



MINISTRY OF CIVIL SERVICE

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Overview of the Ministry

The Ministry of Civil Service was established in 2016 under the civil service reforms to replace the former Public Service Commission Ministry. The role of the Ministry of Civil Service is to broadly support the devolution of Constitutional responsibilities to Ministries while maintaining some central coordination and consistency across the Civil Service. Its focus is to attain a modern and high performing civil service that is responsive to the priorities of the Fijian Government.

Particulars of the position

Role:	Principal Medical Officer SDMO Nadroga/ Navosa
Level:	MD03
Salary range:	\$96,271.88 - \$104,117.06 (MOCA B)
Location:	Sigatoka Hospital
Division:	Western Health Services
Reports to:	Divisional Medical Officer
Subordinates:	All cadres of Health staff in the Sub Division

Overview of the Sub Division

The Sub Divisional Health Services provides a comprehensive range of public health and primary care services to a population defined in the geographic Medical Area. Public Health Services comprise of activities aimed at improving health and prolonging life of the population through health promotion, disease prevention, rehabilitation and other health interventions. Primary Care Services are mostly clinical primary care outpatient services with special emphasis on preventative care.

The Position

The position supports and assists the Divisional Medical Officer and is responsible for the administration and delivery of high quality primary care services and public health services, including health programs such as Family Health, Non Communicable Diseases, Control of Communicable Diseases, Food and Nutrition, Environmental Health, Oral Health, Health Promotion and Wellness in the geographic subdivision, under the responsibility of the Deputy Secretary for Public Health.

Key Duties

The position will achieve its purpose through the following key duties.

1. Provide leadership and management in the Subdivision to facilitate the implementation of its planned activities by working effectively with the Divisional Medical Officer Central and adheres towards a positive collegiate relationship.
2. Undertake clinical responsibilities in the Subdivisional Hospital and on outreach, by being actively involved in patient care, available for consultation and liaison with other units and referring hospitals, maintaining appropriate records and confidentiality, to ensuring best practice care to obtain best possible outcomes whilst promoting and maintaining client focus.
3. Participate in peer reviews, monitor and evaluate Unit activities and implement plans to ensure corrective measures are undertaken to provide effective and efficient services.
4. Responsible for the implementation of public health programs and activities at operational levels within the Subdivision.
5. Identifying and minimising risk at a systematic level through effective communication and management skills to contribute to improved clinical governance, overseeing the provision of medical reports, medico-legal assessments and expert opinion under the guidance of the DMO.
6. Undertake education, teaching and research activities to train coach, mentor and support staff, students and other stakeholders; be responsible for personal continuous professional development and be a health advocate.

The Person

In addition to Postgraduate qualification in Public Health or equivalent, is pursuing or completed a Masters in Public Health, the following knowledge, experience, skills and abilities are required to successfully undertake this role:

Knowledge and Experience

1. Adequate knowledge and application of evidence-based standards of safe practices in Public Health including epidemiology, preventative medicine, primary Health care and rehabilitation.
2. Understanding of medical and government legislation, public health and health related policies and medico-legal compliance.
3. Understand the concepts/tools used in clinical leadership, public health service management, audits, research, monitoring and evaluation and clinical governance.
4. Experience working in a secondary health care hospital with limited resources and competent in teaching and training staff.
5. Experience in resuscitating patients with life-threatening emergencies and subsequent management of critically ill or injured patients, initiating and participating in an emergency response, and supporting team members and relatives of very sick patients.

Skills and Abilities

1. Good Clinical and Public Health Skills including Procedural skills including research.
2. Excellent communication skills.
3. Strong organisational skills.

4. Ability to work within a multidisciplinary team, work under pressure in a resource constrained environment/facility and can cope with adverse outcomes.
5. Able to recognize and assist in solving complex medical problems using evidence-based approach and offer clinical and public health opinion on a range of problems in the subdivision, showing some independent responsibility with guidance from Specialists.
6. Demonstrated ability in organising professional development activities (conferences, meetings and workshops), personal development and learning new skills.

Selection Criteria

1. Advance Public Health and Clinical competence and should have extensive experience in leading a public health team.
2. Experienced officer who can supervise a Subdivision to maintain patient safety and quality of care.
3. Highly effective oral and written communicator.
4. Ability to collaborate with Stakeholders and Health Advocates.
5. A Leader experienced in training, mentoring and supporting research.
6. A professional who demonstrates the highest values and ethical practice.

Personal Character and Eligibility

Applicants for employment in the Ministry of Civil Service must be in sound health and with a clear police record. The normal requirement of being a Fiji Citizen under the age of 55 years can be waived under special circumstances.

The successful applicant will be required to provide a medical certificate and police clearance as a condition of employment.

The Ministry of Civil Service is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Applications are encouraged from all eligible, qualified applicants.