

Nutrition Officer - Karamoja Locusts Response Project

Location: [Africa] [Uganda]

Town/City: Kampala

Category: Health

Job Type: Fixed term, Full-time

Back ground

World Vision Uganda (WVU) is a Christian relief, development and advocacy non-government organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. We currently work in 43 districts and have 48 Area Programmes implementing projects in health & nutrition, water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH), livelihoods & resilience, education and child protection. World Vision (WV) is committed to the protection of children and adult beneficiaries from exploitation and abuse and will not employ people whose background is not suitable for working with these beneficiaries. All employment is conditioned upon the successful completion of all applicable background checks, including criminal record checks where possible.

Due to expansion in scope of our programmes, we are now seeking for a qualified and passionate individual willing to share in our vision and join the team in the following role.

Position: Nutrition Officer - Karamoja Locusts Response Project

Report to: Project Coordinator

Location: Karamoja District

Purpose of the position:

Working closely with the health sector in the district and the community health workers to conduct food demonstration, growth monitoring and promotion within the community groups. Oversee establishment and utilization of basic hygiene practices: especially Hand washing equipment. Support developing and dissemination of Information and Education Communication materials on nutrition and hygiene practices. Supervision to community groups to ensure nutrition and food security interventions are routinely implemented

Key Outputs/Responsibilities.**Training & capacity building**

- Provide trainings/orientation/technical inputs to staff, community structure members on nutrition and health monitoring and promotion at community level.
- Capacity building of Staff (WV & co-applicant) in nutrition and hygiene knowledge and skills such as; hand washing, waste disposal, dry rack establishment and compost pit.
- Conduct nutrition and hygiene training through cooking demonstration as well as sensitization
- Build the capacity of the community groups to adopt and replicated nutrition and hygiene practices
- Conduct follow up trainings to pregnant and lactating mothers on balanced diet, food preparation and handling
- Coordinates with the technical staff coming from across Sectors for planning and implementations of the nutrition components within the programme.

Implementation of Nutrition component

- Lead in sensitization of beneficiaries on Nutrition and hygiene practices.
- Map out the local staple food and sensitize the community on utilization such alternatives while upholding the nutritional composition (balanced diet)
- Working closely with the district and community representatives to map out the target groups and beneficiaries
- Working closely with the health sector in the district and the community health workers to conduct food demonstration, growth monitoring and promotion within the community groups
- Oversee establishment and utilization of basic hygiene practices: especially Hand washing equipment
- Work closely with the Community structure members to ensure adherence to nutrition and hygiene practices: waste disposal, dry rack, compost pits, hand washing equipment
- Support in development of key nutrition and hygiene messages for dissemination during sensitization campaigns
- Ensure appropriate management, referral and linkage to care of the malnourished identified during growth monitoring and promotion

Accounting and reporting

- Ensure all the planned nutrition activities are executed and reported on
- Conduct monitoring visits to community groups and programme beneficiaries and

compile monitoring reports for onward consolidation

- Consolidate, compile and submit quality reports to Project Coordinator as directed.
- Ensure that all reports are highly accurate, comprehensive, well documented and will guarantee the credibility of the program.
- Ensure monthly progress report is completed and submitted for onward compilation

Networking & external engagements

- Actively engage the health facility, the beneficiaries and the technical team from the District Local Government and sub-county to participate on nutrition and hygiene interventions within the communities
- Support developing and dissemination of Information and Education Communication materials on nutrition and hygiene practices.
- Supervision to community groups to ensure nutrition and food security interventions are routinely implemented
- Coordination with Nutrition partner for common messaging and promotion of nutrition sensitive programming.
- Coordination and networking with nutrition partners in the region to support implementation of the nutrition interventions
- Other duties as maybe assigned by the supervisor

Qualifications: Education/Knowledge/Technical Skills and Experience.

- Holder of degree in Nutrition studies
- Must have 2 years' experience in community nutrition programming & management, and Nutrition survey and assessments.
- NGO back ground and experience in the Karamoja sub region would be an added advantage
- Willing to work under extreme hardship with limited resources.
- Must possess excellent oral and written communication skills in the English language and knowledge of the local language is an added advantage
- Must have at least one year experience working in the Karamoja region
- Must have experience in establishment and functionalization of community support group for health, food and nutrition security
- Track record demonstrating high integrity, reliability and dependable
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Computer literate
- Writing and reporting skills
- Networking and influencing skills
- The position requires ability and willingness to travel domestically up to 60% of the time.

