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Advert for Counsellor (X3)

Location: Upper Nile Nasir

Duration: 18 Months

RODIC Project:

Right for Displaced Child (RODIC) is a Danida funded Emergency project in Nasir County. The project focuses on children who are either displaced or returnees. The overall goal of the project is that "Conflict affected displaced or returned children in Nasir County are safe and protected in their communities". The project will be implemented in three Child Friendly Spaces in Nasir County. The project targets to support 240 children for a period of 18 months.

Job summary:

Stationed at one of three child friendly spaces (CFS) attached to a primary school, the Counsellor oversees the CFS's full timetable of psycho social activities and provides basic psycho-educational sessions for children, their teachers and their families. The Counsellor screens students of school and non-school going children for signs of psycho social distress and recommends a support plan, utilising the services available both within the CFS and externally. The Counsellor provides psychosocial counselling and support to children on an individual and group basis. The Counsellor supervises and offers on the job training, mentoring and support to two psychosocial community volunteers to build their capacity to support and lead low level group therapy sessions and basic psycho-educational sessions. The counsellor prioritises the protection and wellbeing of children above all other considerations and works closely with the child protection officer and wider team to ensure that children who present with protection concerns receive high quality support in a time sensitive manner.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Screen children for signs of psycho social distress and complete action plans for children in need of support.
- Provide confidential counselling and psycho-social support to children on an individual and small group basis

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- A human sciences degree, diploma or relevant professional qualification (counselling, psychology, social work, psychotherapy etc.) (ESSENTIAL)
- Minimum one year's experience delivering individual or small group therapy or psycho social interventions with children (ESSENTIAL)
- Strong sense of neutrality and confidentiality (ESSENTIAL)
- Strong interpersonal and inter-cultural skills (ESSENTIAL)
- Ability to work on own initiative and without constant supervision (ESSENTIAL)
- Good computer skills with proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel) and internet (ESSENTIAL)
- Experience in establishing and maintaining systems for safely storing client records (ESSENTIAL)
- Experience in planning and designing psycho social interventions for children (DESIRABLE)
- Membership of a relevant professional body (DESIRABLE)
- Prior experience working with children who have experienced trauma (DESIRABLE)
- Experience in training, coaching and mentoring lay counsellors (DESIRABLE)
- Experience in using psycho social screening tools (DESIRABLE)
- Experience in delivering a wide range of therapeutic interventions utilising drama, art, play etc. (DESIRABLE)
- Previous exposure and experience to child protection and case management (DESIRABLE)
- Languages: Spoken and written English, spoken Dinka or other local languages

How to Apply:

All suitably qualified candidates who wish to join ADRA South Sudan are encouraged to send their updated CV (3 pages maximum, including details of three professional referees) with a cover letter (3 pages maximum) which clearly demonstrates the applicant's ability to meet all essential aspects of the job description to jobs@adrasouthsudan.org

Deadline on the 6th October 2020

Required Qualifications and Experience: Education • Master's degree in Clinical Psychology, Counselling, Social Work or a related field from an accredited academic institution with two years of relevant professional experience; or • University degree in the above fields with four years of relevant professional experience. • Must be licensed or registered clinical psychologist, counsellor or social worker or equivalent in their Country of origin or training. Experience • Minimum four (4) years of progressively responsible professional experience in the field of mental health is required. • Experience with other UN Agencies, International Humanitarian Organizations or Employee Assistant Programs considered essential. • Experience of working in hardship duty station or providing counselling services to staff working in very difficult and hazardous environments desired. Languages IOM's official languages are English, French and Spanish.

