



Program Assistant South Sudan - USAID Youth Empowerment Activity (YEA)

Position Location: Jur River, Western Bhar el Ghazal- South Sudan

Project Name: USAID Youth Empowerment Activity

Anticipated Start Date: ASAP

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Project Description

The USAID Youth for Empowerment Activity will reach 25,000 South Sudanese youth in 13 counties across five states (Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei, Unity, Upper Nile, and Western Bahr el Ghazal) over a four-year period. This community-based intervention will establish a vibrant Youth Corps and support local organizations enhance youth-friendly service offerings. The USAID Youth for Empowerment Activity will tailor its intervention to meet the realities of each implementation area and to best support a diverse group of youth with varied capacities and aspirations to reach their full potential.

Position Description

Program assistant is a locally recruited position and applicants should strictly be residence of Jur River. The position holder will be effectively involved in the planning and implementation of the youth empowerment activities in Wau County. He/She will provide effective support and assistance to the team to ensure smooth programme implementation in line with the objectives of the USAID Youth Empowerment Activity that seeks to increase economic self-reliance for youths in South Sudan leading to increased incomes. The Program Assistant reports to the Zonal Supervisor in Western Bhar el Ghazal state.

Major Responsibilities

- He/She will support the Zone Supervisor and the Roving Program Officer in implementing program activities in all the Payams under Wau County.



- He/She, in conjunction with Roving Program Officer, will be actively involved in the planning, execution, monitoring of program implementation process.
- He/She will organize, spearhead, and monitor youth trainings and partners' capacity building activities in the Payams.
- He/She will support capacity building activities of youth-led and youth-serving organizations.
- He/She will mobilize youth participants, trainers, and increase community support for the program.
- He/She will assist in the development of weekly updates, quarterly reports, program implementation plan, and other related documentations.
- He/She will gather and compile data and information for the preparation of program documents, guidelines, and other material as required.
- He/She will coordinate meetings of advisory groups – where necessary.
- He/She will keep track of the information of trainers, youth enrolled in the program and encourage retention at the Payam level.
- He/She will participate in trainings for the projects staff.
- He/She will contribute to knowledge networks and communities of practice.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Please Note: *Priority in hiring will be given to individuals from the state as understanding of the state is important to success of the role.*

The **Program Assistant** shall have at a minimum the following qualifications:

Education

Degree (or equivalent experience) in education or related field.

Skills and Experience

- A degree or Diploma in Education, Social Science, Community Development, or related field.
- A Minimum of 1 year' experience in programming, entrepreneurship, vocational training, social work and community mobilization. Proven experience in relations with private sector. Experience in Program management preferably implementing health and/or education activities.
- A Minimum of 1 year of relevant working experience in Education Program management, training or working with Youths is strongly preferred.
- Experience in conducting and/or coordinating data collection.
- Demonstrated experience working with government agencies, actors, and other stakeholders at the national and zonal levels.
- Knowledge of/experience with USAID-funded projects.
- Ability to travel throughout the State of the assigned zone.
- Demonstrated capacity to lead workshops and training. Degree in Education, Social Science, Program Planning and Management, Development
- Demonstrate capacity for Program implementation, and report writing.
- Good Knowledge in Computer Microsoft applications and effective presentation and reporting skills.



- Ability and Capacity to coordinate, collaborates well with partners and stakeholders to establish effective working relations.

Language:

Advanced proficiency in written and spoken English. Knowledge of and proficiency in at least two local languages spoken in Western Bahr el Ghazal highly preferred.

Application Instructions:

Job closing date: August 31, 2023

To apply, Applicants are encouraged to visit the Careers Page at: <https://go.edc.org/SouthSudanJobs>

Or only if technical difficulties occur, applicants may send their resumes to: YEARecruitments@edc.org, listing “**Job Title- Program Assistant Jur River -YEA South Sudan**” in the Subject Line.

Alternatively listing “**Job Title- Program Assistant Jur River -YEA South Sudan -drop application to [Payam Office in Jur River.](#)**”

Applications will be progressively reviewed as they are received. Due to the volume of applications submitted, only finalists will be notified. No phone calls, please.

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