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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT SUMMARY:

Mercy Corps has been present in South Sudan since 1995, and acts on behalf of people who have become displaced and disenfranchised by the ongoing conflict. With funding from a multitude of donors including the United Nations (UN), USAID-Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), UK Department for International Development (DFID - FCDO), Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), and Private Foundations, Mercy Corps has been able to empower people to recover from crisis, build better lives and transform their communities for good. In 2020-21, Mercy Corps' interventions reached over 300,000 programme participants in South Sudan through our work focusing on the delivery of timely humanitarian interventions, improving food security and livelihood options, increasing equitable access to safe water and sanitation services, and providing access to safe and protective learning spaces. With emphasis on conflict-affected youth, women, as well as IDPs and host communities, we champion and lead state-of-the-art relief and recovery approaches through gender mainstreaming, identification of root causes, adaptive management, and resilience approaches. Currently, Mercy Corps is working in 7 counties in five states, implementing programs both directly and in partnership with national and international NGOs.

Vacancy: Communication Officer

Reports to: Director of programs.

Duty Station: Juba

Start Date: ASAP

Deadline of Application: 17th December 2022.

GENERAL POSITION SUMMARY:

The Communications Officer will be responsible for leading the development of South Sudan communications strategy and plan and its execution. S/he will be responsible for the development of messaging, talking points, editorial pieces and internal/external storytelling, management of video production and online presence maintenance, and promoting and increasing the visibility of Mercy Corps South Sudan (MCSS) work among different stakeholders. The officer will also be responsible for the conceptualization and preparation of the country's thought leadership events.

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ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

Communications and Learning

- Develop and execute country's strategic communication plan (both internal and external) to increase the country's visibility within the enabling environment of South Sudan in coordination with regional and global efforts.
- Develop a guiding framework to collate and aggregate MCSS learnings under a standardized framework, including identifying learning opportunities and appropriate channels of disseminating them.

Content Creation and Dissemination

- Travel to the field when needed to research and gather impact stories, photo, and video content of MCSS partners, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders.
- Work with other team members and partners to document and curate a library of stories, by-line articles, press releases, etc. based on the MSCC activities to be published in the media, reports and other communications forums.
- Prepare content for and regularly manage and or share relevant stories and or information on relevant social media platforms (including website page, blog, Twitter, Facebook etc.) as well as ensure that the country has an active online presence.

Events Management

- Conceptualize thought leadership events in line with the country programs' communications activities including workshops, report launches, learning events, fireside chats, webinars, etc.
- Lead the preparation of thought leadership events by coordinating content curation, invitations, management of external vendors, onsite execution, budgeting, and expense tracking.

Program Support

- Support the Monitoring and Evaluation team in the documentation of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning findings and generate new and innovative communication and dissemination ideas to increase the visibility of MCSS programs' guideline, learning, report, and technical brief outputs
- Support the programs teams to execute partner communication efforts to create visibility of partner activities.
- Work with other team members to contribute content towards regular reporting to the donor.



KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- Demonstrated experience in communication and storytelling.
- Recognized qualification in Communications or a relevant field. Masters will be an added advantage.
- Minimum of 3-4 years of progressive experience working in communications or public relations, preferably with a focus on humanitarian, food security, development
- Excellent track record in copy writing and editing skills, and a portfolio of quality written products for a variety of formats (e.g., blogs, articles, op-eds, press releases).
- Proven experience in developing and executing communications plans.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with an ability to deeply connect with a range of individuals who have a broad range of backgrounds and expertise.

SUCCESS FACTORS:

The Communications officer should be an avid storyteller with a strong passion for communicating impact. S/he should have the ability to innovate and improve processes as well as possess the flexibility and ability to work and engage with diverse teams and stakeholders. The ability to adapt quickly to change is crucial for the position.

Apply to: Mercy Corps Juba.

All applications will include CV, and all relevant copies of official documents, should be submitted in person and indicate the location in your application.

Or by email: ss-apply@mercycorps.org or bandrew@mercycorps.org

FEMALE CANDIDATES STRONGLY ENCOURAGE TO APPLY.

