



Centre for Microbiology Research

**KEMRI- RCTP**

## **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Opening Date: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2022**

### **Background Information:**

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), in collaboration with the University of Washington is currently conducting a research piloting HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) Integration into Services for Early Pregnancy Loss among Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in 4 health facilities (public and private) within Kisumu County. The PrEDIRA 2 Study is currently looking for a mature, motivated individual to fill in the following position:

### **1. Position: Research Assistant (1 Position) KMR 7 Vacancy No. FN-003-01-2022**

**Reports to: Study Coordinator**

**Location: Kisumu**

**Duration: 9 months**

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Register and consent study participants and assist with eligibility determination, screening and enrolment of study participants.
- Informed Consent administration per study protocol and collection of participant medical, surgical and reproductive history.
- Work in consultation with the study TAs in all steps above.
- Provide contraceptive counselling, HIV/AIDS counselling and testing and STI risk reduction assessment counselling and support.
- Pre-screening and screening of participants.
- Support in health talks to participants at the clinic and mobilization sources.
- Perform pelvic exams, cervical cancer screening, contraceptive counselling administration and removals.
- Respond to questions about the study posed by participants and the community in consultation with the study doctor.
- Ensure participant retention and adhere to site retention strategies.
- Maintain a good relationship with the community, study participants and other clinic staff.
- Maintain up to date participant visit notes.
- Administer Case Report Forms (CRFs), accurate recording of data on CRFs and perform self QC.
- Perform phlebotomy on all study participants.
- Assess adherence to study products and take anthropometric measurements.
- Develop and review clinic related SOPs.

- Laboratory results interpretation.
- Prepare weekly and monthly progress reports of personal study activities.
- Closely work with other staff members to ensure the success of the study.

### **Qualifications**

- Diploma in Nursing - Registered Community Health Nurse (KRCHN) with extensive and recent hands-on clinical experience.
- **MUST** be registered with the Nursing officer's Council of Kenya.

### **Required Experience**

- More than two (2) years Clinical research experience.
- Knowledge of HIV prevention and treatment services.
- Good Clinical Practice training/Human Subjects Protection training in mental Health/Psychiatry Nursing, is an added advantage.

### **Other Required Skills**

- Commitment to integrity and high quality performance.
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to work in a team.
- Keen and attentive to detail.
- Ability to follow instructions and procedures.
- Articulate in both verbal and written communication in English and Swahili.
- Counselling skills.
- Computer literacy.

### **How to apply**

- a) All applicants must meet each selection criteria detailed in the minimum requirements.
- b) Must include a current CV with names of at least three referees.
- c) Must include copies of academic and professional certificates.

A duly signed application letter indicating the vacancy reference with copies of documents listed above should be sent to: **hrrctp@kemri-ucsf.org** no later than **21<sup>st</sup> February, 2022**

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**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted**