



JOB ADVERTISEMENT	
Job title:	Advocacy officer
Location:	SSRC-Juba Branch
Reports to:	Head of Branch
Job Open Date:	4 th April 2024
Job Close Date:	17 th April 2024

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

The South Sudan Red Cross (SSRC) is one of the 192 National Societies worldwide and was founded on the eve of South Sudan independence in 2011. The SSRC is a volunteer-based humanitarian society and works as auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field. Based on the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the SSRC was established through an Act of Parliament on 9th March 2012.

SSRC was formally recognized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on 18 June 2013 and in November 2013 the SSRC was admitted into the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. SSRC's headquarters is based in Juba with a total of (21) branches and a growing network of units. There are currently over 260 SSRC staff members at the Headquarters and branches and approximately 19,000 volunteers across the country.

The society's work is guided by the Seven Fundamental Principles (humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality) and by Red Cross Red Crescent Strategy 2022 - 2026, which voices our collective vision and determination to move forward in tackling the major challenges that confront humanity in the present decade.

SUMMARY JOB PURPOSE

The Advocacy Officer will provide strategic leadership in policy, advocacy and programme related learnings at all levels. The role will include development and implementation of County advocacy initiatives focusing on WASH, Education, and other thematic areas of focus for the organisation that ultimately results to political will and commitment towards children's holistic skills development within national education systems being enhanced.

The officer will map out key WASH in Schools participation forums at both State and County levels to ensure children voices contribute to the realisation of the project's objectives besides packaging information/research findings and developing appropriate communication channels for dissemination of information/research findings; project documentation and dissemination; capacity building, learning and knowledge management.

This role will also support additional advocacy activities from the other projects within the field office on need basis. The Officer is expected to self-responsible work to contribute to the raising of Water and Sanitation standards for the Schools and Communities of Juba County, reacts to needs that arise from disasters in his field of expertise and work towards implementation of the WASH strategic objectives as outlined in SSRC Strategic Plan 2022-2026.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Strategy development and implementation

- The Advocacy Officer will provide leadership in advocacy, learning and policy support to the Project on WASH in School including other blue school signature approaches and ensure there is a coherent process linking the county, State and National level advocacy efforts.
- Maintain an in-depth understanding of key budgetary cycle moments, law and policy reform initiatives at the National, state and County Level.
- Ensures that all advocacy messages and documents are evidence-based and of high quality.
- In close collaboration with WASH, DRM and Communication Departments, develop and implement state and county advocacy strategies that will seek to draw synergies in integration of WASH with other sectors.
- The Advocacy Officer will be responsible for the delivery of an annual implementation work plan for Advocacy initiatives in Coordination with relevant sector heads/lead at State and County level.
- Develop and implement relevant context specific strategies for effective WASH, Environment and Agriculture (Kitchen Gardening) within the advocacy activities in collaboration with the relevant government departments.
- Support WASH and DRM Manager in identifying policy and practice change, which would improve Learning and Protection outcomes for children.
- Work in coordination with the WASH officer in implementing WASH Software components.
- Responsible for budget advocacy and budget tracking to improve revenue generation and public investment in WASH in Schools for child welfare interventions at State and county level in collaboration with other CSOs.

Advocacy and Communications

- Lead the county level Monitoring and Evaluation of advocacy-related objectives, mapping of key opportunities and events, organisation of Relevant Annual events.
- Linking to the consortium alliance and in collaboration with technical specialists and Juba branch staff oversee the development of advocacy materials – including policy briefs, position papers, press releases, Questions and answers and opinion pieces for State and county advocacy.
- Develop good knowledge of county and state government structure, political processes, and key decision-making structures and how to influence them on issues related to WASH in Schools and Domestic Resource Mobilization.
- Conduct Stakeholders mapping to identify and engage key influencers in the State and County for increased Resource Mobilization and allocation to child survival interventions.
- Lead the production and/or contribute to the development and dissemination of policy, guidelines, strategies, briefs/IEC fact sheets and State and county profiles to get WASH in Schools, especially Status of WASH Services and other Education supportive elements on the policy agenda at the State & County levels.

- Build systems for research, analysis and documentation that underpin Evidence-Based Advocacy and influencing at State and County level. This will include undertaking audience research and knowledge services mapping to inform communication and advocacy work.

Building Partnerships

- Identify local networks and coalitions and develop sustained partnerships/ alliances that are critical in the dissemination and/or application of research findings and/or learning to influence the policy and practice landscape. This includes representing **SSRC** at strategic forums, networking with strategic CSOs, Head Teachers' Associations and other social movement processes that are relevant to SSRC'S Strategic Plan.
- Support Juba Branch to build partnerships with communities and programme beneficiaries in establishing accountability mechanisms, capacity building and knowledge management.
- Support the capacity building of programme staff and key Partners on Advocacy through training, sharing best practices and supporting learning and knowledge management.

Programme Development & Management

- Participate in proposal development processes, in particular liaising with relevant Technical Specialists and programme staff to ensure that advocacy approaches are integrated within and contribute to the achievement of project results and objectives and that sufficient funds are budgeted for implementation.
- Participate in SSRC Programme meetings and related sessions to draw out research-based advocacy messages in programmes. Keep abreast of current research, national and donor policies and debates in South Sudan, relevant to advocacy for WASH in Schools.
- In collaboration with WASH and DRM Managers, monitor and evaluate the Status of WASH in Schools and advocacy activities within budgets, ensuring that indicators and methods are in place to allow evaluation of the achievements and develop regular reports on progress. Post holder will also contribute heavily to the design, development, implementation and dissemination of any Education, WASH and DRM related research.

Coordination within SSRC

- Participate in branch meetings.
- Actively contribute to constantly raise the strength of the SSRC at the branch.
- Coordinate activities with all branch staffs.
- Ensure proper coordination with all movement partners active in target State: SSRC, ICRC, IFRC and supporting National Red Cross / Red Crescent societies.
- Closely coordinate with WASH Coordinator at HQ on technical WASH issues related to the project and other relevant sectors (Protection, DRM and Health).

Coordination with stakeholders

- Represent the SSRC in the WASH and Education cluster forum at State/County level or any other relevant forum.

- Represent the SSRC before the Directorate of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, Directorate of Education and Directorate of Environment of Juba County and Central Equatoria State and all other government authorities (county commissioners, town governments, etc.) relevant for a proper implementation of Project activities.
- The Advocacy Officer keeps constant contact and dialogue with the population of the targeted project areas within Juba County, self-responsible stays up to date with humanitarian needs in the sector, follows up interventions, link communities with the local Red Cross volunteers.

Reporting

- The Advocacy Officer reports directly to Juba head of Branch copying WASH Coordinator on regular basis (Monthly, quarterly, and Annual).
- The Advocacy Officer self-responsible reports all information or events that do not fall under the regular reporting to the branch management.
- The Advocacy Officer provides all relevant data to enable other SSRC officers to fulfil their duties and cooperates with them in assessing information (e.g. in case of disasters)
- The Advocacy Officer reports all relevant information regarding WASH, DRM, Protection sector to the Government authorities of Juba County and Central Equatoria State.
- The Advocacy Officer reports to the local coordination bodies, especially the WASH and Education Cluster on SSRC related WASH Interventions.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- Degree in Political Science, Governance, International development, or Community development.
- At least 5 years of experience in advocacy work, as well as contributing to the development and implementation of advocacy strategies.
- Experience working within the education sector is an added advantage.
- Previous work experience with an I'NGO or in the humanitarian sector
- Previous experience in programming or project management
- Demonstrated experience in managing and supporting staff and volunteers.
- Experience and training on policy, Guidelines, strategies, and advocacy.
- Previous experience in operational oversight, with planning, reporting, and resource management.
- Previous experience with the Red Cross / Red Crescent movement
- Previous background in social mobilization / behaviors change communication / WASH software.
- Familiar with the water and sanitation sector of the State and South Sudan in general.
- Highly knowledgeable on Child Rights Governance including Public Investment in Children.
- An understanding of policy and legislative development processes at both national and State and county levels.
- Experience of developing advocacy strategies, knowledge and understanding of a range of advocacy techniques

- Excellent understanding of Sustainable Development Goals, Vision 2030, policy and legal provisions in support of child survival
- Extensive skills and demonstrated abilities in building strong relationships with community leaders and other key stakeholders.
- Excellent verbal communication skills, appropriate for high-level external representation (for example lobbying State governors, County Commissioners, Heads of Directorates etc)
- Experience of coalition building and working with civil society actors to deliver change.
- Experience of policy research, having written and published policy reports and briefings and evaluating evidence of their impact
- Self-supporting in computers (Windows, spreadsheets, word-processing)
- Fluency (verbal and written) English and one of the local languages.

How to apply:

Interested applicants should submit their Cover letter, CV with 3 references, Copy of National ID and Certificates including daytime telephone contact to Human Resources Department. Or by email: vacancy@ssdredecross.org please indicate the title of the position you are applying for in the subject line of your email.

Alternatively, applications can be hand-delivered to South Sudan Red Cross Headquarters. Plot #4, Block Ministries, Munuki Area, Juba.

Please clearly indicate the position you are applying for on the back of your envelope.

Note: Only candidates with certified Copies of academic documents by the relevant public authorities or Line ministries will be shortlisted and contacted for an interview and all the photocopies are not returnable and will remain the property of SSRC.

Females are strongly encouraged to apply.