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VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT



POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	MAMA Assistant – Juba County
PROJECT:	MIHR
LOCATION:	Juba County, Central Equatoria State. South Sudan
DEPARTMENT:	Program
REPORTS TO:	MAMA Coordinator

Organizational background

In 2020, USAID awarded IMA World Health and its partners funding for the MOMENTUM Integrated Health Resilience (MIHR) project. The MIHR mandate is to strengthen the quality of maternal, newborn and child health, family planning and reproductive health (MNCH/FP/RH) services in fragile settings. MIHR aims to reduce maternal and child mortality and morbidity by increasing health services delivery and advancing country learning. One priority is the context-specific adaption and learning on integrating the ‘Management of Small and Nutritionally at-risk Infants under 6 Months and their mothers’ (MAMI) into already existing maternal, newborn and child health services as well as ensuring that the care pathway is relevant to both the emergency and development contexts.

Major Responsibilities:

The MAMI care pathway steps that each mother-infant pair will take are:

1. MAMI rapid screening in health facilities and community
2. MAMI assessment if high-risk, moderate-risk, and low-risk of the mother-infant pair.
3. MAMI support and management of infant growth, feeding and health, and maternal health including counselling at primary care and community level.
4. Referral to specialised care for complicated cases.
5. Outcome review at 6 months of age; and referral to continued care for infants or mothers still at risk.

To achieve this, the following activities will be put into place:

- a. Work with key health and nutrition actors (as part of an existing structure) In the health facility and together support the integration of the Care Pathway Package into existing services.
- b. Conduct community sensitization on MAMI risks and care pathway.
- c. Conduct pre-service training, on-the-job mentoring, and supportive supervision for implementation.
- d. Participate in monitoring and evaluating performance, including managing the data collection system; and
- e. Contribute to global and national learning on integrating the MAMI Care Pathway into the broader MNCH development platform.



Objective of conducting MAMI Care Pathway as operational research in primary care health centers and communities:

- Provide the National MoH, nutrition implementing partners with evidence-based data on resources to screen, assess, and manage small and nutritionally at-risk infants under 6 months and their mothers for monitoring quality of care.

It is expected that the MAMI Assistants will work together with the National MAMI Coordinator to implement the MAMI Care Pathway and collaborate with health and nutrition implementing partners on the ground to carry out the activities described in this Scope of Work, in coordination with the MNCH Advisor and MERL team. This approach will pave the way for skill transfer and strengthen the MIHR and government health workers' capacities.

Expected tasks of the MAMI Assistants, with the support of the national coordinator and MNCH Advisor are:

1. Support the adaptation of the MAMI Care Pathway and its implementation as operational research at the health facility and community level.
2. Conduct sensitization meetings on the MAMI care pathway with key health facility nutrition actors, pre- and post-natal care clinic staff, and the Boma/community level staff at the health facility and the community.
3. Train and support Boma/community nutrition volunteers (CNVs) to screen and refer at-risk infant-mother dyads in the community and maintain records of activities.
4. Train and supervise health facility workers to screen, assess and enroll (and/or refer) at-risk infant-mother dyads, counsel, and monitor progress until the infant reaches 6 months of age, and to use the MAMI data collection and reporting tools.
5. Collect and control quality of data at the health facility and at the community and submit to MAMI Coordinator and County Health Department .
6. Support the implementation and monitor performance at the facility and community level by providing routine assessment, screening, and managing Children below 6 months who are small and nutritionally at risk of malnutrition.
7. Share experiences and lessons learned from the MAMI Care Pathway implementation in the facility and communities where they are working.

Deliverables:

- Weekly and monthly reports on the MAMI Care Pathway implementation progress in the selected health facilities.

Qualification required:

1. Diploma in Clinical Medicine combined with Public Health preferred.
2. Experience working in health and/or nutrition programming platforms including (PNC, IMNCI and ICCM.
3. Three years of experience working in humanitarian settings in health and/or nutrition.
4. Experience in data collection using Kobo collect tool.
5. Experience in organizing trainings and using monitoring tools on new-born, child health, nutrition, and mental health.
6. Attention to detail and follow through on tasks in a timely fashion.
7. Ability to support and monitor others.
8. Strong communication skills in English and fluent in Arabic
9. Ability to work as part of a team and live-in challenging field conditions.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Interested candidates who meet the above conditions should forward their CV and covering letter (which should include the contact details for at least three professional references from previous employers to. The Human Resource Office IMA World Health through e-mail jubahr@imaworldhealth.org, or hand delivered to IMA World Health Office Juba County. Deadline for submission is **Tuesday February 7th, 2023, by 5 pm South Sudan Local time.**

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