate adaptation and mitigation measures into health systems of DMCs.
- Support policy research and development of emerging trends in climate and health linkages.
- Assist in designing and implementing frameworks and strategies for decarbonizing national healthcare systems.
- Support the finalization and promotion of standardized tools, such as the Climate Resilience and Health Action Planning Framework.
- Help strengthen public-private partnerships by engaging private sector stakeholders in financing and implementing innovative solutions.
- Develop advocacy and communication materials such as policy briefs, reports, presentations, and campaigns to raise awareness about climate and health issues.
- Support other key tasks and responsibilities as agreed with your supervisor and reflected in your workplan.

You will need:

- University degree, preferably at post graduate or its equivalent in public health, development policy, social sciences, environmental studies, project management or related qualifications;
- At least six years of relevant work experience. International experience working in several countries;
- Strong experience in working closely with organizational initiatives that involve strategic partnerships, undertaking research, and supporting the development of policies and projects in climate change, health, gender and social inclusion;
- Strong attention to detail, and sound proficiency to communicate in written and verbal English; and
- Demonstrated ability to work in multicultural environments and build effective and collaborative working relations with clients and colleagues.

Benefits

ADB offers competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits package. The salary will be based on ADB's standards and comparator markets, taking into account your qualifications and experience.

- Paid leave (including parental)
- Medical and health benefits
- Life and other insurance plans
- Staff development
- Retirement plan
- Housing and education allowance (if applicable)
- Expatriate benefits (for international staff)

Additional Information

This position is funded by a temporary funding source (e.g., a trust fund, financing facility, or capital expenditure budget) and therefore, the renewal of the appointment and its duration are subject to the availability of the funding source.

This is a fixed term appointment with option to renew for an initial period of two (2) years following Section 3.1 (b) of Administrative Order No. 2.01 ("Recruitment and Appointment'). This appointment is not convertible to a regular appointment. At the end of the initial period, this appointment may be renewed for a period of up to one (1) year, or not renewed.

About Us

Asian Development Bank (ADB) is an international development finance institution headquartered in Manila, Philippines and is composed of 69 members, 49 of which are from the Asia and Pacific region. ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. ADB combines finance, knowledge, and partnerships to fulfill its expanded vision under its Strategy 2030.

ADB only hires nationals of its [69 members](#).

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ADB seeks to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and given equal opportunities to work in an inclusive environment. ADB encourages all qualified candidates to apply regardless of their racial, ethnic, religious and cultural background, gender, sexual orientation or disabilities. Women are highly encouraged to apply.

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