



KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Vacancy No. CGHR/397/01/24

Project description: The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) will be conducting a large community-based study on Effect of housing modification on indoor thermal comfort and malaria vector densities in hot and humid zones of western and coastal Kenya. The project seeks to fill the following position:

Position: Research Scientist

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(6 Positions)

Location: Siaya and Kwale Counties

Reporting to: Principal Investigator

Job Summary: The successful candidate will work with the Principal Investigator to conduct the social science research, which is aimed at understanding the factors that could affect successful implementation of house modification study. Social science methods will include Focused Group Discussions, Key Informant Interviews, KAP surveys, free-listing, rating, ranking and night time member observation. The research will be carried out in Siaya and Kwale counties.

a) Job description

- Conduct Focused Group Discussions (FGDs), Key Informant Interviews (KII) in the study community.
- Transcribe and translate audio files and submit typed transcripts including interview summary notes to the study PI in timely manner.
- Review transcripts for any spelling, grammar or formatting errors, as well as other inconsistencies.
- Administer survey questionnaires in the study population.
- Adhere to confidentiality guidelines and respecting sensitive information.
- Ensure that data quality assurance procedures are strictly adhered to.
- Participate in planning meetings and scheduled conference calls with PI and study partners.
- Perform any other related duties that may be assigned from time to time.

b) Essential requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, Sociology, Community Health and/ development, Social work or related Social Science discipline from a recognized institution.
- Fluency in both oral and written Luo/ Mijikenda-Digo languages.
- Strong written and oral communication skills in English and Kiswahili.
- High proficiency with Microsoft Word.
- Ability to ride a motorcycle.
- Willingness to reside in field study site.

c) Key Skills and Competences

- Planning skills
- Communication and reporting skills

- Interpersonal skills
- Team player

Terms of employment: This is a **three (3) years contract, renewable subject to availability of funds**, with a probation period for the first 3 months. Salary is as per the stated scale and applicable scheme of service.

Application must include;

- a) Application letter (stating the vacancy number)
- b) Current curriculum Vitae with Telephone number and e-mail address,
- c) Three letters of reference with contact telephone numbers;
- d) Copies of academic and professional certificates.

All the applications to be addressed to Deputy Director, CGHR, P. O. Box 1578-40100 Kisumu and submit by **post to the above address** before **March 5, 2024**.

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