

Jesuit Refugee Service – South Sudan

ASSISTANT PSYCHOSOCIAL COORDINATOR FOR COUNSELLING

Location: Maban, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

Application Closing Date: 28th May 2021

Position opened to: Internationals and nationals with at least 5 years continuous experience working with international NGOs and with large institutional donors.

Salary Range & Benefits: To be discussed with successful candidate

Organizational Context:

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is a 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 service is human and spiritual, working in situations of greatest need, seeking the long-term well-being of refugees and displaced people while not neglecting their immediate or urgent needs. The main services provided are in the field of education, emergency assistance, and psychosocial support and livelihood activities. Currently, more than 724,000 individuals are direct beneficiaries of JRS projects.

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, as well as various supports for children with disabilities.

Position Description:

JRS is seeking to recruit a suitable candidate for the position of **Assistant Psychosocial Coordinator for Counselling**. The Assistant Coordinator is responsible for mentoring and supervising the Counselling team as well as building a culture of clinical and professional excellence with the team so that they meet the global and JRS standards of mental health and psychosocial support services. The incumbent of this role also develops and leads in adaptations of counselling tools, protocols, and curricula so they are relevant and culturally appropriate to meet the psychosocial needs of persons we serve.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage, mentor, and supervise JRS Maban Counselling Services Team.
- Support individual members of the team with regular supportive clinical supervision.
- Provide technical assistance and support to complex individual counselling cases and Support Groups.
- Manage data and record-keeping of counselling sessions and support group meetings
- Prepare reports on activities of the Counselling Services Team and contribute to project reporting, project planning, and project implementation.
- Contribute to the professional development of other team members through training and mentorship.
- Take lead in the follow-up and documentation of the psychosocial referral systems in conjunction with the Psychosocial Department Coordinator.
- Enhance quality of services by accomplishing new and different requests and exploring opportunities to add value to job accomplishments.
- Liaise and work with other JRS partners as appropriate and as delegation permits.

Language

- Strong command over written and verbal communication in English/Arabic is most preferable.

Qualifications and experience

- Degree in Social Work, Counselling, Psychology, or related field
- Minimum of 5 years of work experience in individual counselling, group counselling, or similar field
- Experience in MHPSS services in emergency settings and strong familiarity with evidence-based psychological tools and interventions which include the Psychological First Aid, mhGAP, Interpersonal Therapy, Self-Help Plus, Problem Management Plus, etc....
- Experience working with marginalized or displaced populations
- Strong experience providing supportive clinical supervision to counselling staff
- Excellent oral and written English skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel
- Excellent skills in training individuals or groups of people
- Patience, perseverance, and ability to work flexibly in stressful environments and a simple lifestyle
- Proactive and self-motivated

Working Relationships

Internal: Psychosocial Coordinator (Supervisor), Program Manager, Psychosocial Officers, Physiotherapists, Assistant Psychosocial Officers, Education Officers (school-related work)

External: Protection Partners (HDC, SCI, UNHCR), Health Partners (MSF, RI, CordAid), Camp Management (ACTED), targeted donors

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 professional referees. Please note that only official email addresses for referees will be accept. Kindly send the application to sds.recruit@jrs.net by 5pm South Sudan local time closing date 28th May 2021 or hand delivery to JRS-Juba, South Sudan office in Tamping next to India Embassy.

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 overall strategic Psychosocial management processes should apply, this position is open to Internationals and nationals with at least 5 years continuous experience working with an international NGOs and with large institutional donors. only short-listed candidates will be contact and only candidates who reached to final oral interview will be inform 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.