



PSYCHOSOCIAL OFFICER FOR COUNSELLING

Location: Maban.

Application Closing Date: 23rd March 2023.

Position: Psychosocial Officer for Counselling (1 Position).

Reporting Line: Assistant Mental Health & Psychosocial Support Coordinator.

Position opened to: South Sudanese Nationals.

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 service is human and spiritual, working in situations of greatest need, seeking the long-term well-being of refugees and displaced people while not neglecting their immediate or urgent needs. The main services provided are in the field of education, emergency assistance, and psychosocial support and livelihood activities. Currently, more than 724,000 individuals are direct beneficiaries of JRS projects.

JRS' Psychosocial Department offers a range of services to people who have been displaced in 4 refugee camps in Maban, the Upper Nile Region of South Sudan. JRS Psychosocial services also reach the host community of the same location. The JRS psychosocial intervention in Maban uses a multi-layered response with focus on provision of basic services, re-establishing community networks and support systems and providing focused services for most vulnerable groups. Services include home visits, groups, material support, individual counselling, training in basic mental health and counselling, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, and distribution of mobility assistive devices.

Position Description

This position requires mastery of counselling, community based psychosocial interventions, basic psychosocial techniques, understanding of referrals pathway. Ability to conduct trainings and communicate to groups of people clearly.

Key Responsibilities

1. Data Management and Reporting

- To maintain accurate records of all group counselling attendees, utilizing the appropriate database.
- To maintain accurate records of all individual counselling sessions conducted using the session forms and the appropriate database.
- To maintain accurate records of all Basic Mental Health trainings.
- Contribute to internal and donor reports.

2. Field Activities – Individual Counselling

- To conduct individual counselling sessions per month, always maintaining between 5 and 10 clients.
- To conduct intakes, assessments, intervention, and case closure with all cases.
- To maintain professionalism and high standards of clinical practice at all times.
- Update and always maintain client's case notes.



3. *Field Activities – Support Groups*

- To facilitate youth and adult support groups in all four camps.
- To facilitate support group for caregivers of children with disabilities in Doro.
- Make accurate assessment for further or outside services.
- To report everything accurately and on time.

4. *Field Activities – Basic Mental Health Training*

- To develop and implement curricula for Basic Mental Health Training Level 1 and Basic Mental Health Training Level 2 in collaboration with the assistant MHPSS coordinator.
- To provide meaningful, interactive trainings in all 4 camps on a timely basis.

5. *Other duties*

- Timely completion of the performance management with supervisees.
- Provide supervision to the incentive workers.
- Represent JRS in case management meetings.
- Attend all trainings as required.
- Any other assigned duties.

Qualifications & Experience

Essential:

- Degree in Counselling and Community Psychology, or any related field.
- Minimum of 2 years of practical counselling experience in individual counselling, group counselling, facilitating support groups in humanitarian settings.
- Demonstrated ability to organize and mobilize groups of people; able to conduct training and communicate to groups of people clearly.
- Supervisory skills, ability to manage deadlines and multiple tasks.
- Ability to build effective partnerships and collaborate well with other team members.
- Ability to work and solve problems independently.
- Excellent written and oral English, and excellent oral Arabic.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Proactive and self-motivated.

Working Relationships

Internal: Assistant Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Coordinator (Supervisor), Psychosocial Officers, Physiotherapist, Assistant Psychosocial Officers, Education Officers (school-related work).

Core values

- Commitment to JRS mission, vision and values, and the ability to convey with enthusiasm JRS's role in accompanying and serving forcibly displaced people and in advocating for their right to protection and a life in dignity.
- High integrity, honesty, and confidentiality; ability to deal tactfully, consistently, fairly, and discreetly with situations, people, and information.
- Acceptance of diversity and inclusion as a core value. Willingness to work in flexible, sub-optimal and multi-cultural environments.



Submission Requirements

Please send your CV and a cover letter that indicates what skills and experience you have that meets the criteria and your availability. The CV (maximum 3 pages) should include contacts (phone and email) for three referees. Please note that only official email addresses for referees will be accepted. Kindly send the application to sds.recruit@jrs.net by **5:00pm** closing date **23rd March 2023**. The subject of the email should be 'Psychosocial Officer for Counselling'.

PLEASE NOTE: due to urgent need to fill this vacant position, we will be reviewing the applications as we receive. Only candidates who apply by the deadline and can demonstrate experience of Counselling processes should apply, short-listed candidates will be contacted. candidates who progress to the final oral interview stage will only be informed of interview outcome. **Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Commitment to Child Safeguarding:

JRS is committed to the 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 of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA):

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

