

Jesuit Refugee Service – South Sudan

PSYCHOSOCIAL OFFICER – REHABILITATION AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

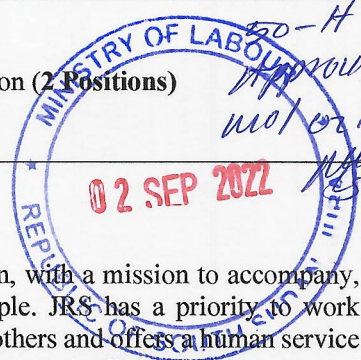
Location: Maban, South Sudan

Application Closing Date: 22nd September 2022

Position: Psychosocial Officer – Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education (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

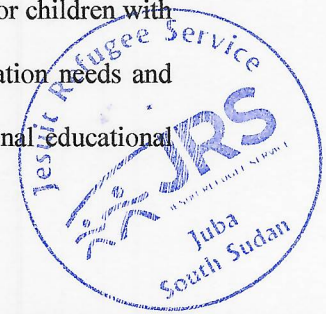
JRS' Psychosocial Department offers a range of services to people who have been displaced in 4 refugee camps in Maban, the Upper Nile Region of South Sudan. JRS Psychosocial services also reach the host community of the same location. The JRS psychosocial intervention in Maban uses a multi-layered response with focus on provision of basic services, re-establishing community networks and support systems and providing focused services for most vulnerable groups. Services include home visits, groups, material support, individual counselling, training in basic mental health and counselling, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, and distribution of mobility assistive devices.

As part of the MHPSS team, this position will bring new skills and expertise to expand and support Inclusive Education in the JRS' Maban operation including but not limited to assessment for children with disabilities who meet the criteria for enrolment into school, educators and JRS staff training, caregivers and community engagement, advocacy etc.

Key Responsibilities

Under the management of the Assistant MHPSS Coordinator (Rehabilitation), main tasks for the Inclusion Officer will be the following:

- Supporting the rehabilitation team in the identification of children who meet the criterial for enrolment into school in close collaboration with the Assistant MHPSS Coordinator – Rehabilitation.
- Supporting measures that are specific to the children with special needs, supporting the educators in finding solution to remove barriers for learning and participation.
- Ensuring the correct reporting on children with disabilities (CWDs) including liaising with the caregivers and educators on school attendance.
- Developing or improving special education needs tools for children with disabilities in close collaboration with the Assistant MHPSS Coordinator - Rehabilitation and the MHPSS Coordinator.
- Take lead in the special education needs assessment process of the learners with disabilities.
- Overseeing the implementation of Individualized Educational/Inclusion Plan for children with disabilities.
- Monitoring and documenting the progress of the learners with special education needs and discussing with teachers and parents.
- Supporting the educators in monitoring the progress of CWDs with additional educational needs.



- Conducting sensitization activities for teachers, caregivers, and the community on stigma and discrimination linked to living with a disability.
- Guiding the incentive workers and other JRS staff to work with children with disabilities, families, and communities.
- Spearhead the training and coaching of the JRS team, building their capacities on disability and inclusive education.
- Supporting in the development of internal and donor reports.
- Conduct referral and engage with different partners in Maban under the guidance of the Assistant MHPSS Coordinator - Rehabilitation and the MHPSS Coordinator.

Qualifications & Experience:

Essential:

- ✓ Degree or higher diploma in special needs education, inclusive education, or related field.
- ✓ At least 3 years of relevant work experience in special needs education and inclusive learning strategies
- ✓ Experience in working in a multi-disciplinary humanitarian environment
- ✓ Demonstrated ability to organize and mobilize groups of people; able to conduct training and communicate to 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
- ✓ Should be well versed with the South Sudan Inclusive Education Framework and Child Protection Policies.
- ✓ Excellent analytical and report writing skills
- ✓ Advanced communication skills. Excellent oral and written proficiency in English and Arabic.
- ✓ Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel
- ✓ Proactive and self-motivated

Working Relationships

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

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

Submission Requirements

Please send your CV and a cover letter that indicates what skills and experience you have that meets the criteria and your availability. The CV (maximum 3 pages) should include contacts (phone and email) for three referees. Please note that only official email addresses for referees will be accept. Kindly send



the application to sds.recruit@jrs.net by **5:00pm** closing date **22nd September 2022**. The subject of the email should be 'Psychosocial Officer – Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education'.

PLEASE NOTE: due to urgent need to fill this vacant position, we will be reviewing the application as we receive. Only candidates who apply by the deadline and who can demonstrate experience of Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education processes should apply. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and only candidates who progress to the final oral interview stage will be informed of interview outcome. **Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.**

Commitment to Child Safeguarding:

JRS is committed to the 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.

