



Title or Reference for SOW:  (Activity and/or project name and country)	Communication Officer/Consultant(Immunization)-1position
Name of person generating the SOW.	Southsudan_hr@jsi.com
Name of Consultant (if identified):	N/A
Name & Email of Primary Client:	N/A
Estimated Level of Effort (LOE): (Estimated LOE in number of days)	10months
Period of Performance: (Dates inclusive of prep, travel if applicable, and follow-up)	July 2022 to May 2023
Place of Performance: (Physical location where the majority of the work will be completed)	Location: Greater Bahr El Ghazel and Warrap
Funding: (Source of funds for work)	Project -USAID

**Background and Justification:** (Provide a brief statement that sets the context for the Consultancy; explains why the activity is being undertaken and discusses how it relates to other activities)

USAID MOMENTUM-Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (M-RITE) aims to strengthen routine immunization (RI) programs to overcome the entrenched obstacles contributing to stagnating and declining routine immunization (RI) rates and to address the barriers to reaching zero-dose and under-immunized children with life-saving vaccines. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption of RI services, M-RITE supports countries with the maintenance and adaptation of RI services and provides strategic technical support for COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment in order to protect high risk population.

In South Sudan, Ministry of Health (MoH), with support from immunization partners, have adopted strategies to scaling up COVID-19 vaccination to increase country coverage to 70% of the target population by the end of 2022. This includes mass vaccination drive (MVD) using intensified COVID-19 vaccination optimization plan (ICVOP) and intensification of outreaches/mobile for administering more than 3 million doses of vaccines to the vulnerable population in the Country

RITE / JSI provide technical assistance to State/County and Core Group Polio Partners (CGPP) in 21 counties in three Equatorial States (Central, Eastern and Western) for accelerating the COVID-19 vaccination.

M-RITE is extending this technical Assistance to additional four States of Greater Bahr El Ghazel, Warrapp, Upper Nile and Unity to work with Global Fund Partners including HPF in-terms of capacity building of health workers, supportive supervision, micro planning, building confidence in vaccine acceptance.

M-RITE therefore wises to recruit one Immunization Communication consultant to support two States of Westen Barh El Ghazel and Warrap in-order to strengthen Risk Communication and Community





## Scope of Work



Engagement Activities (RCCE), address vaccine hesitance and increase demand for COVID-19 vaccination including RI for child hood vaccination .

**Purpose and objectives of the consultancy provision:** (Concise overview of the activity including goals and objectives, and explains how the results and products of the activity will be used)

**Purpose:** To provide technical assistance to Global Fund Partners, CSO, State MOH/County Health Department and CGPP on risk communication and community engagement

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Support State/County and CGPP in Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) activities in the Equatorial region
- 2. Support State/County and Global Fund Partners, HPF and CGPP in building the capacity of the existing community-based structure to increase demand generation for adult vaccination
- 3. Support to State/County and partners to ensure the successful implementation of communication activities to improve both COVID-19 vaccination and routine immunization in the Equatorial States.

Consultant Category: (Check all that apply)

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	Finance & Administration	
	Management Visit	
	New Business Development	
	Communications	

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	Child and Newborn Health	Maternal Health	
	FP/RH	M&E (Project- related)	
	Health Care Financing	M&E (Other, including QI/QA):	
	Health Service Delivery	NCDs	
	Health Systems Strengthening	Nutrition	
	HIV	Supply Chain Management	
X Immunization Infectious Disease	WASH		
		Youth & Adolescent Health/OVC	

**Specific Job Descriptions** 



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- Build capacity and support State/County Health Departments' social mobilization and communications teams and CGPP to plans and conduct community dialogue meetings for social mobilization for COVID-19 vaccination
- Support State/County Health Department and CGPP to build capacity on interpersonal communication of Boma Health Promoters (BHP) and Key Informants (KI) for riskcommunication and building community awareness and demand for COVID-19 vaccination
- Support State/County Health Department and CGPP to engage the community leaders and local influential groups to dispel misinformation about COVID-19 vaccination
- Support State/County Health Department and CGPP in organizing health awareness events on days of national and international importance such as International Women's Day, Immunization Days, etc.
- Support State/County Health Department and CGPP to hold periodic journalist briefings on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination
- Work closely work with other partners supporting risk-communication and community involvement (RCCI)
- Communicate regularly (e.g. via email, weekly teleconference calls, Skype) with the Country Team Lead, and share progress reports and documents developed
- Participate in State/County level coordination meetings, such as COVID-19 operational and TWG meetings representing M-RITE/JSI
- Other duties as assigned.

**Final Deliverables Required & Due Dates: (**Deliverable required, method of delivery, estimated schedule for delivery, and to whom the product should be delivered. Specify printed and electronic copies to be provided)

Deliverable	Due Date	
<ul> <li>Monthly activities updates</li> </ul>	Monthly	
<ul> <li>Meeting notes &amp; action items from meetings/events/RCCI activities</li> </ul>	After meetings	
<ul> <li>Trainings and dialogue meetings organized and conducted at State and County level</li> </ul>	Monthly	
<ul> <li>Weekly check-ins with M-RITE/ JSI Country team</li> </ul>	Weekly	

Names/Titles/Emails of Identified Consultants <u>AND/OR</u> Required qualifications of each Consultant and reason for nomination if requesting specific individual:

 Bachelors degree in Community Health, Health Communication or Education and more than five years of experience in the field of health communication, with specialization in behavioral change





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- Masters Degree in related field of Public health, communication, International development, journalist, and health education will be an added advantage
- Experience with designing, field-testing, disseminating behavior change communication materials and messages related to public health program
- Experience in developing training materials and conducting training on health communication programs – preferably for child health programs and immunization for health care personnel at the state/county, health facility, and community levels.
- Experience working with international organizations in a communications role to improve community health needs
- Experience working with the Ministry of Health (MOH) or Ministry of Education and/or NGO
  public health programs with knowledge of the South Sudan MOH structure being an added
  advantage for this position.
- Excellent interpersonal and team skills--demonstrated ability to interact professionally with culturally and linguistically diverse staff, clients, and consultants.
- Ability to work independently, manage multiple tasks concurrently, and meet deadlines with attention to detail and quality.
- Ability to travel extensively in the States with minimum supervision.
- Knowledge of local context and language is an added advantage.
- Knowledge and skills of basic computer programs (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint) is a requirement.

#### Submission details

Qualified and interested candidates should submit application letter and updated CV of less than 5 pages to soutsudan\_hr@jsi.com or drop hard copy to JSI office in Ministry of Health, EPI department NOT later than 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 5:00pm. Late applications shall not be considered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews



