



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Midwifery Teacher

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is the world's largest international source of population assistance. UNFPA provides support to improve health through reproductive health and maternal health services, to achieve gender equality and to formulate/implement population policies and strategies in support of sustainable development. UNFPA has two main programme components: 1) Population and Development; and 2) Reproductive Health. Both programme components are designed to promote gender equality.

Post Title: Midwifery Teacher (to work with UNFPA as part of SBA team to support MoH DOP and contribute to achieving Goal 2 of National SBA Plan)

Place of Assignment: Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

Period of Assignment:

- Phase 1: 15 days between May 16th 2011 –July 8th 2011
- Phase 2: 6th September 2011 to 16th April 2012 (exact dates can be negotiated)

UNFPA Laos is seeking a qualified candidate to fill a position of **Midwifery Teacher** to work with UNFPA as part of SBA team to support MoH DOP and contribute to achieving Goal 2 of National SBA Plan.

Main duties and responsibilities include:

1. Assist UNFPA International SBA Coordinator and Nursing and Midwifery Unit MoH DoP to deliver Midwifery Training for Trainer programme (MTOT)
2. Assist Nursing and Midwifery Unit MoH DoP to monitor the new 1 year post-basic Community Midwifery programme for existing staff
3. Assist Nursing and Midwifery Unit MoH DoP to monitor and prepare regular reports on all short trainings conducted under SBA Plan
4. Assist UNFPA International SBA Coordinator and Nursing and Midwifery Unit MoH DoP and MoH Department of Health care with supporting efforts for standardisation of clinical areas, including updating of clinical staff (medical, nursing and midwifery) and clinical preceptors, promoting evidence-based midwifery practices, in line with the new National Standards of Midwifery Practice (MoH, 2009) and auditing of clinical sites used for midwifery /SBA trainings
5. Assist Nursing and Midwifery Unit MoH DoP prepare for and implement National Midwifery Accreditation and Licensing examination
6. Prepare a short report and briefing note for DOP and UNFPA at end of assignment on work undertaken and recommendations for further capacity development needed in Nursing and Midwifery section of MoH DOP.
7. Assist UNFPA and MoH DoP prepare and implement advocacy events and materials to promote use of midwives and other skilled birth attendants in support of national Integrated Package of Maternal Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) services
8. Assist DOP draft i) analytical annual progress report 2011 on SBA Plan and ii) annual progress report to UNFPA on work plan to support SBA Plan
9. Undertake any other duties as so requested by UNFPA Representative as falls within post-holders area of competence.

The following **qualifications/experience** are required:

Essential:

- Advanced degree in Midwifery or Nurse-midwifery with post-basic education degree in education and training (or equivalent)
- More than 5 years of experience teaching on midwifery / nurse-midwife programmes in university or Institution of Higher Education setting at senior responsible level
- Up to date knowledge of global and regional research, research initiatives and sources of up to date information for midwifery
- Fluent in English and Thai is essential, working knowledge of Lao would be an advantage
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of global initiatives for Safe motherhood
- Previous work experience in Lao PDR and Lao Health system would be an advantage
- Excellent organizational skills, including computer skills

Desirable:

- Familiarity with Lao PDR SBA Development Plan and MNCH package,
- Previous experience of working with UNFPA programmes and working methods, and particularly with UNFPA policies and procedures is an added value.

The salary for the above position plus other benefits will be in accordance with UN rules and regulations for a special service agreement.

All interested applicants must submit an application letter with a UN standard personal history form, P11, in English to: UNFPA Office, Phonesavanh Tai, P.O. Box 345, Vientiane (Tel: 315547, 353048-50) or e-mail to: souphanouvong@unfpa.org indicating "Application for **Midwifery Teacher**". Please contact UNFPA office to obtain P11 form or download from <http://countryoffice.unfpa.org/lao/>. The deadline for application is **6 April 2011**.

We will only consider applications with complete P11 attached. UNFPA will only be able to respond to those applicants in whom UNFPA has a further interest. UNFPA reserves the right to appoint prior to the closing date. UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.

Notice: There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process.