EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Unit is an internationally recognised centre of excellence with dominant research themes in the areas of HIV and emerging infections, vaccines and immunity, and chronic diseases and cancer. Through a multidisciplinary approach, intersecting basic science, epidemiological research, social-behavioural research and the conduct of new intervention evaluation studies, the Unit contributes knowledge on changing epidemics and diseases, the evaluation of innovative health care options, treatment and prevention and the development of health policy and practice in Africa and worldwide. Following the signing of strategic transfer agreements between the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the Medical Research Council (MRC UK), the Unit formally joined LSHTM on 1st February 2018. The exciting new partnership will boost research capacity into current and emerging health issues in Africa and throughout the world. The Unit is based at the UVRI Entebbe campus with established outposts in Kalungu, Masaka, Wakiso and Kampala Districts. The Unit is now seeking an enthusiastic and experienced individual to fill the following position:

Field Worker (01 Position)
Position Code: FW -8202
Reports to: Principal Investigator
Station: Homebased/Office/Luwero
Duration: 4 Months, renewable subject to availability of funds.

Job Purpose:
To conduct interviews, capture quality data and support the implementation of the Contexts of Violence in Adolescence Cohort Study (CoVAC).

Roles & Responsibilities

- Contribute to aspects of the qualitative study design and methods;
- Conduct qualitative interviews, focus group discussions and other qualitative data collection and participatory methods with children and adolescents in schools and communities participating in the CoVAC study;
- Transcribe and translate interviews data from Luganda into English, when necessary;
- Provide ongoing timely feedback to the CoVAC senior researchers about data collection activities;
- Spend majority of time in Luwero district carrying out data collection and transcribing activities;
- Liaise with local partners, negotiate access to schools and communities;
- Manage logistical details of the study;
- Ensure strict adherence to data protection, quality and ethical guidelines;
- Refer, record and follow up child protection issues with referral partners when necessary as per protocol;
• Ensure all the documentation is maintained as per protocol;
• Partake in all training and debriefing of research activities; and,
• Any other relevant task assigned by the supervisor to support the implementation of the CoVAC study.

**Person Specification**

• Bachelor’s degree in Social sciences or related;
• Certificate in health education/health promotion, GCP, counselling, research methods are an added advantage;
• Experience carrying out similar work preferably in a medical research setting;
• Experience carrying out quantitative and/or qualitative research;
• Experienced in qualitative data collection methods included open-ended questioning and probing;
• Interest, experience and comfort in working on violence against children and young people issues, sexuality and gender;
• Experience of working with children and/or adolescents plus handling child protection issues is desirable;
• Experience working with children and/or adolescents in Luwero district, Uganda is an added advantage. You must be willing to spend prolong periods of time based in Luwero (and possibly other districts) and work independently and work to flexible and unsocial hours;
• Fluent in (written and spoken) Luganda and English;
• User knowledge in computer applications; and,
• Good communication and interpersonal skills.

**How to Apply**

Follow the link below to fill a form and submit your application documentation:

[https://redcap.link/FieldWorkerQual](https://redcap.link/FieldWorkerQual)

_Filling the form more than once will lead to automatic disqualification. High level of integrity while filling the form is required and will be considered during shortlisting._

Deadline for application is **9th September 2020, 5:00pm**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview. This position is open to Ugandan nationals only. Strictly follow the application procedure as failure to do so will lead to automatic disqualification.

**The applications should be addressed to:**

The Head of Human Resources,
MRC/ UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit,
P.O. Box, 49,
Entebbe, Uganda.

Consider your application unsuccessful if not contacted within eight (8) weeks after the closing date of the advert. Any form of lobbying at any stage will lead to automatic disqualification. By submitting your personal information, you consent to the MRC/ UVRI and LSHTM Uganda Research Unit holding and using it in accordance with its recruitment policy and procedure. The Unit reserves the right to verify documents attached with the relevant awarding institutions to authenticate their validity.

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