1. **Background information**

Makerere University College of Health Sciences School of Public Health has been identified by WHO to host the AfricaTobacco Control Resource Centre within the WHO TF1 Project to serve 5 countries over a period of 3 years. The WHO is intensifying efforts to build capacity in Africa for tobacco control policy and programmes. The overall aim of the efforts is to ensure that African countries are able to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

Once fully established the Resource Centre will work with governments and partner organizations to develop new and innovative tobacco control strategies against tobacco use. The resource center is a unique model initiated by WHO and her international partners, and will engage with African Stakeholders in Tobacco Control and take forward the implementation of the tobacco control measures including WHO/MPOWER and WHO-FCTC. The centre is justified by limited international and regional tobacco control efforts in Africa including limited funding and weak tobacco control policies.

The goal of the Resource Center is to reduce the burden of diseases due to tobacco through implementation of evidence based tobacco control strategies. In view of the afore mentioned, Makerere University School of Public Health is seeking to hire a **Tobacco Control Specialist** as part of the Resource centre staff with requirements outlined below;

2. **Overall responsibility:** Provide technical leadership and support to the government and other relevant stakeholders through the Resource Centre on tobacco control initiatives. This position will work closely with other experts, WHO teams and national tobacco control project officers. Reports to the Resource centre Manager

   a. **Specific Responsibilities**

   - Provide technical expertise and knowledge in tobacco control

   - Ensure that the most up-to-date information on evidence-based tobacco control interventions and policies are integrated into all aspects of the Resource Centre activities and planning processes

   - Identify and share best practices on tobacco control interventions, policies, legislation, regulations and strategies for national programs as a basis for strategic planning and program direction for the Resource Centre and supported countries

   - Assist in the adaptation and translation of effective global tobacco control interventions, policies and regulations and normative guidelines to the African context, taking into account specific situational factors in supported countries
• Develop and maintain a pool of tobacco control experts in the Africa region
• Serve as a liaison with other key tobacco control experts and actors in the Africa region
• Build internal capacity and knowledge of tobacco control interventions, policies and regulations for Resource Centre staff
• Ensure the activities are carried out in a timely manner, to a high quality in accordance with project design.
• Contribute to the preparation of high quality and timely programme proposals in response to needs in collaboration with the operational departments.
• Participates to monitoring missions in the field if needed.
• Contribute to the budgeting and planning process.

b. Other
Undertake any other assignment as required.

3. Professional/Personal Requirements
   a. Essential Requirements
   • Masters degree in Public Health, Development Studies or similar disciplines with at least three years post qualification experience is an essential requirement
   • Experience of two to three years working in a tobacco control program is an essential requirement. Knowledge of WHO-FCTC and other tobacco control initiatives is an added advantage
   • Demonstrable evidence of understanding government systems
   • Excellent management and personnel skills to enable the motivation, encouragement and participation of the operational departments and local partners
   • Ability to develop online / distance Learning public health programs
   • Fluent in spoken and written English. Knowledge of French is an added advantage
   • Good computer skills (Outlook, Excel, Word, Power Point)
   • Experience in capacity assessments, program development and technical advice to ministries of health on tobacco control.
   • Willingness and ability to travel for technical assistance and monitoring visits

b. Desirable Requirements
• Certification in Tobacco Control
• Excellent communication skills
• Experience in advocacy, outreach, policy issues
• At least 3 year's previous legislative and programmatic experience in Public Health preferably on tobacco control

• Ability to work in a multi social cultural and political environment

The contract is for a period of 3 years.

Applications should be sent to the following address by August 10, 2011;

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