Vacancy Announcement

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Location: Makpandu Refugee Camp, Yambio (Western Equatoria State)

Application Opening Date: November 12th, 2026.

Application Closing Date: December 2nd ,2026.

Reporting Line: Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Coordinator.

Position opened to: South Sudanese.

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Organizational Context:

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is ministry of the Society of Jesus, incorporated as an international non-governmental organization with a mission to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people. The organization was founded in November 1980 and now has a presence in over 50 Countries. JRS undertakes services at national and regional levels with the support and guidance of an international office (IO) in Rome.

JRS started operating in South Sudan in 1997 in Central and Eastern Equatoria States, mainly focusing on Education. Following the secession of South Sudan from Sudan in July 2011, and in line with its mission, JRS phased out projects in this region during 2012. The post-independence war in 2013 encouraged JRS to restart large integrated programs in Maban County, Renk and Western Equatoria State. All along, JRS mission has been to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees, internally displaced persons and anyone obliged to leave their homes forcefully in South Sudan. JRS main focus areas include Education and Livelihoods, Mental Health and Psycho-social Support, peace building and Reconciliation.

Position Description:

The purpose of this post is to provide day to day coordination of child protection and child safeguarding related activities in JRS Yambio Coordination office in general and Makpandu refugee camp operation in particular. In collaboration with the MHPSS Coordinator and other JRS team members, the Child Protection Officer will be responsible for supervising effective protection services, including needs assessments, planning, child protection, monitoring and child right abuse response activities in line with the project. The post holder in his/her capacity is also responsible for coordination, communication and support functions that lead to higher quality child protection program delivery. He/She will work closely with the MHPSS Coordinator and Field office teams to ensure the project gets the required support from the available child protection systems and service providers in a timely manner. In addition, the Child Protection Officer shares the responsibility of collaboratively working with child protection partners like Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare staff, community structures and stakeholders and children themselves in ensuring they enjoy their rights.

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Key Responsibilities:

Project planning, implementation and coordination

- Plan, coordinate, implement, and monitor child protection interventions under the project "Strengthening Child Protection and Well being of conflict-affected children and young people in Yambio, Western Equatoria State" to ensure effective implementation and achievement of project objectives.
- Work closely with MHPSS Coordinator to ensure the quality implementation of Child Protection activities in JRS project areas, Western Equatoria State.
- Prepare weekly and monthly activity plans with the line manager as necessary and ensure smooth implementation of these plans.
- Set up/strengthen Child Protection Committees/champions, and provide training and awareness raising on child right abuse prevention and response mechanisms and linking children to available services.
- Representation of JRS as necessary at community level i.e. community, Camp and County coordination meetings etc.
- Assist in the identification materials and prepare purchase request for field activities including support to children and stakeholders.
- Adhere to safeguarding policy and report where necessary.
- Assess the child protection needs in project target communities and recommend appropriate interventions and provide technical guidance to local child protection structures on child protection related matters.
- Work closely with MHPSS Coordinator and other relevant JRS staff to train children, local structures and social workers on child protection, child safeguarding and related policies to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills towards child right abuse prevention and response.
- With support of the MHPSS Coordinator, support the existing child protection structures in the community and ensure the establishment of one Child-friendly Space (CFS) and provide healing and psycho-social support to affected children.
- Provide tailored support to State Ministry of Gender, Child and Social Welfare, Child Transit Center to improve protection, psycho-social well-being and safety of conflict-affected children.
- Conduct parental guidance and psychoeducation on children's rights for caregivers, parents and guardians in project targeted communities.
- Facilitate case management and referral of children with critical protection issues for specialized services.
- Conduct needs assessment and provide need-based support for children with critical protection issues to improve protection and dignity.
- Facilitate nneed-based support and re-integration of Children Associated with Armed Forces and Armed Groups in project targeted areas.
- Perform other functions relative to Child Protection activities and initiatives that may be assigned by Line Manager.

Program monitoring, accountability and learning

- Support monitoring of child protection related indicators through informed project impact assessment and documentation using appropriate child-sensitive assessment methodologies.

- Conduct regular field visits to monitor the implementation of child protection activities against approved work plans, targets, indicators, and quality standards. Document progress, identify implementation gaps and challenges, recommend corrective actions, and provide timely reports to inform project management decision-making.
- Prepare and submit accurate, timely, and evidence-based monthly project updates and reports using approved reporting tools, templates, and organizational standards.
- Contribute to monthly field-level protection cluster reporting and inter-agency coordination by sharing relevant project updates, lessons learned, and good practices to promote knowledge exchange, strengthen coordination, and improve the quality of protection programming.
- Ensure all data from the child protection case management are kept confidential and only shared on a need to know bases and in accordance with case management standards.

Education qualifications, Experience & Skills required:

- **Academic Qualifications:** A university degree or diploma in Social Work, Psychology, Social Science or a related field.
- **Professional Experience:** At least 3 years of relevant professional experience working with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), preferably in Child Protection, Child Safeguarding and general protection.
- **Technical Experience:** Demonstrated experience in supporting and implementation of Child Protection program in South Sudan, preferably in humanitarian or community-based settings.
- **Child Protection needs Assessment and Response:** Sound knowledge and practical experience in conducting child led need assessment, identifying child protection risks using appropriate child participatory tools.
- **Organizational and Teamwork Skills:** Strong planning, coordination, time-management, and problem-solving skills, with the ability to work independently, meet deadlines, and collaborate effectively with multidisciplinary teams in challenging field environments.
- **Monitoring, Reporting and Documentation:** Experience in collecting, compiling, verifying, and maintaining accurate Child Protection programme data, including screening results, training attendance, activity reports, and beneficiary information.
- **Language skills:** Proficiency in English (both written and spoken) and ability to communicate fluently in the local language (Pazande) will be a plus.
- **Computer literacy skills** – MS Office applications, word and excel.
- **Commitment to JRS's mission, vision and values**: the ability to convey with enthusiasm JRS's role in accompanying and serving forcibly displaced people and to advocate for their right to protection and a life in dignity.
- **Accountability:** Hold self-accountable for making decisions, managing resources efficiently, achieving and role modelling JRS values.
- **Collaboration:** Build and maintains effective relationships with team members, partners' staff and other stakeholders in the field.
- **Creativity:** Develops and encourages new and innovative solutions.
- **Integrity:** Honest, encourages openness and transparency in day-to-day work.

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How to apply:

Interested candidates should submit their applications online through sds.recruit@jrs.net or drop hard copy to JRS South Sudan Country Office in Tongpiny, located along the second inner road on your right hand side branching from Radiant Nursery School when slopping from Juba Regency Hotel to Indian Embassy, please indicate the Job title clearly on the email subject or the cover of your envelop addressing to HR Department, JRS South Sudan, application deadline is as indicated above (**December 02nd, 2026) at 5:00 PM.** The documents required are the following: -

1. An updated cover letter demonstrating your suitability against your ideal profile outlined above.
2. A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) with three Professional Referees.
3. A copy of National ID.

PLEASE NOTE: Application screening will be on daily basis due to the urgent need to fill the position and only candidates who meet the Job requirements will be considered, shortlisted candidates will tentatively be contacted before the deadline date for first phase of the Interview which will be a Written Interview and those successful during the Written Interview shall be invited for Oral Interview in which case is the second phase. **Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply**.

Commitment to Child Safeguarding

JRS is committed to safeguarding of children **(under 18 years)** who encounter with JRS South Sudan personnel and volunteers in all JRS South Sudan works. All JRS South Sudan Staff are expected to comply with JRS Child safeguarding Policy and Procedures in this regard and to sign a declaration of commitment to this effect.

Commitment to Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH)

JRS South Sudan takes the protection from sexual exploitation, abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) serious, and all JRS South Sudan personnel and volunteers are expected to comply with JRS' PSEAH policy and are to sign declaration of commitment.

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