Vacancy Announcement

ASSISTANT NUTRITION OFFICER (NON-RELOCATABLE)
Location: Yambio (Western Equatoria State).
Application Opening Date: October 21st, 2026.
Application Closing Date: November 10th, 2026.
Reporting Line: Senior Food Security & Livelihood Officer.
Position opened to: South Sudanese.

Organizational Context:

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is ministry of the Society of Jesus, incorporated as an international non-governmental organization with a mission to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people. The organization was founded in November 1980 and now has a presence in over 50 Countries. JRS undertakes services at national and regional levels with the support and guidance of an international office (IO) in Rome.

JRS started operating in South Sudan in 1997 in Central and Eastern Equatoria States, mainly focusing on Education. Following the secession of South Sudan from Sudan in July 2011, and in line with its mission, JRS phased out projects in this region during 2012. The post-independence war in 2013 encouraged JRS to restart large integrated programs in Maban County, Renk and Western Equatoria State. All along, JRS mission has been to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees, internally displaced persons and anyone obliged to leave their homes forcefully in South Sudan. JRS main focus areas include Education and Livelihoods, Mental Health and Psycho-social Support, peace building and Reconciliation.

Position Description:

The Assistant Nutrition Officer will be responsible for planning, implementing, monitoring, and supervising the nutrition components of the community-based school feeding project to improve children's nutritional status and learning outcomes in the targeted project areas. The post holder will provide technical guidance and coordinate the implementation of community- and school-based nutrition interventions, ensuring alignment with established standards and best practices. The role requires sound knowledge and experience in community-based nutrition programming, school feeding initiatives, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, community engagement, and collaboration with local stakeholders and community structures. The post holder will also support adherence to Sphere standards, strengthen inter-agency coordination, and facilitate appropriate nutrition referral pathways to ensure effective, inclusive, and sustainable service delivery.



Key Responsibilities:

Project planning, implementation and coordination

- Plan, coordinate, implement, and monitor nutrition interventions under the school feeding project in close collaboration with the JRS project team, established school management committees, relevant school nutrition committees, and local authorities to ensure effective implementation and achievement of project objectives.
- Assess the nutritional needs of school-aged children and recommend appropriate feeding approaches, and provide technical guidance to schools on the planning, procurement, and preparation of balanced, nutritious, and age-appropriate school meals in accordance with established nutritional standards and food safety guidelines.
- Work closely with Education officers and MHPSS officers to train teachers from targeted schools on nutrition-sensitive education and child wellbeing approaches, equipping them with the knowledge and teaching skills required to integrate child nutrition, healthy feeding behaviors, hygiene practices, psychosocial wellbeing, and life skills into everyday learning.
- With support of the Senior FSL Officer, support the establishment of community–school garden partnerships to sustainably produce and strengthen the community-led school feeding program (CBSFP).
- Support schools, school nutrition committees, and school management committees in establishing and effectively managing school-based food reserves through community contributions, ensuring proper food storage, stock management, accountability, and sustainable support for school feeding activities.
- Using the school gardens, organize practical nutrition lessons for school children, providing hands-on opportunities for children to learn about nutrient-rich crops, climate-smart food production techniques and the importance of consuming locally available nutritious foods.
- Conduct quarterly nutrition screening exercises in all targeted schools to systematically assess and monitor the nutritional status of learners and link them to relevant partners for further nutritional support or treatment to improve their wellbeing and learning readiness.
- Organize community-based sensitization and training sessions for women caregivers to strengthen their knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding child nutrition and wellbeing using practical training and behavior change methods.
- Together with Education officers, organize gender-inclusive education and nutrition campaigns, community dialogues, and awareness-raising sessions across targeted school catchment areas, providing safe and inclusive platforms for parents, caregivers, teachers, school management committees, women, youth, and local leaders to meaningfully discuss issues affecting child education, protection and overall wellbeing to promote a shared understanding of the interconnected problems and identify locally driven solutions.
- Strengthening school governance and accountability structures within targeted schools by establishing and training members drawn from School Nutrition Committees, School Management Committees, Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs), and school leadership structures, creating a foundation for local ownership, effective management, and long-term sustainability of nutrition-responsive education project.
- Provide training and ongoing technical support to school feeding cooks, Nutrition Champions, and relevant community members on nutrition, food preparation, hygiene, food safety, and healthy dietary practices.
- Provide technical guidance to schools and supported households on nutrition-sensitive agricultural production, including the cultivation of diverse, nutrient-rich foods to improve dietary diversity and support sustainable school feeding initiatives.



- Develop, coordinate, and monitor nutrition action plans for the school feeding project, ensuring alignment with project objectives, identified nutritional needs, and approved nutrition standards and guidelines.
- In coordination and collaboration with MHPSS officers, provide structured psychosocial wellbeing sessions designed to help children cope with stress, trauma, displacement-related challenges, and other factors that negatively affect learning and development.
- Actively participates in Nutrition Cluster coordination forums and other relevant humanitarian coordination forums at field level to strengthen program visibility, promote information sharing and cross-sector collaboration, identify emerging needs and response gaps, and contribute to joint planning, coordination, and the exchange of best practices and lessons learned

Program monitoring, accountability and learning

- Support monitoring of nutrition sensitive indicators through informed project impact assessment and documentation using appropriate nutrition-sensitive assessment methodologies.
- Conduct regular field visits to monitor the implementation of nutrition activities against approved work plans, targets, indicators, and quality standards. Document progress, identify implementation gaps and challenges, recommend corrective actions, and provide timely reports to inform project management decision-making.
- Prepare and submit accurate, timely, and evidence-based monthly project updates and reports using approved reporting tools, templates, and organizational standards.
- Contribute to monthly field-level nutrition cluster reporting and inter-agency coordination by sharing relevant project updates, lessons learned, and good practices to promote knowledge exchange, strengthen coordination, and improve the quality of nutrition programming.

Education qualifications, Experience & Skills required:

- **Academic Qualifications:** A university diploma in Nutrition, Public Health, Health Sciences, Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), or a related field is required. A bachelor's degree in nutrition, Public Health, or a relevant discipline will be an added advantage.
- **Professional Experience:** At least 2 years of relevant professional experience working with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), preferably in nutrition, public health, food security, school feeding, or community-based programming.
- **Technical Experience:** Demonstrated experience supporting the implementation of nutrition, health, and FSL program in South Sudan, preferably in humanitarian or community-based settings.
- **Nutrition Screening and Assessment:** Sound knowledge and practical experience in conducting nutrition screening and identifying individuals at risk of malnutrition, using appropriate anthropometric measurements and established screening protocols.
- **Organizational and Teamwork Skills:** Strong planning, coordination, time-management, and problem-solving skills, with the ability to work independently, meet deadlines, and collaborate effectively with multidisciplinary teams in challenging field environments.
- **Monitoring, Reporting and Documentation:** Experience collecting, compiling, verifying, and maintaining accurate nutrition programme data, including screening results, training attendance, activity reports, and beneficiary information.
- **Language skills:** Proficiency in English (both written and spoken) and ability to communicate fluently in the local language (Pazande) will be a plus.

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- **Computer literacy skills** – MS Office applications, word and excel.
- **Commitment to JRS's mission, vision and values**: the ability to convey with enthusiasm JRS's role in accompanying and serving forcibly displaced people and to advocate for their right to protection and a life in dignity.
- **Accountability:** Hold self-accountable for making decisions, managing resources efficiently, achieving and role modelling JRS values.
- **Collaboration:** Build and maintains effective relationships with team members, partners' staff and other stakeholders in the field.
- **Creativity:** Develops and encourages new and innovative solutions.
- **Integrity:** Honest, encourages openness and transparency in day-to-day work.

How to apply:

Interested candidates should submit their applications online through sds.recruit@jrs.net or drop hard copy to JRS South Sudan Field Office in Yambio located opposite Seventh Day Adventist Compound near Usumo Primary School in Hai Kisanga, please indicate the Job title clearly on the email subject or the cover of your envelop addressing to HR Department, JRS South Sudan, application deadline is as indicated above (**November 10th, 2026) at 5:00 PM.** The documents required are the following: -

1. An updated cover letter demonstrating your suitability against your ideal profile outlined above.
2. A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) with three Professional Referees.
3. A copy of National ID.
4. A Labour Card obtained from State Ministry of Labour in Yambio.

PLEASE NOTE: Application screening will be on daily basis due to the urgent need to fill the position and only candidates who meet the Job requirements will be considered, shortlisted candidates will tentatively be contacted before the deadline date for a first phase of Interview which will be a Written Interview and those successful during the Written Interview shall be invited for Oral Interview in which case is the second phase. **Female candidates are strongly 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 from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH)

JRS South Sudan takes the protection from sexual exploitation, abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) serious, and all JRS South Sudan personnel and volunteers are expected to comply with JRS' PSEAH policy and are to sign declaration of commitment.

