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**1. Background**

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**2. Purpose/specific objectives of the activity**

Under the direct supervision of the Country Liaison Officer, World Health Organization, and the guidance from the Ministry of Health, the SSA will provide technical support to national and the sub-national levels toward strengthening routine immunization, VPD Surveillance, and COVID-19 vaccination program.

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**3. Job description (activities to be carried out)**

The SSA will assist to strengthen the immunization and VPD surveillance system and program. The SSA will be based at the EPI (Expanded Program on Immunization) Unit of the Ministry of Health and will have the following responsibilities:

**3. Job description (activities to be carried out)**

The SSAs will assist to strengthen the immunization and VPD surveillance system and program. The SSAs will be based at the provinces and will have the following responsibilities:

- Technical support for strengthening immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases surveillance system and program;
- Develop a work plan for immunization and VPD surveillance activities;
- Monitor and supervise immunization, VPD surveillance, and HBAS (Hospital-Based Active Surveillance) activities at national and sub-national levels. Maintain liaison with provincial HBAS and DHIS (District Health Information Software) focal person;
- Regular visits to active, passive, and sentinel sites and conduct surveillance activities;
- Prepare a line list of VPD cases. Monthly report of data and analyze and interpret data for actions;
- Coordinate and work with DHIS and divisions/sub-divisions for routine immunization and COVID-19 vaccination coverage data. Analyze data and provide feedback with recommendations;
- Provide training/on-the-job training on data management;
- Any other activities suggested by the National EPI Programme manager; and
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- Conduct outbreak investigation of vaccine-preventable diseases and response and support to prepare the report;
- Support to develop strategies in reaching the unreached for immunization program;
- Plan, organize and conduct training for immunization and VPD surveillance;
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**Applications**

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