

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Jhpiego South Sudan is seeking for a qualified candidate for the below position:

**Position:** Social Behavior Change Communication Officer(s)

**Reporting:** Project Manager

**Location:** Juba and Tambura

**Job Duration:** 3 Months

**Start Date:** ASAP

### Overview of the position

On 30 January 2020, WHO Director-General declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and a pandemic on 11 March 2020. Since that time, the number of cases detected in South Sudan has increased, with the pandemic now posing a significant public health threat to South Sudan. The country developed a national COVID-19 response plan<sup>1</sup> to guide the country's preparedness and response. Jhpiego COVID-19 response activities to be implemented under the USAID/PEPFAR-funded Strengthening the Provision of Primary Health Care Services for HIV (SPPHC) Implementing Mechanism, are designed to leverage Jhpiego and USAID/PEPFAR's existing operational presence in South Sudan respond to the pandemic. This project will be implemented in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders in Juba and Tambura Counties

### **Job Summary:**

The Social and Behavior Change Communication Officer will provide consistent high technical and professional support services in developing COVID-19 risk communication strategy for both health facility and community level. The incumbent will be expected to demonstrate knowledge on behavior theories including theory of planned behavior (TPB), self-determination theory (SDT) and general social cognitive theory (SCT). He/she will work with health facility staff and community level volunteers to implement integrated HIV and COVID 19 response activities

<sup>1</sup> RSS Ministry of Health, "South Sudan COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan - (April to September 2020)", 19 March, 2020

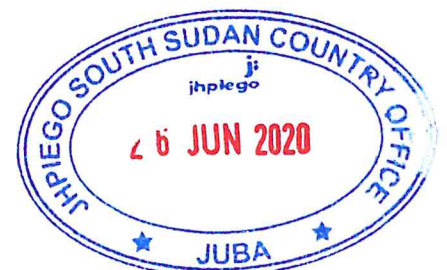


through use of appropriate information, communication and education (IEC) materials and mass media through various platforms such as community ART refills, working with community health workers including case care workers in both Tambura and Juba respectively.

S/he will be working closely with health facility staff, community health officers and relevant stakeholders to promote the adoption of preventative public health measures such as hand washing, maintaining social distancing and creating demand for HIV /TB prevention, care and treatment services

**Specific Position tasks:**

- Develop a detailed work plan of COVID-19 and HIV related risk communication and SBCC activities
- Conduct qualitative assessment of populations at high risk of infections and design appropriate communication strategies, plans and messages.
- Plan and conduct targeted training for community health workers on risk communication, community surveillance on COVID 19 and other infectious diseases
- Lead on development, adaptation , production and distribution of language and culturally appropriate COVID-19 information, communication and education materials
- Support on-going capacity building of community leaders and health workers on COVID-19 risk communication and active community surveillance
- Conduct an assessment of community structures, local service providers, peer educators and social mobilizers who can assist the incumbent to implement wide ranging community mobilization activities in COVID 19, HIV and WASH
- Coordinate with facility ART in charges, IPC supervisor and community officers to ensure consistent community engagement in the target project communities.
- Mobilize the surrounding communities around the promotion of key hygiene /WASH messages using appropriate IEC/BCC materials and methods.
- Document lessons learned and success stories for learning and adaption
- Demonstrate effective team building and communication skills to maintain harmony and work efficiency with counterparts
- Work closely in community based structures including PLHIV groups, community Volunteers and home health promoter to deliver key COVID 19, HIV and TB messages
- Work closely with M& E for close monitoring of COVID 19 Community Based Surveillance indicators
- Ensure timely reporting and referral of any COVID 19 suspected cases or probable case to the Rapid Response Team
- Develop/Adapt or Review the community reporting tools and ensure daily, weekly report is generated and shared with supervisor and Jhpiego team.
- Produce COVID 19, HIV and any TB case stories on monthly basis and share to project managers;



## Job Requirement

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor Degree in health promotion, Social Sciences/Public Health /Communications or any other health related field with 2 years of relevant work experience as SBCC is an added advantage.
- Demonstrated skills and experience with community health program design, planning, implementation and monitoring in low-resource settings.
- Experience in using qualitative methodologies such as focus group discussions and in-depth interviews.
- Proven ability to collaborate and work effectively with senior staff, colleagues, donors, partner organizations, stakeholders, local institutions, and others at all levels.
- Strong interpersonal, organizational skills, Computer and presentation skills.
- Excellent English language skills, both written and spoken with Strong Juba Arabic fluency, and Knowledge, training and experience in infectious disease response (COVID 19, TB and HIV) community mobilization/SBCC
- Demonstrated skills in peer group training and development of training materials.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team environment.

### Application Procedure:

Interested and qualifying Applicants (**South Sudanese Nationals**) shall submit their application, including copies of qualification documents, Nationality ID, giving three referees and a day telephone contact. The information you provide in your application must be clear and concise as it will be the basis for the selection of applicants for further assessment/interview. Please send your applications to;

**Country Representative/Chief of Party**  
**Jhpiego South Sudan,**  
**Goshen House Complex,**  
**Airport Road Opposite Ministries complex,**  
**Juba- South Sudan**

You can also send your electronic resume clearly indicating the Location and position applied for on the email subject to; [Nancy.Elly@jhpiego.org](mailto:Nancy.Elly@jhpiego.org) Application should not reach later than **16<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.

Jhpiego is an equal opportunity employer, **women are strongly encouraged to apply.**

**NOTE;** due to urgency of the position, we will be reviewing the applications as they come and interviews may be done before the closing date.

