

Jesuit Refugee Service – South Sudan

PSYCHOSOCIAL OFFICERS - COUNSELLING	
Location: Maban and Renk	
Application Closing Date: 08 th November 2023	
Position: Psychosocial Officer - Counselling (2 Positions)	
Reporting Line: Assistant Psychosocial Coordinator	
Position opened to: South Sudanese Nationals	

Organizational Context:

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organization, with a mission to accompany, serve and defend the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people. JRS has a priority to work wherever the needs of displaced people are urgent and unattended by others and offers a human service to refugees and the communities through a wide range of rehabilitation and relief activities, many of which centred around formal and informal education needs.

Position Description

The JRS psychosocial intervention in Maban/Renk 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. The key areas of the department include individual and group counselling, home visits and material support, youth recreational activities, and physiotherapy/community-based rehabilitation services.

Relying on psychosocial training and best practices, to provide meaningful, professional individual and group counselling in all four camps. This position is also responsible for implementing Basic Mental Health training.

This position requires mastery of counselling, basic psychosocial techniques, understanding of referrals pathway. Ability to conduct training and communicate with groups of people clearly.

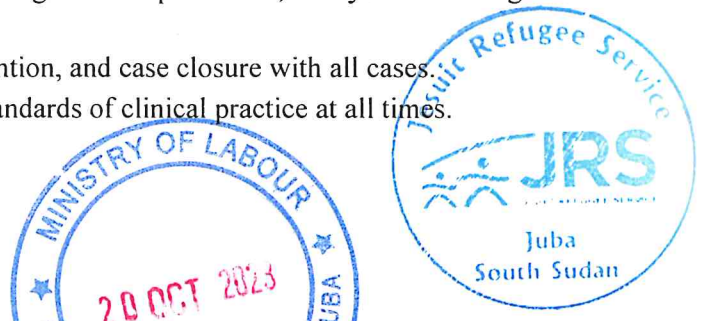
Key Responsibilities

Data Management

- 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 counselling training attendees, utilizing the appropriate database.
- To maintain accurate records of all Basic Mental Health trainings.

Field Activities – Individual Counselling

- To conduct at least 16 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.



Field Activities – Support Groups

- To facilitate SGBV support group in all four camps.
- To facilitate support group for caregivers of children with disabilities in Maban/Renk.
- To facilitate support groups for widows.
- Make accurate assessment for further or outside services.
- To report everything accurately and on time.

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.
- To provide meaningful, interactive trainings in all 4 camps on a timely basis.

Other duties

- Timely completion of the performance management with supervisees.
- Attending all trainings as required.
- Any other assigned duties.

Qualifications & Experience:

Essential:

- Degree in Counselling, Psychology, or related field.
- Minimum of 3 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 with 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.
- Registration to practice with a relevant professional body will be an added advantage.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Proactive and self-motivated.

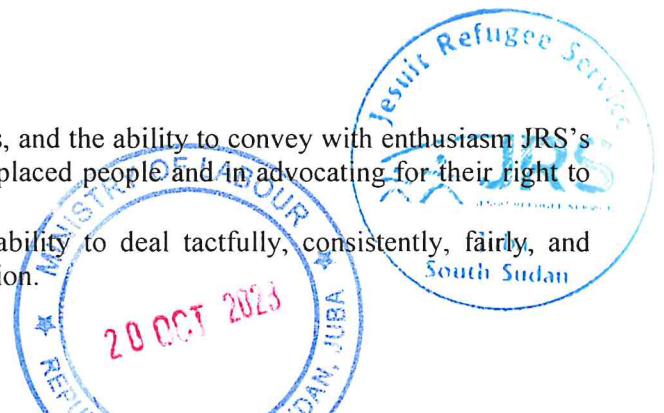
Working Relationships

Internal: Assistant Psychosocial Coordinator (Supervisor), Psychosocial Officers, Physiotherapist, Assistant Psychosocial Officers, Education Officers (school-related work)

External: Protection Partners (HDC focal point, SCI, UNHCR), Camp Management (ACTED) etc. and targeted donors.

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.

How to apply:

Interested candidates should submit the following documents to sds.recruit@jrs.net clearly stating in the subject of the email the base location for example, '*Application for the Position of Psychosocial Officer – Counselling, based in Renk.*' The submission should be done by closure of business (5:00 pm) of **November 8th, 2023.**

1. An updated cover letter demonstrating the candidate's suitability against the ideal Candidate Profile outlined above.
2. A current Curriculum Vitae with three Professional References.
3. A copy of Nationality ID.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the urgent need to fill this position, we will be reviewing the applications on daily basis. Only candidates who apply by the deadline and with the required experience demonstrated will be considered. Also, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and only candidates who progress to the final oral interview stage will be informed of the outcome. **Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.**

Commitment to Child Safeguarding:

JRS is committed to 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.

