UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



MINISTRY OF HEALTH



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

JOB ADVERTISEMENT DATE: 10[™] JANUARY, 2025

1. BACKGROUND

The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) is a Parastatal Organization established by Act of Parliament No. 23 of 1979 (CAP.59, R.E.2002) and became operational in 1980. NIMR-Mwanza Research Centre is one of the NIMR Centers located in the Mwanza region. The Centre is currently conducting research on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), and other diseases of public health importance.

The National Institute for Medical Research is looking for a qualified, experienced, and wellmotivated person to fill the position of Project Coordinator for Parent App for Teens at NIMR Mwanza Centre.

2. PARENT APP FOR EARLY YEARS:

NIMR is collaborating with the University of Oxford, UK and the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and REPSSI to conduct a feasibility individual randomized controlled trial of Parent App for the Early Years, which will operate as three linked sub-studies, each recruiting caregivers with children from three different age groups, (third trimester of pregnancy-9months; 10months-4yrs11months; 5years-9years) with aligned design and measures. Data will be collected to provide insight into the level and patterns of engagement with the app and potential barriers and facilitators to participation and engagement. This study will provide insight into how parenting programs can be delivered over digital platforms to reach vulnerable parents and families that do not require costly resources or complex logistics. The study will be conducted in the Dar es Salaam region.

3.0 JOB POSITION: PROJECT COORDINATOR (1 POST)

The post holder will be responsible for organizing the fieldwork, training data collectors, supervising data collection, and reports writing.

3.1 **REPORTING:** The post holder will report to the Project Principal Investigator

3.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- I. To assist the PIs in developing research protocols and pretesting and piloting data collection tools;
- II. To participate in developing the capacity of junior project staff including training of data collectors;
- III. To plan and supervise data collection in Dar Es Salaam region;
- IV. To periodically conduct quality checks of the data;
- V. To liaise with the local PI and the data management team for prompt data collection, transmission, and processing;
- VI. To assist in monitoring the data routinely to ensure saturation of the salient data themes;
- VII. To participate in writing up of manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed journals;
- VIII. To prepare progress and final evaluation report(s);
- IX. To ensure proper utilization of the project resources and properties (including funds

and vehicles);

- X. To liaise with the Accounts unit in completing financial reports;
- XI. To liaise with project designers to supervise workshops and other project activities; and
- XII. To perform any other relevant related duties as may be assigned by the Supervisor.

4 QUALIFICATION AND COMPETENCE:

- *I.* Master qualification in Public Health, Epidemiology, or Early Child development
- II. Experience in research in digital interventions, and child development
- III. Excellent written and oral communication skills in both English and Kiswahili
- IV. To work as part of a multidisciplinary research team
- *V.* Proven managerial, organizational, and report-writing skills
- VI. Experience writing peer-reviewed publications.

5 TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE POSTS:

One (1) year employment contract which may be renewed based on performance and mutual agreement.

6 **DUTY STATION**:

The successful candidate will be based at NIMR Mwanza Centre and regularly visits the study site in Dar es Salaam.

7 COMPENSATION:

A competitive salary will be offered to the successful candidate as per the project budget.

MODE OF APPLICATION:

- I. Application letters should be written in English;
- II. Applicants must attach **certified** copies of Birth Certificates, academic certificates, and other awards;
- III. Application letters should be attached with curriculum vitae which includes not less than two relevant referees' contacts;
- IV. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted; and
- V. The closing date for applications will be 14 days after the first appearance of this advertisement.

All applications should be addressed to:

Director General,

C/O Centre Manager

National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

Mwanza Centre,

P.O.BOX 1462,

Mwanza. Or through email: mwanza@nimr.or.tz

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2. BRIGHT-SAM RESEARCH PROJECT

The Institute is collaborating with Rigshospitalet (Danish National Hospital), London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University of Liverpool to conduct a clinical trial to test the effects of novel Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) and a program of psychosocial stimulation on cognitive and nutritional outcomes among malnourished children in Mwanza region. Therefore, the Institute is inviting applications from motivated and suitably qualified Tanzanian candidates to fill the following positions.

A. JOB POSITION: Clinical Officer (5 posts) REPORTING TO: Project Principal Investigator

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. To perform clinical examinations;
- ii. To collect clinical data using approved questionnaires; and
- iii. To perform any other study-related duty as may be advised by supervisors

QUALIFICATION AND COMPETENCE

i. Diploma in Medicine from recognized institution and holding a practicing license from Medical Council of Tanganyika;

- ii. At least two or more years work experience in clinical research;
- iii. Excellent written and oral communications skills in Kiswahili and English;
- iv. Computer literacy; and
- v. Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training

B. JOB POSITION: Assistant Nursing Officer (6 posts)

REPORTING TO: Project Principal Investigator

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. To do phlebotomy for various tests;
- ii. To do clinical examinations, blood pressure measurements of recruited children;
- iii. To do anthropometric measurements among recruited children;
- iv. To assist in conducting nutritional screening for malnourished children in communities served by a recruitment hospital/ health Centre;
- v. To administer data collection tools using electronic devices; and
- vi. To perform any other study-related duty as may be advised by supervisor

QUALIFICATION AND COMPETENCE

- i. A Diploma-level training in nursing from recognized training institution and holding a practicing license;
- ii. At least two or more years work experience in nursing or clinical research;
- iii. Experience in drawing blood for investigations from children below five years of age;
- iv. Experience in conducting anthropometric measurements in children including screening for Severe Acute Malnutrition;
- v. Excellent written and oral communications skills in Kiswahili and English;
- vi. Computer literacy; and
- vii. Good Clinical Practice (GCP) training

TERMS OF SERVICE:

One year contract which may be renewed on the basis of performance and mutual agreement.

DUTY STATION:

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