

JOB ADVERTISEMENT: RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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 including Harvard University to support the government of Tanzania in advancing efforts around some of key unfinished health agenda issues that include the health and nutrition of women and children.

With the support of UNICEF-Tanzania, AAPH is planning to conduct an *Adolescent Nutrition and Health - Formative Assessment of The School-Health Environment and Programs* in public schools in Mbeya region. The main objective of this survey is to assess the school health and food environment in Mbeya, Tanzania on three levels: a) policy environment and existing interventions, b) the school food environment, and c) the state of nutrition and health for in-school adolescents ages 10-19. The findings from this study will inform recommendations to government ministries and partners designing and implementing school health programs in the region, as well as future research in this domain.

Position Reports To: Study Coordinator.

Location: Mbeya, Tanzania.

Employment Term: 1 month with potential for extension, starting 19th September 2021.

LOE per week: 100%

Job summary

Reporting to the Study Coordinator, the Research Assistant will work with the Study Coordinator, Project Manager and the Principal Investigators as key enumerator in ensuring that all study activities are implemented on time.

S(he) will serve as a primary point of contact interviewing the target population and filling observed information as directed by the Study Coordinator and per study protocol.

Position Responsibilities:

- Attend the Research Assistants training.
- Understand the study tools well enough to use them in collecting relevant information.
- Conduct interviews with respective study participants.
- Collect and submit study data from study participants, schools, and other institutions immediately after completion.
- Adhere to study standard operating procedures.
- Meet/communicate regularly with immediate supervisor to identify any barriers and issues, and to problem-solve.
- Take responsibility for storage and management of all study equipment and uncollected tools.
- Ensure that all study processes and activities protect study participant privacy and confidentiality.

Qualifications:

- The ideal candidate should have a diploma or bachelor's degree in social work, public health or other research – related fields.
- Demonstrated experience with research study and field data collection.
- Reading, written, and verbal fluency in Kiswahili and English.
- Demonstrate ability to work independently and in a team.
- Demonstrate adequate communication skills.

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates for the above position; should provide **letter of application** indicating the position applied for, **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and **contact information** (email addresses and telephone numbers) of three professional references. Applications should be **electronically submitted** by **Friday the 10th September, 2021** to the Human Resource Manager, Africa Academy for Public Health (AAPH) through email at info@aaph.or.tz. **Kindly note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.**