

Vacancy: Research Assistant (Short-term)

Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH) is a Tanzanian non-profit, non-governmental research organization established in 2009 with a focus in advancing public health priorities of sub-Saharan Africa through collaborative research, training, capacity building and knowledge translation. AAPH also works in close collaboration with different partners to support the government of Tanzania in advancing efforts around some of key health and nutrition agenda, especially of children and women. In collaboration with the ARISE Network partners, AAPH is implementing the Reducing nutrition-related noncommunicable diseases in adolescence and youth: interventions and policies to boost nutrition fluency and diet quality in Africa (ARISE-NUTRINT) project. This project aims at improving adolescent health surveillance by better understanding diets, nutrition and physical activity-related risks of non-communicable diseases, co-designing and paper prototype of adolescent nutrition fluency intervention and evaluate its impact, performance and cost-effectiveness. For this, AAPH is hiring temporary study research assistants for the third wave of data collection as described herein.

Position Reports To: Research Program Officer.

Project: ARISE-NUTRINT

Location: Dar es Salaam Tanzania.

Employment Term: One month between August and September 2026.

Level of Effort (LOE) per week: 100%

Job summary

Reporting to the Research and Program Officer, the Research Assistant will work with the Research Program Officer, Senior Technical Advisor, and the Principal Investigators as key enumerator in ensuring that all study activities are implemented on time. The Research Assistant will serve as a primary point of contact interviewing up to 1250 adolescents and youths aged 10-24 years in Dar es Salaam region and filling observed information as directed by the Research Program Officer and per study protocol.

Position Responsibilities:

- Successfully complete the required training before conducting any interview.
- Master and demonstrate effective interviewing skills using the ODK platform.
- Interview study respondents in Kiswahili, following the wording and order of questions in the quantitative survey.
- Follow the study standard operating procedures (SOPs), i.e., understand and implement the methods detailed during the survey training.

- Conduct and document informed consent (for adults aged 18-24 years) and assent for minors (aged 10-17 years) to eligible research participants, as described in the study protocol and SOPs to ensure voluntary participation.
- Adhere to the applicable ethical standards for research involving human subjects.
- Maintain participant privacy and confidentiality during interviews.
- Ensure completeness and accuracy of collected data and take corrective measures where needed.
- Ensure quality of collected data.
- Ensure timely submission (upload) of data in the ODK servers daily.
- Carefully handle all survey instruments and protect project equipment from damage. Act responsibly, treat participants and community with respect and demonstrate integrity and work ethics.
- Perform other miscellaneous study-related duties as shall be assigned.

Qualifications:

- The ideal candidate should have a diploma or bachelor's degree in medicine, nursing, clinical medicine, sociology, pharmacy or other health-related field. A health-related Master degree or higher will be an added advantage.
- Demonstrated experience with health-research and field data collection, particularly studies related to nutrition, mental health, and sexual and reproductive health among young people.
- Familiar with the usage of electronic devices, such as tablets or smart phone for quantitative data collection, such as ODK, KoboToolbox, Survey Solutions, and RedCap.
- Reading, written, and verbal fluency in Kiswahili and English.
- Demonstrate the ability to work independently and in a team.
- Demonstrate adequate oral and written communication skills.
- Must be available for the entire training period and anticipated periods of data collection.
- Only applicants with the Responsible Conduct of Research and Human Subjects Protection Training certificate or Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certificate obtained within the past three years will be considered.

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates for the above position; should submit **an application letter** with the following subject ***“Application for Research Assistant: ARISE NUTRINT Project, Dar es Salaam”***, **Academic Certificates, Curriculum Vitae (CV)**, a valid **Responsible Conduct of Research and Human Subjects Protection Training/GCP certificate** and **Contact Information** (email addresses



and telephone numbers) of three professional references. Applications should be submitted electronically to the Senior Human Resource and Administration Officer at Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH) by **Friday the 21st August 2026** through this [LINK](#).

Applicants will be selected on a rolling basis. Kindly note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.