

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE	Advocacy and Communications Officer, Universal Health Coverage (10-month consultancy)
About WACI Health	<p>WACI Health is an Africa regional advocacy organization, which influences political priorities through an effective, evidence-driven Pan-African civil society voice and action. We champion the end of life-threatening epidemics, and improved health outcomes for all in Africa, by influencing political priorities through evidence-driven Pan African civil society voice and action.</p> <p>Our strategic approach, as outlined in our strategic plan (2022-2027) includes: (1) Increased resources for health – by advocating with Governments and International Agencies to step up their investments in health (2) Adoption of Regional and National policies and reforms that improve health and equity – by defining and advocating for progressive policy change (3) Enhanced accountability in health governance and delivery – ensuring that commitments, investments and policies translate into practice, and into equitable health impact (4) Health Systems that are equitable and responsive to people’s needs – ensuring that health systems work for people.</p>
DEPARTMENT	<p>The Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC2030 (CSEM) is the civil society constituent of UHC2030, the global movement to build stronger health systems for universal health coverage (UHC). CSEM seeks to contribute to building an inclusive, broad, and sustainable civil society movement on UHC, influence policy design and implementation, strengthen citizen-led and social accountability mechanisms, and promote coordination and harmonization between civil society organization (CSO) platforms and global health networks.</p> <p>Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and WACI Health co-host the CSEM secretariat. MSH is the lead host for the secretariat while WACI Health provides communications and advocacy technical support to the CSEM Secretariat.</p> <p>The Secretariat manages the constituency’s day-to-day workload, ensuring effective coordination and communication between the UHC2030 Steering Committee, CSO representatives in the Steering Committee, the CSEM Advisory Group, and the national and regional members.</p>
MAIN PURPOSE	<p>As a member of the CSEM Secretariat, the Advocacy and Communications Officer will work closely with the CSEM Coordinator and the Advisory Group to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create UHC-related communication campaigns to increase awareness of CSEM messages and raise civil society awareness of the CSEM; this includes developing talking points, news reports, op-eds, blogs, journal articles, and other communications materials; • Support civil society advocates working at the national and regional level to engage with global conversations around UHC, including in preparation for the 2023 United Nations High-Level Meeting on UHC, by disseminating advocacy messages and communications templates as well as managing consultations and information-sharing sessions;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop advocacy messages by managing consultative processes with various stakeholders; • Manage the membership lists and ensure proper internal and external information flow; • Contribute to expanding the CSEM membership; Build partnerships with other platforms and organizations working toward achieving UHC; • Organize virtual and in-person civil society trainings, strategy sessions, and meetings on advocacy; Support event communications and logistics • Proactively identify opportunities to support the UHC movement and include civil society and community participation; • Liaise with UHC2030 communications staff to align global campaigns • Manage CSEM’s social media presence; Maintain and update the CSEM website; Produce and release the CSEM Voices newsletter regularly • Organize travel logistics for CSEM Advisory Group members to attend country, regional or global conferences and events
LOCATION	This is a remote position with up to 20% travel. Candidates from LMICs are encouraged to apply.
REQUIRED MINIMUM EDUCATION	<p>Required: Bachelor’s degree in a field of study relevant to the technical area (for example, communications, journalism, global or public health).</p> <p>Preferred: Master’s degree in a field of study relevant to the technical area (for example, communications, journalism, global or public health)</p>
REQUIRED MINIMUM EXPERIENCE	<p>Required: 6 years of relevant and related experience for candidates with a BA, 4 years of experience for candidates with an MA. At least 3 years of experience in leading project communication strategies/policy advocacy.</p> <p>Preferred: Experience in international public health is highly preferred.</p>
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong knowledge of global health issues. Previous experience working on universal health coverage or related area strongly desired. • Demonstrated experience working in/with low- and middle-income countries preferred, either in a programmatic or advocacy capacity. • Excellent writing, editing and presentation skills in English. • Experience with planning effective use of social media and preparing print publications to promote global health projects. • Experience managing website (Wordpress) and online communications platforms, such as Zoom meetings and webinars. • Strong computer skills including Microsoft Office; strong familiarity with social media, and experience with web content management. • Team player with resourcefulness and the ability to work independently. • Experience with event/meeting planning and facilitation. • Written and oral proficiency in French, Spanish, or another United Nations language helpful. • Sensitivity to other cultures and working styles. • Ability to travel internationally and domestically as required.

COMPETENCIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superb organizational, research and analytical skills. • Excellent writing and the ability to develop and implement communications advocacy strategies. • Ability to work in a fluid, fast-paced environment with multiple priorities. • Attention to detail. • Ability to maintain good relationships with local and international media. • Excellent interpersonal and communication skills • Ability to foster positive collaborative working environment and partnerships, both internally and externally with diverse partners.
PHYSICAL DEMANDS	<p>Up to 20% local and international travel Keyboard use, pulling drawers, Lifting papers <10lbs.</p>
FEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS	<p>Fees: This is a short-term position from March 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 (10 months). This position is envisioned as a 1.0 FTE (5 days per week) with a salary package of USD 45,500.</p> <p>Modalities: A consultancy contract between the host organization WACI Health and the individual with monthly invoicing/payment.</p>
<p>To apply, submit your cover letter and resume through the application form by 10 February 2023, 11:59pm EAT.</p> <p>Application form link: https://bit.ly/3Rdnalz Only candidates shortlisted for interviews will be contacted.</p>	