



Join with World Health Survey Plus (WHS+) Team

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The World Health Organization (WHO) together with local partners, (University of Colombo, HelpAge Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Health) is carrying out the World Health Survey Plus (WHS+) in Sri Lanka to aid in monitoring health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and assess progress toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The HelpAge International is having collaborative partnership for this mission too. The WHS+ seeks to produce dependable data to enhance health information systems and inform effective health policies. The initiative is scheduled to take place till September 2025. (World Health Survey Plus- WHO_ <https://search.app/9XjTNDC22f9nTLrS8>)

We are looking for passionate individuals to fill the following vacancies

1. Team Supervisors

Job Description: This position opens for 3-month time period. The Team Supervisor is responsible for planning and overseeing the data collection activities for the World Health Survey Plus (WHS+). In order to ensure that data is collected accurately and on time in the assigned locations of the country, they will supervise a team of data collectors. This role will entail training and assisting field workers (data collectors, bio markers, anthropogenic measures, others, etc.), conducting quality spot checks to ensure accuracy, and reporting progress. Supervisors will also engage with external stakeholders to ensure the survey's successful completion, ensuring high standards of data reliability and accuracy throughout the project's duration.

Qualifications:

- Diploma or higher degree with over 10 years of working experience in health sector, or bachelor's degree with 3 years of working experience in a data collecting agency 3 year working experience in a data collecting agency, or G.C.E (A/L) or equivalent with over 10 years of experience in a data collecting agency
- Strong analytical, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Proficiency in Excel, SPSS, or other statistical packages
- Fluent in Sinhala/Tamil and English
- Fluency in all 3 languages is an added qualification

Job Responsibilities:

- Lead and manage field teams to ensure accurate and timely data collection
- Conduct field data collection according to the study protocol
- Train and guide data collectors, bio markers, anthropogenic measurers, and others to adhere to study protocols and ethics
- Scrutinizing the collected data and directing the team members to rectify the errors or inconsistencies.
- Training of team members, and building awareness of the community leaders and district/Province/DS/GN level officials
- Collaborate with external stakeholders to monitor progress, to conduct spot checks, and to resolve challenges
- Maintain regular communication with the Project Management team regarding project status and challenges
- In case of an emergency, inform the co-ordination team quickly, and take necessary actions immediately

2. Data Collectors

Job Description: This position opens for 3-month time period. Awareness building, developing rapport and interviewing the survey respondents to collect factual information in compliance with the World Health Survey Plus (WHS+) guidelines. They will carry out fieldwork, ensuring the accuracy and thoroughness of the data acquired. Data collectors must strictly follow research instructions and communicate with participants in a kind and moral way. They will participate in debriefings and provide the team with regular updates while working under the supervision of the Data Collection Supervisor.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree equivalent with one year of experience in data collection, or G.C.E. (A/L) or equivalent with 10 years of experience in data collection
- Open to school leavers with research or fieldwork experience
- Ability to work flexible hours (evenings/weekends/holidays) until completion of assigned task
- Fluent in Sinhala/Tamil and English

Job Responsibilities:

- Conduct field data collection according to the study protocol
- Ensure the accuracy and reliability of data collected

- Building a good rapport with the interviewees and gathering relevant data upholding confidentiality and ethical practices
- Attend team debrief sessions and report findings to the supervisor
- Rechecking collected data for accuracy and supporting the team leader and other top level project staff for spot checks
- Help the bio markers and anthropogenic measurers for the collection of their tests and measures
- Perform any additional tasks as required by the research team and team leader

3. Biomarker collectors

Job Description: This position opens for 3-month time period. The Biomarker collectors' function includes assisting with the collection and processing of biological samples, including blood, for the World Health Survey Plus (WHS+). This entails assembling and arranging the necessary equipment, ensuring that samples are handled appropriately, and following all rules for collecting biomarker data. The function also involves maintaining accurate sample records and ensuring that quality control procedures are followed in order to meet the study's standards. Sometimes, as required, they may be appointed as the data collectors as well in addition to biomarker collection.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree/diploma in medical sciences, nursing, or related fields plus at least 6 months of laboratory experience
- Ability to manage multiple tasks efficiently in a fast-paced environment
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word & Excel
- Strong attention to detail, with the ability to interpret safety rules and study documents
- Experience in collection of samples for biomarker
- Fluent in Sinhala/Tamil and English

Job Responsibilities:

- Collect blood samples from study participants in accordance with study protocols and ethical practices
- Process and label samples for accurate tracking and analysis
- Ensure proper documentation of all sample collection activities
- Maintain cleanliness, hygiene and safety standards/practices
- Assist in the preparation and handling of study materials
- Participate in quality control activities to ensure sample integrity and accuracy

- Follow all standard practices specified when disposing collected samples and used materials
- Ability to work as data collectors as well as biomarkers

As this is an island-wide survey, every member of the team should stay in the lodging facilities provided to them.

4. Data Management Officer & Programmer

Job Description: This position opens for 4 month time period and will be based in Colombo district. The Data Management Officer will work with the data received at the servers in organizing tables and other progress reports, enabling the teams and coordinators to monitor progress in the field during the survey period. They will ensure data accuracy, integrity, implement programming solutions for efficient data handling, and develop databases for survey data storage. They will collaborate with field teams to ensure smooth data flow, processing, and reporting for analysis.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's/Master's degree in Computer Science, Data Science, Statistics, or related field
- Proven more than 8-year experience in data management and programming, preferably in data collection agencies
- Fluency in Sinhala/Tamil and English
- Strong understanding of database management systems and data quality assurance is compulsory
- Experience with statistical analysis and data visualization tools is a plus
- Working experience over two years with data visualization tools (such as tableau)
- Working experience over two years with query languages such as SQL Pythen

Job Responsibilities:

- Develop and maintain databases for storing WHS+ survey data
- Program and implement data cleaning and validation protocols to ensure data accuracy
- Manage the integration of collected data from across the country to the central database
- Work closely with field teams to monitor data collection and resolve issues
- Generate data reports, visualizations, and summaries for analysis and decision-making
- Help team leaders and national team leaders get the relevant progress reports and other summary tables periodically and daily basis
- Incorporate changes, error corrections made by the enumerators and team leaders
- Developing queries for error, validation, and consistency checks to ensure data quality
- Run validation and error checks daily basis and sending them to team members, team leaders, and the national team leaders for rectification and for their feedback

How to Apply- Email your CV with a cover letter, indicating the position you are applying for in the subject line to (sar@fgs.cmb.ac.lk) or post it to *“Center for ageing studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies, 35/30, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka”*

Deadline-10th of May 2025

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