



UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND JPO Request Form



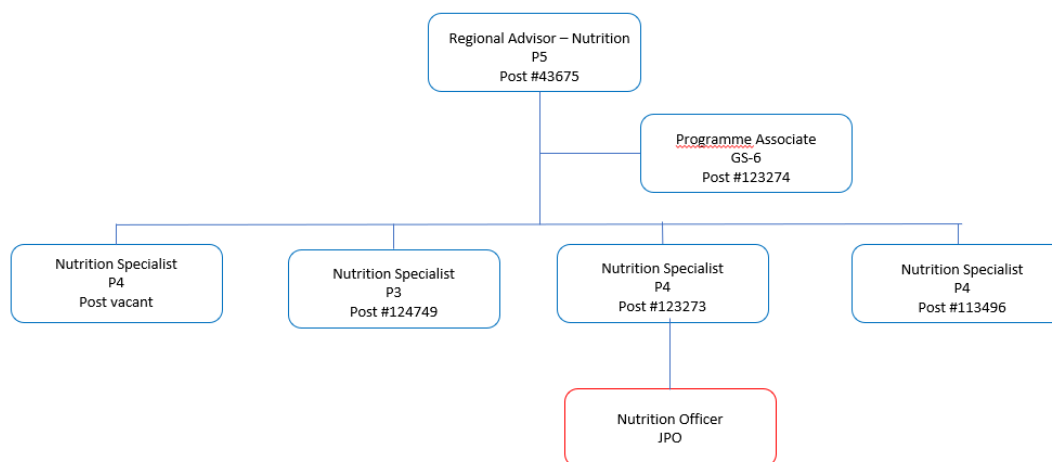
Training and Learning Plan

- ✓ Participation in a one-week JPO Induction Programme in New York.
- ✓ Guidance and advice in relation to training opportunities within the field of expertise.
- ✓ Use of yearly JPO training funds for internal/external training opportunities.
- ✓ Participation in the Mentoring, Coaching, and Career Counselling and Career transition programmes.
- ✓ Encourage field mission and/or stretch assignment during and after the 2nd year
- ✓ In addition, the JPO will benefit from the following specific learning opportunities in the receiving office in the Middle East and North Africa Regional Office (MENARO), Amman. The nutrition programme plays a pivotal role in contributing to critical outcomes in the region, including for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. The [MENA region covers countries](#) that vary in context from humanitarian situations to high-income oil producing countries. The region is home to nearly 418 million people, including 157 million, or 38 per cent, who are under the age of 18 years. MENARO is a hub for information, technical expertise, oversight, and coordination for UNICEF Country Offices. Therefore, this dynamic position offers opportunities for collaboration with relevant nutrition and cross-sectoral stakeholders in a complex and important region of the world.
- ✓ Access to leading regional and global nutrition experts, with opportunities for career development
- ✓ The supervisor for this post has experience in managing and coaching young professionals in public health and nutrition.

Information and living condition of Duty station: Amman

General Information	Amman is the capital and largest city of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with a population of more than four million. The city is generally reasonably well-organized, enjoys great weather for much of the year and the people are very friendly. Jordan hosts many international organizations (including different UN agencies, NGOs/INGOs etc.). Amman is classified as an A-family duty station (according to the UN scale).
Security	The Security Level in Amman is classified as Moderate (Level 3) as per the UN security management system in Jordan.
Housing	Different types of long-term accommodation are available in Amman, standalone houses, houses in gated compounds, apartments. These could be furnished and/or fully serviced, or unfurnished.
Schools & Childcare	Most children of international staff attend international schools with an academic system that is widely recognized abroad. International schools often include a kindergarten and pre-school classes (also a nursery) for younger kids.
Work for spouses & partners	Work opportunities for spouses/partners are limited. However, if hired by any organization a work permit must be applied for through the same hiring organization.

Reporting line of the JPO



The Nutrition Officer JPO will report to the Nutrition Specialist (Post# 123273), who leads on the prevention of overweight and obesity, nutrition for school-age children and adolescents, and food system transformation, with a focus on middle and high-income countries (M-HICs).



UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND SPECIFIC JOB PROFILE

I. Post Information

Job Title: JPO Nutrition Officer
Supervisor Title/ Level: Nutrition Specialist, P4
Organizational Unit: Nutrition Section
Post Location: Amman, Jordan (Middle East and North Africa Regional Office)

Job Level: P-2
Job Profile No.:
Job Classification Level: IP

II. Strategic Office Context and purpose for the job

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything the organization does — in programs, in advocacy and in operations. The equity strategy, emphasizing the most disadvantaged and excluded children and families, translates this commitment to children's rights into action. For UNICEF, equity means that all children have an opportunity to survive, develop and reach their full potential, without discrimination, bias, or favoritism. To the degree that any child has an unequal chance in life — in its social, political, economic, civic and cultural dimensions — her or his rights are violated. There is growing evidence that investing in the health, education and protection of a society's most disadvantaged citizens — addressing inequity — not only will give all children the opportunity to fulfill their potential but also will lead to sustained growth and stability of countries. This is why the focus on equity is so vital. It accelerates progress towards realizing the human rights of all children, which is the universal mandate of UNICEF, as outlined by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, while also supporting the equitable development of nations.

Strategic office context:

The Nutrition Section in the Middle East and North Africa Regional Office (MENARO) provides technical and strategic assistance, quality assurance and oversight for 20 country office nutrition programmes in the region, based on the UNICEF global nutrition strategy, strategic plan and regional office priorities. The MENARO nutrition section contributes to country office results in preventing all forms of maternal, child and adolescent malnutrition and ensuring treatment for wasted children, supports evidence generation, data analysis, knowledge management and the strengthening of information systems, and pursues strategic partnerships with UN agencies, NGOs, academic institutions, donors and other stakeholders to advance the nutrition agenda in the region.

The nutrition programming context in the M-HICs requires UNICEF country teams to work on addressing the triple burden of malnutrition with specific actions in the areas of food systems transformation for children, overweight prevention and school-age and adolescent nutrition. The food systems aspect links closely to various other areas of work in the Nutrition Section, including maternal and early childhood nutrition and development.

Purpose for the job:

The JPO will support the Nutrition Section by providing technical support to nutrition programmatic work on the prevention of overweight and obesity, nutrition for school-age children and adolescents, and food system transformation in M-HICs, including early childhood development.

The JPO will acquire knowledge and experience through participation in the various roles and responsibilities assigned to him/her under the guidance of the supervisor and relevant nutrition section team members at the regional and country offices levels. The JPO will contribute to the finalization and production of regional knowledge products. To expand his/her knowledge, the JPO will be exposed to various meetings and webinars organized within the MENARO nutrition team and country offices on key areas related to early childhood development, the prevention of overweight and obesity, nutrition for school-age children and adolescents, and food system transformation in M-HICs, and other areas of interest. The JPO will have the opportunity to participate and contribute to the regional events that co-organized by MENARO nutrition team with other partners.

The funding for this position will provide much-needed support for the organization's leadership role in protecting children's right to nutrition through the design and implementation of integrated, multi-sector nutrition policies and programmes in middle income countries in the region facing nutrition transition.

Under direct supervisor of the Nutrition Specialist the JPO will be responsible for the following key functions/accountabilities:

1. Support to nutrition programme development, management, monitoring and delivery of results at the regional level
2. Support to nutrition networking, partnership building and advocacy
3. Support to nutrition innovation, knowledge management and capacity building

III. Key functions, accountabilities and related duties/tasks:

Under the supervision of the Nutrition Specialist (P4), the Nutrition Officer will work with the Nutrition Section and relevant partners to improve the nutrition of children and adolescents in M-HICs through three main components:

1. Contribute to the work of the regional office to support MENA countries to develop, manage and monitor nutrition programmes;
 - In partnership with key stakeholders and knowledge institutions, develop evidence-based analysis for effective nutrition programme planning and management, particularly aimed at understanding and addressing the prevention of overweight and obesity, nutrition for school-age children and adolescents, and food system transformation in M-HICs, including early childhood development.
 - Contribute to apply innovative approaches and promote good practice to support the implementation and delivery of program results at the country level
 - Research and report on best and innovative practices for development planning of knowledge products and systems in the prevention of overweight and obesity, nutrition for school-age children and adolescents, and food system transformation in M-HICs, including early childhood development.
2. Support the strengthening of partnerships and advocacy for nutrition in MENA;
 - Contribute to building and sustaining effective close working partnerships with UNICEF country office counterparts and nutrition stakeholders (UN agencies, NGOs, donors, academia, technical institutions) through active sharing of information and knowledge to facilitate programme implementation
 - Draft communication and information materials for UNICEF Nutrition MENARO and country offices to advocate for and promote awareness of nutrition, establish partnership/alliances and support resource mobilization for relevant nutrition programmes
3. Support knowledge management to generate and use evidence to inform nutrition policy and leverage country commitment and resources for action around early childhood development, prevention of overweight and obesity, nutrition for school-age children and adolescents, and food system transformation in M-HICs.

- Contribute to the preparation/update of situation analysis for nutrition and related systems for the development, design and management of nutrition-related programs/projects. Research and report on development trends and evidence for use in nutrition program development, management, monitoring, evaluation and delivery of results
- Contribute to identifying, capturing, synthesizing and sharing lessons learned for knowledge development and capacity development of key stakeholders

IV. Impact of Results

The efficient and effective support provided by the JPO to the MENARO Nutrition Section will enable the strengthening of nutrition programming in MENA countries due to the expansion of nutrition collaboration and partnerships, and the advancement of nutrition knowledge management in the region. This in turn, to enhances UNICEF's ability to fulfill its mission to protect every child's right to nutrition, and to contribute to achieving the Zero Hunger Sustainable Development Goal.

V. Competencies and level of proficiency required

Core Values attributes

- Care
- Respect
- Integrity
- Trust
- Accountability

Core competencies skills

- Demonstrates Self Awareness and Ethical Awareness (1)
- Works Collaboratively with others (1)
- Builds and Maintains Partnerships (1)
- Innovates and Embraces Change (1)
- Thinks and Acts Strategically (1)
- Drives to achieve impactful results (1)
- Manages ambiguity and complexity (1)

Functional Competencies

- Persuading and influencing (1)
- Applying technical expertise (2)
- Learning and researching (2)
- Planning and organizing (2)

VI. Recruitment Qualifications

Education:	A university degree in one of the following fields is required: nutrition, public health, nutritional epidemiology, global/international health and nutrition, health/nutrition research, policy and/or management, health sciences, nutritional epidemiology, or another health-related science field.
Experience:	A minimum of two years of professional experience in a middle-income or high-income country in one or more of the following areas is required: nutrition, public health, nutrition planning and management, or maternal, infant and child health/nutrition care.

	Experience in health/nutrition programme/project development in a UN system agency or organization is an asset
Language Requirements:	Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of another official UN language (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish) or local language of the duty station is considered as an asset.