



Centre for Microbiology Research

KEMRI- RCTP

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: 8th March, 2022

Background Information:

The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), in collaboration with the University of California, San Francisco is currently conducting a research project asking health care providers and patients the best ways to communicate support for tobacco use cessation for people living with HIV who are receiving care Kisumu. The goal is to develop an intervention to support quitting that will be integrated into HIV care. We have the below vacancies in the HIV tobacco use cessation study.

1. Position: Research Assistant (1 Position) KMR 7 Vacancy No. FN-006-03-2022

Reports to: Study Coordinator

Location: Kisumu

Duration: 6 Months

Qualifications:

- Minimum of a diploma in public health or social science related field. A degree in social sciences or related studies will be an added advantage
- At least 2 years' experience in conducting qualitative interviews, translation and transcription of qualitative data.
- Experience interviewing health care workers and stakeholders in health.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Making initial contacts with potential study subjects and introducing them to the study.
- Consenting the study respondents prior to the interviews and group discussions.
- Facilitate/moderate focused group discussions.
- Note taking and writing debriefing reports for all the FGDs conducted.
- Ensuring safety of data collection tools and equipment assigned.
- Accurate and prompt study documentation.
- Transport Reimbursement for participant
- Other duties as assigned by the Study Coordinator

Other required skills

- Must be keen and attentive to details and have ability to follow instructions and procedures properly.
- Excellent written and verbal communication required.
- Must be non-judgmental and flexible to mix with all cadres of people
- Prior working knowledge of digital Health Information Systems is desired
- Must have good interpersonal skills, flexible and a team player.

Reports to: Study Coordinator

Location: Kisumu

Duration: 6 Months

Qualifications

- Minimum of bachelor's degree in social science disciplines, particularly sociology and anthropology from a recognized university
- Possession of a Master's degree in the above disciplines from a recognized university will be an added advantage

Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop an in-depth understanding of study design and goals, and ensure that the study is conducted in compliance with study protocols and other regulatory requirements.
- Identify and mobilize eligible participants for the interviews
- Work closely with the study coordinators to prepare weekly interview schedules
- Conduct qualitative interviews among participants
- Assist in transcription and translation of the collected data
- Take lead in developing codebook and coding of transcripts
- Provide regular progress reports to the study coordinators
- Assist in coordinating community advisory group (CAG) meetings
- Ensure the smooth and efficient day-to-day operation of research and data collection activities
- Participate in regular research team meetings
- Respond to questions about the study posed by participants and any other relevant persons
- Lead and/or collaborate in the analysis of qualitative data and the preparation of reports to funders and for peer-reviewed journals
- Disseminate and present research findings for information and advocacy to government officials, health professionals, and community leaders
- Disseminate and present research findings at national and international meetings

Additional desirable qualities

- Knowledge and experience in community entry strategies
- Knowledge in qualitative data cleaning and coding
- Commitment to integrity and high-quality performance
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing in both English and Swahili
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to work in a team
- Keen and attentive to detail
- Ability to follow instructions and procedures
- Ability to work well under pressure with minimal supervision
- Flexibility to travel and interview participants in time and place of their convenience

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.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted

