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Job Advertisement

Job Description – Medial Mentor (MM) -South Sudan 'Rooted in Trust 2.0 project



Job Title: Media Mentor – (South Sudan)
Location: Juba, South Sudan
Classification: Term – 11 months
Department: Humanitarian; Rooted in Trust 2.0 South Sudan project
Supervisor: Humanitarian Project Advisor
Estimated Start Date: September 28, 2021
Closing Date: October 18, 2021

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Internews is working at the frontline of the COVID-19 infodemic to ensure communities have access to timely, accurate, and responsive information that can help them make well-informed health choices. We support communicators in 100 countries, from radio stations in refugee camps, to news outlets, fact checkers or health and humanitarian communicators. We know that information is power, dignity and it can change lives.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Rooted in Trust project works to combat COVID-19 rumors and misinformation in Afghanistan, Lebanon, Iraq, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Brazil, Mali, DRC, Sudan and South Sudan. We work to create impact at the local level and inform approaches to rumor management at the global level. The project is supported by a Global Technical Advisory team made up of media, humanitarian, data science and information management experts.

In Phase 1 of the project, we collected more than 19 thousand rumors in 14 languages and supported more than 30 local trusted information providers. In this critical phase of the pandemic, we will build on these efforts to listen and respond to the information challenges faced by vulnerable groups in humanitarian contexts, encouraging open dialogue between citizens and scientists and stronger and more collaborative partnerships between information providers (such as local media) and humanitarian and health sources.

LOGISTICS

The position will be filled locally, and the candidate will be based at Internews Office, Juba South Sudan. However, the successful candidate may work from home when requested, in response to different circumstances or based on guidance from Internews South Sudan office when the situation dictates.



ABOUT THE JOB OPPORTUNITY

The **Media Mentor**: will manage relationships between the project team and the local media. The MM will help to better understand and respond to the needs of journalists in this crisis in relation to information, content and skills and approaches in combatting misinformation. The media partner will contribute to the development of program ideas and guide the media in the use of data analysis results for content development.



SCOPE OF WORK: DAY-TO-DAY TASKS will include

- Create a database of media organizations and prominent journalists in *South Sudan*, including basic brief of capacity, language needs and key contacts;
- Create or support existing peer-to-peer learning platforms for journalists in *South Sudan* to understand the journalists and media grassroots organizations' support needs, share story ideas, ask questions and receive support from Internews experts and health and humanitarian partners;
- Connect with smaller, community-based media and media who may broadcast in different languages to assess their needs;
- Connect with local, national and regional media and journalists associations;
- Investigate what platforms (if any) are being used by media in *South Sudan* to share COVID-19 related information – particularly media and news outlets known to be utilized by marginalized and displaced populations;
- Establish, or contribute to existing, information sharing platforms to connect media with verified information and Internews products and support;
- Track the use of Internews partner-generated content and information;
- Connect with Media Engagement and training specialists in Internews offices in the region to provide support in accessing COVID-19 information and resources to support programming.
- Organize semi-regular media roundtable events designed to discuss pressing timely issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will include: choosing the appropriate date/platform/venue; identifying guests and topics; etc.
- Identify media and Internews partners to invite to the event, including large and small media houses, freelance journalists and influencers as well as humanitarian and health agencies;
- Design feedback methodology to evaluate the media roundtable event(s).
- Participate in South Sudan COVID-19 risk communication working group, media engagement subcommittee to provide project updates, facilitate presentations and share information to the project teams & relevant media partners
- Lead the packaging and sharing of recorded programs and distribution to other media parts or through the working groups for rebroadcasting in other areas
- Participate in the regional media dialogue sessions and share relevant information & learnings to the project team and media partners

Qualifications WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- 5 years of relevant working experience in the media in South Sudan;
- Strong experience with communication, media development, social media monitoring, or similar;



- Experience working in humanitarian contexts and/or working in challenging environments and having a strong understanding of how to work with local authorities, international agencies like the UN, INGOs and local organizations and community representatives;
- Excellent information management skills;
- Strong interpersonal communication, organizational, teamwork, facilitation and presentation skills;
- Strong writing skills and proven ability to produce high-quality reports and to working under tight deadlines;
- Creative and curious; self-motivated and able to work in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong interpersonal communication, teamwork, facilitation and presentation skills;
- Strong written and spoken English required; Arabic or other local languages an advantage
- Support the project lead with other tasks as and when needed; and
- In all duties, an understanding of and demonstrated commitment to upholding Internews' Core Values.



This position will be filled in locally. This role may also work remotely online when requested, in response to different circumstances. Interested applicants are expected and encouraged to apply online through the Internews website on <https://internews.org/careers/>. South Sudanese Nationals highly encouraged to apply.

This position is being offered and hired by Internews Network. Benefits will be consistent with Internews Network's offerings and will be reviewed during the hiring process. Additional information can be found on our [About Working for Internews](#) page.

