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WORLD HEALTH SURVEY PLUS (WHS+) SRI LANKA - 2026

Join Our Research Team

A collaborative initiative by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **University of Colombo**.

The World Health Survey Plus (WHS+) is expanding its operations to conduct Qualitative Research aimed at monitoring health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Sri Lanka. We are seeking qualified, passionate, and qualitative-capable individuals for several temporary project positions.

Open Positions

1. Project Coordinator

- **Duration:** 2-Month Period (Based in Colombo with occasional field visits)
- **Role Summary:** Oversee the operational, administrative, and logistical execution of qualitative field activities. Ensure seamless communication between field teams, partners, and management while tracking deliverables.
- **Qualifications & Requirements:**
 - Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Public Health, Management or in a related discipline.
 - OR**
 - Master's degree in Social Sciences, Public Health, Management, or in a related discipline.
 - AND**
 - Minimum 3-5 years of project management or coordination experience in research or health-related projects.
 - Proven experience in coordinating qualitative research studies (IDIs, FGDs) is highly desirable.
 - Excellent organizational, administrative, and stakeholder-management skills.
 - Fluency in English and Sinhala/Tamil (trilingual proficiency is an added advantage).
- **Key Responsibilities:**
 - Coordinate project workflows, fieldwork schedules, and resource distribution.
 - Maintain continuous communication with partner institutions and project leadership.
 - Monitor field progress, address logistical bottlenecks, and track study milestones.
 - Ensure ethical protocols and study procedures are strictly maintained across all operations.

2. Data Manager

- **Duration:** 4-Month Period (Based in Colombo)
- **Role Summary:** Manage qualitative data structures, transcripts, and coding frameworks. Ensure systematic organization, quality control, and data security for analysis.
- **Qualifications & Requirements:**
 - Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Statistics, Social Sciences, Data Science, or a related field
 - OR**
 - Master's degree in Computer Science, Statistics, Social Sciences, Data Science, or a related field
 - AND**
 - Minimum 3-5 years of experience in research data management and handling qualitative data structures.
 - Fluency in English and Sinhala/Tamil.
- **Key Responsibilities:**
 - Set up and maintain secure repositories for audio recordings, transcripts, and field notes.
 - Develop data validation protocols to review transcription accuracy.
 - Oversee data flow from qualitative field teams to the central database.
 - Collaborate with interviewers and supervisors to resolve data discrepancies.

3. Supervisors

- **Duration:** 20-Day Period (Requires field travel and stay in project lodging)
- **Role Summary:** Plan and oversee field teams during qualitative data collection. Ensure protocol adherence, conduct spot checks, and guide interviewers.
- **Qualifications & Requirements:**
 - Bachelor's degree with 3+ years of experience,
 - OR**
 - Diploma/A-Levels with 10+ years of field research experience.
 - AND**
 - Strong background in supervising Focus Groups and In-Depth Interviews.
 - Fluency in Sinhala/Tamil and English.
- **Key Responsibilities:**
 - Lead qualitative field teams to execute data collection according to study protocols.
 - Monitor interview quality and review transcribed data for completeness.
 - Build rapport with local administrative officials and community leaders.
 - Address field challenges promptly and report progress to management.

4. Qualitative Interviewers

- **Duration:** 20-Day Period (Requires field travel and project lodging)
- **Role Summary:** Facilitate high-quality data collection through IDIs, KIs, and FGDs. Capture audio recordings, take field notes, and produce accurate transcriptions.
- **Qualifications & Requirements:**
 - Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Humanities, Public Health, or related fields with experience in qualitative research;
 - OR**
 - G.C.E. (A/L) with proven experience in conducting qualitative interviews.
 - AND**
 - Strong background and capability in qualitative research techniques (e.g., probing, active listening, group moderation, transcription).
 - Excellent communication, active listening, and rapport-building skills.
 - Ability to travel island-wide and stay at provided project lodgings.
 - Fluency in English, Sinhala and/or Tamil.
- **Key Responsibilities:**
 - Conduct in-depth qualitative interviews and moderate focus group discussions per study guidelines.
 - Capture clear audio recordings, take field notes, and produce accurate transcriptions/summaries.
 - Maintain ethical standards, participant confidentiality, and informed consent practices.
 - Participate in daily team debriefings and report observations to the Supervisor.

Application Details

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Application Deadline: August 25, 2026

How to Apply: Submit your CV with a cover letter stating the specific position applied for in the email subject line or on the envelope.

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