

UK COMMITTEE FOR UNICEF

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	International Sport Project Officer
Reporting to:	International Sport Project Manager
Department/Team	II Core Team, within Corporate Team
Job Location	Africa House, 64 - 78 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6NB. UNICEF UK is moving to 29a Great Sutton Street, EC1V 0DU in November 2008
Hours	35 hours per week (9.30am to 5.30pm)
Salary Band/Grade	G3 £28,610 - £33,350
Duration	1 year fixed-term contract with possibility of extension

Purpose of Post

To coordinate all programmatic aspects of UNICEF's role in a major multi-country multi-partner sport for development initiative, including scoping visits, communication with field offices, monitoring and evaluation, shared learning across the organisation, transferring and tracking funds and ensuring provision of donor reports in a timely manner. Please note that there is already one International Sport Project Officer in post at UNICEF UK working within the same parameters. The incumbent will work alongside this person with each Officer's individual roles and responsibilities clearly defined.

Background

International Inspiration is a programme which aims to use the power of sport to transform the lives of millions of children and young people in developing countries.

UNICEF is working in partnership with UK Sport, the British Council and other partners to deliver this programme, which is already laying the foundations to deliver development and education through sport worldwide as part of the legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Delivering the ambitions promised by the London bid team in Singapore, the programme will: transform the lives of 12 million children and young people of all abilities, in schools and communities across 20 developing countries worldwide, through the power of high quality and inclusive physical education, sport and play. Please refer to attached press release for further details.

Position in the organisation – see attached organisation chart

Duties and Responsibilities

- Liaising with individual Country Offices and relevant partners with regard to the implementation of International Inspiration-related programme work, with particular emphasis on adherence to agreed activity and budgets, plus ongoing day-to-day communication with UNICEF Country Offices (field

offices). Programme design will remain the responsibility of each Country Office, however the International Sport Project Officer will be expected to highlight any opportunities and challenges arising in a timely manner and keep all stakeholders up to speed on developments.

- Where appropriate, providing guidance and sharing information across the organisation to encourage learning
- Coordination with individual Country Offices (field offices) to arrange and participate in scoping visits and follow-up monitoring visits
- Liaison with individual Country Offices for regular updates on progress as per agreed reporting schedule and preparing summary reports of activities as required
- Management of programme-specific working-level relationships with key stakeholders at all levels, both internally and externally in the UK.
- Liaising with external Monitoring & Evaluation team and other stakeholders to facilitate collection of robust evidence to support the case for sport for development
- Transfer and tracking of funds and collation of donor reports at required intervals (with working with relevant colleagues)
- Reporting any changes in the programme arising to the International Sport Project Manager in a timely manner
- To provide support or lead on specific additional projects as required
- To conduct research into related news topics, personnel, etc when relevant to the partnership
- To perform other tasks as directed by the International Sport Project Manager

Some international and domestic travel will be required.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The person specification describes specifically the traits, skills and experience that are needed for the job. At UNICEF UK, the recruiting manager identifies behaviours and skills, chiefly, from UNICEF UK's Competency Framework. All criteria in the Person Specification are 'essential'.

1. Personal Competencies

Competency Title	Ability to....
A commitment to children and their rights	Speak enthusiastically and knowledgeably about UNICEF, its values and goals and children's issues and ensure that every decision is underpinned by a commitment to children and their rights
Outward looking	Have an awareness of the development sector and be able to develop strong external working relationships
Drive	Demonstrate patience and perseverance in the face of setbacks and problems and achieve a high output.
Communication and influence	Ability to communicate confidently, clearly and concisely, both verbally and in writing. Be reliable, discrete and ethical in all dealings
Efficiency and effectiveness	Balance multiple and conflicting priorities so that problems are spotted in advance and solutions identified quickly

2. Relevant Experience

Experience of....
Significant experience working in international development ideally in a field office for a UN Agency or other large organisation
Developing mutually beneficial relationships with disparate organisations to achieve a common goal
Developing budgets for programmatic work

3. Specific Skills & Knowledge

Ability to.....	Knowledge of....
Handle delicate situations with tact	The concept of 'sport for development'

UK LEADS “INTERNATIONAL INSPIRATION” AS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GET SPORTING BOOST

- **Announcement made by Prime Minister in India**
- **Initial pilot to run in five countries**
- **Millions of Children from Disadvantaged Communities to benefit**
- **Strong links into UK schools**

The Prime Minister announced today a £9 million investment program to support sporting projects in five developing countries around the world. The pilot is the start of a larger programme called “International Inspiration” which will deliver on the promise made to the IOC in Singapore of engaging and inspiring the youth of the world through sport.

The pilot programmes are taking place in Azerbaijan, Brazil, India, Palau and Zambia and project work has already started in each of these countries. In India, the Prime Minister is visiting Delhi where he attended an event featuring young schoolchildren playing mixed sex football matches and met with Lakshmi, a tribal girl archer from Jharkhand who is now a world class athlete. He also met UK teachers from schools involved in the programme.

Funding for the pilot programme, which runs until 2010 and is being led by UK Sport, the Government’s international sports agency, includes contributions from DFID, UNICEF, the British Council, the FA Premier League and the DCMS. Further announcements on how the programme will develop beyond the pilot will be made in the coming months.

Speaking in India, which will receive £3.6million of the funding for projects across the country, the Prime Minister said: “International Inspiration will use the power of sport to transform the lives of millions of children and young people in schools and communities in countries across the globe. It will seek not only to help deliver the ambitions promised in Singapore but also to lay the foundations for a long term international legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It’s a programme of which I am immensely proud, and the work going on here in India is a testament to its importance.”

International Inspiration will look to create opportunities for children and young people of all abilities from the most disadvantaged communities in the world to enrich their lives by playing and excelling in sport. The programme aims include ensuring that any work done is sustainable and will have a lasting benefit across the communities it embraces.

Each pilot country will benefit from a number of mutually agreed programmes across the following three strands:

- physical education in schools and school links
- sport development and sporting excellence,
- human and social development through sport

International Inspiration will also have a strong link back into the UK through school links, providing opportunities for the partners to demonstrate the impact of their work overseas to children and young people across the country and raise awareness of the issues faced in the developing world.

Tessa Jowell, Olympics Minister, added: “This is a fantastic programme, and one which is a cornerstone of the Olympic legacy. Part of the success of our 2012 bid was the promise that London would inspire children across the world, and this is one important step toward that ambition. Sport is the catalyst for many very positive changes, and the International Inspiration programme aims to harness its power and inspire generations of people in countries around the world.”

Lord Sebastian Coe, Chairman of LOCOG, said: "Our vision is to use the power of the games to inspire change - and changing the lives of young people in particular is the driving force behind our plans.

As part of our pledge to the IOC in Singapore, we committed to inspire young people around the world to choose sport. This is a tangible example of how we are delivering on this promise and using the power and magic of sport to change the lives of young people around the world - and leave a lasting international legacy."

Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for International Development, said: "We have an incredible opportunity to use the International Inspiration sports initiative to improve the health and education of millions of children in developing countries. Sport is a natural medium for engaging and empowering young people and can provide them with essential life skills such as leadership, self-confidence and team work. The potential of sport as a tool to promote human development should not be underestimated."

Sue Campbell, Chair of UK Sport, said: "UK Sport is delighted to be leading this unique Programme. It is very important that we do everything in our power to maximise the global legacy of London 2012 and International Inspiration gives the UK a formidable platform to start achieving this. We very much look forward to working with our partners on the pilot to ensure its success and expand it further, using the experience and expertise we have built up over many years of running international development through sport programmes.

The Premier League is the largest contributor in this new initiative to date with £4.2m of the investment from their recent broadcast deal. **Premier League Chief Executive Richard Scudamore** said: "The Premier League has worked with Government for many years on a range of successful community and education projects that target some of the most disadvantaged areas of England. We are fortunate that there is a phenomenal interest in the Premier League overseas and we look forward to broadening the positive impact we can have through a number of similar projects in developing countries all over the world."

David Bull, Executive Director of UNICEF UK, said: "For children in the developing world, sport can be a powerful force for advancing their health, education and well-being. UNICEF UK is excited to be part of the International Inspiration programme which will harness the power of sport and give millions of children in disadvantaged communities the chance to take part in sport and transform their lives".

Martin Davidson, Chief Executive of the British Council, said: "We are delighted to be involved in this important new initiative which we hope will be a lasting contribution to the legacy of London 2012. With our partners we will work with young people from around the world, using the inspirational power of sport to help them develop new skills and take their place as members of the global community."

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Notes to Editors:

The development of International Inspiration is being led by UK Sport, the Government's agency for international sporting development, in partnership with UNICEF, the British Council, LOCOG and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. They will work with organisations able to offer international expertise in the fields of sport, development and education such as the British Olympic Foundation, the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

The five pilot countries were selected following extensive consultation with the FCO, DFID and the Council of Europe to determine priority countries. The Australian Sports Commission and partners from UK Sport's existing International Development Assistance Programme were also involved in the discussions.

The 'Singapore Vision' is the promise made by the successful London 2012 Olympic bid team to "reach young people all around the world and connect them to the inspirational power of the Games so they are inspired to choose sport."

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