BACKGROUND

The vision of the WBG is to eradicate extreme poverty by reducing the number of people living on less than $1.25 a day to 3 percent by 2030, and promote shared prosperity by fostering the income growth of the bottom 40 percent in every country. To achieve this vision, our strategy has three components: (1) maximizing development impact by engaging country clients in identifying and tackling the most difficult development challenges; (2) promoting scaled-up partnerships that are strategically aligned with the goals; and (3) crowding in public and private resources, expertise and ideas. The architecture underpinning the strategy and instrumental to its success is the establishment of fourteen Global Practices (GPs) and five Cross-Cutting Solution Areas (CCSAs) that, in concert with the WBG Regions, will design solutions that address clients’ most pressing developmental challenges, and ultimately, enable the WBG to meet its twin goals of eliminating extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity.

Health, Nutrition and Population (HNP) Global Practice:

The central contribution of the HNP Global Practice to the World Bank’s twin goals is to enable the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), in which all people are effectively covered by essential health services, and nobody suffers undue financial hardship as a result of illnesses. In the quest for UHC, the HNP Global Practice undertakes a wide array of analytical and advisory services, engages in strategic partnerships with partner institutions, and manages an active lending portfolio with client countries. The HNP Global Practice works with and across multiple sectors, in recognition of the fact that HNP outcomes often depend on actions that lie outside the HNP sector.

The HNP Global Practice is led by the Senior Director who provides overall strategic leadership backed by a Director who functions as a chief operating officer. Together the Senior Director and Director oversee a Global Practice leadership team that includes 8 Global Practice Managers who oversee operations in each of the WBG Regions and 6 Global Solutions Leaders responsible for specific strategic priorities. The HNP Global Practice includes over 300 staff members based in Washington, DC and many country offices.

The Middle East and North Africa Region (MENA) at the World Bank serves over 20 client countries with a total population of about 330 million. Clients range from upper middle income, such as Saudi Arabia and
Kuwait, which are more interested in the Bank’s Reimbursable Advisory Services (RAS); to IBRD middle income countries such as Egypt and Morocco and to IDA countries, Yemen and Djibouti and Fragile, Conflict and Vulnerable (FCV) contexts that are experiencing massive population movements, for example, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan where the provision of health services requires innovative delivery mechanisms.

In the areas of HNP, the World Bank is engaged in a range of lending, analytical products and reimbursable advisory services operations focusing on improving health system outcomes in the MENA countries. These operations support a wide range of sector reforms in the areas of health financing, refugee health, health insurance, health service delivery, human resources for health, pharmaceuticals and health service inputs, and non-communicable diseases.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Health, Nutrition, and Population Global Practice (GHNDR) is seeking to hire a highly skilled and JPO who will be an integral part of the MENA regional team. The candidate is expected to work collaboratively and support all aspects of the unit's work program.

Specifically, the position has the following main duties and responsibilities:

- Under the guidance of the Practice Manager,
- Develop policy and research briefs on HNP issues in MENA;
- Contribute to the preparation of strategic documents and briefing notes on issues relating to the work undertaken in MENA;
- Contribute to knowledge and quality management of Bank work in the MENA region;
- Collaborate with other sectors as appropriate to support multi-sectoral approaches for improving health and nutrition outcomes and strengthen country systems;
- Contribute to analytical and operational services in other parts of the HNP Family, as requested by the Practice Manager; and

Note:

The selected candidate will not be assigned to programs involving his/her own government such as donor coordination and trust fund management.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Strong organizational and presentation skills;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English (Arabic would also be desirable);
- Proven ability to work in a team and intercultural environment, with minimal supervision;
- Ability to work across practice and disciplinary boundaries as well as with multiple stakeholders.