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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY
Enabling Platforms for Maternal Immunization: Uganda (ENABLING PROJECT)**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Background

Makerere University College of Health Sciences-MAKCHS- Centre of Excellence in Women's Health in collaboration with Makerere University-Johns Hopkins University (MU-JHU) Care Limited received funding from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; **Enabling Platforms for Maternal Immunization: Uganda** to develop a readiness agenda for the provision of maternal immunization for new vaccines in Uganda. The Project aims to identify, characterize, and support the delivery platform, policy, and preparedness requirements for introducing new maternal vaccines. This investment will be one of several to form, guide, and champion a Maternal Immunization consortium – a consortium that is developed and led by the Global South. Makerere University College of Health Sciences seeks to recruit suitable candidates for the following positions;

Available Positions: Social Scientist, Team Lead (01)

Duty Station: Kampala

Engagement: Full Time

Reporting to: Principal Investigator and Senior Social Scientist.

Job Summary:

The Social Scientist will be responsible for contributing to the social science team under the supervision of the designated team leader to develop a Maternal Vaccine Trial.

Key Duties and Responsibilities/ Performance Indicators.

Implementation of Study Protocol;

- Design and conduct focus groups and key informant interviews regarding maternal vaccine knowledge, perceptions, barriers, and enablers.

- Analyze results from focus group and key informant interviews using appropriate qualitative analyses, interpret findings and write reports, presentations and publications to guide future activities and community engagement programmes.
- Work with the data management team to analyse data collected through surveys
- Develop, deliver and evaluate a programme of creative and culturally relevant public engagement focused on immunity, vaccination and infections in pregnancy informed and in partnership with local communities, with relevance to a global audience based on the findings from qualitative and quantitative.
- Ensure well-planned activities are implemented to engage all relevant stakeholders using consistent and appropriate messaging and approaches.
- Train and set up teams at the hospital and community level to manage community engagement activities and coordinate all national-level meetings.
- Coordinate the development of communication and training material regarding maternal and infant vaccination.
- Enable consistent and accurate communication regarding stakeholder engagement activities and their intended outcomes internally as well as be responsible for the oversight management.
- Develop, maintain and manage relationships with key personnel, and partner organizations including scientific, creative, community and patient partners.
- Liaise with research stakeholders, informing them of progress in data collection and analysis; and discussing findings and next steps.

Financial Management;

- Guide the development of detailed implementation plans and budgets which can be used to plan activities and monitor their progress.

Line Management and Administration;

- Supervise and manage the performance of Social Scientist Research Associates
- Attend study meetings/training and any relevant Makchs/MU-JHU meetings/trainings scheduled.
- Maintaining required GCP and HSP training and documentation and any needed professional accreditation.
- Perform any other related duties as may be assigned by the relevant supervisors.

Required Qualifications, experience, skills and attributes:

- A trained social scientist with a master's degree in social sciences with at least 3 years of working experience in a research-based institution.
- Must have a valid GCP and HSP certification.
- Must have data analysis skills for qualitative research and must be trained in NVivo qualitative data analysis.
- Must be able to implement a study -collect, analyze data and write up findings from different social science data collection approaches (mixed methods).
- Must be able to turn findings into peer-reviewed manuscripts.

- Must be able to plan for research activities and be able to engage different stakeholders at the community and national levels.
- Should have experience in supervising a research team and be able and willing to work as part of a team and possess strong written and oral communication skills.
- Must be able to work with a multi-disciplinary team.
- Proven ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines.
- Have interest in working with pregnant and lactating mothers and vaccine research.

Available Positions: Social Scientist Research Associate (03)

Duty Station: Kampala

Engagement: Full Time

Reporting to: Senior Scientist Team Lead

Job Summary:

Undertake the social science and community engagement aspects of the Immunization Study.

Key Duties and Responsibilities/ Performance Indicators.

Conducting Study activities;

- Design and conduct focus groups and key informant interviews regarding maternal vaccine knowledge, perceptions, barriers, and enablers.
- To undertake data collection which will include, surveys, focus group discussions, key informant interviews and community and stakeholder engagement initiatives.
- To input and analyze data and undertake QC.
- To provide document translation and testing for patient-facing documents.
- Assist in the design and execution of research projects
- Present findings from the research project to colleagues, clients, or others as needed.
- Ensure participants for the study are mobilised and recruited into the study.
- Administer study information to participants and obtain informed consent.
- Read scientific research to identify areas of potential future research.
- Write reports and papers based on findings from conducted research.
- Stay up-to-date on developments in the field of social science research and methodology.
- Work in close collaboration with staff from other programs and external researchers as may be appropriate.

Financial Management;

- Ensure proper accountability of project resources in line with MakCHS-MUJHU policies.
- Ensure study participants' time/transport compensation payments are done.

Administration;

- Attend study meetings/training and any relevant MU-JHU meetings/trainings scheduled.

- Maintaining required GCP and HSP training and documentation and any needed professional accreditation.
- Perform any other related duties as may be assigned by the supervisors.

Required Qualifications, experience, skills and attributes:

- Must possess a bachelor's degree in social sciences such as social work and social administration, anthropology, sociology, or Public Health.
- A minimum of 2 years' experience in undertaking qualitative and quantitative data collection methods
- Have some skills in coding of data for analysis
- Must have a valid GCP and HSP certification
- Proven ability to work under pressure and to meet tight deadlines,
- Proven ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Have good oral communication skills and have experience in engaging stakeholders, especially at the community level.
- Have a very strong and proven interest in working with pregnant and breast-feeding mothers

How to apply:

All applications must be submitted to the email: enablingproject71@gmail.com

before Monday, **29th July 2024 at 23:59hrs EAT**

Additional Information

1. The subject line of your email should be: "Application- (indicate the position) - **ENABLING Project**"
2. Submit your application (1-page cover letter, 3 pages resume including two referees, and relevant supporting documents) as **ONE PDF**
3. PDFs exceeding 5MBs will be considered ineligible.
4. Submitting incomplete or inaccurate documents will render the applicant ineligible for consideration for the job opening.
5. Applications cannot be amended following submission.
6. Please apply for one position.
7. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.