

## Project Officer - Health & Nutrition HANA Project 3 Positions

Location: [Africa] [Uganda]

Town/City: Gulu

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:** Project Officer - Health & Nutrition HANA Project 3 Positions

**Report to:** Project Coordinator - HANA Project

**Location:** Pader district (1) Oyam District (1) and Omoro District (1)

**Purpose of the position:**

The Project Officer position involves working closely with the health sector in the district and the community health workers to implement maternal child adolescent health, nutrition and WASH interventions both at community health facility and district levels. The incumbent will support the capacity building exercise for health workers. Support translation, printing and dissemination of Information and Education Communication materials on maternal child, adolescent health, nutrition and hygiene practices. Support communities to attain and sustain open defecation free (ODF) status and engage and supervise community structures to ensure interventions are routinely implemented.

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

- Provide trainings/orientation/technical inputs to staff, health workers, community structure members on nutrition and maternal child health monitoring and promotion at community level.
- Capacity building of stakeholders, partners and staff in health, nutrition and hygiene knowledge and skills such as; different health, nutrition and WASH models.
- Support the SBCC activities intended for nutrition, maternal child health and hygiene behavioral change.
- Build the capacity of the community groups to adopt and replicated maternal child adolescent health, 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.

- Work with the gender officer to build capacity of stakeholders and partners in genders and disability inclusion in maternal child adolescent health, nutrition and WASH interventions

### **Implementation of maternal child adolescent health, nutrition and WASH interventions**

- Facilitate implementation of planned project interventions and models such as timed targeted counseling, positive deviance hearth, care groups, integrated health outreaches, community led total sanitation, infection prevention control etc
- Ensure appropriate identification and referral/linkage of patients to care both at community and health facility level.
- Engage relevant stakeholders and partners and lead in implementation of health and WASH interventions in target communities for attainment of standards like ODF communities.
- Work with community leaders to 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
- 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 activities are executed and reported on time
- 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
- Lead documentation of project interventions

### **Networking & external engagements**

- Actively engage the district local government, the regional referral hospital and the ministry of health to ensure that the all activities have been implemented.
- Support developing and dissemination of Information and Education Communication materials.
- Supervision to community groups, partners and structures to ensure interventions are routinely implemented
- Coordination with partners for common messaging and promotion of nutrition sensitive

programming.

- Network with other partners and stakeholders to ensure appropriate linkage for support within the district and at the regional level where necessary
- Coordination and networking with stakeholders and partners in the district and region to support implementation of the interventions
- Other duties as maybe assigned by the supervisor

**Qualifications: Education/Knowledge/Technical Skills and Experience.**

- Bachelor's degree in health-related studies such as nursing, environmental health sciences, food science and technology, clinical medicine, nutrition studies from a recognized higher institution of learning.
- Must have 3 years' experience in community health programming & management, and survey and assessments.
- 1-2 years' experience in implementation of community health and WASH models/approaches such as CLTS, CHAST and PHAST is an added advantage
- Willing to work under hardship, in remote setting 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 experience in engaging district leadership
- Experience in capacity building of stakeholders and partners

- Track record demonstrating high integrity, reliability and dependable
- Writing and reporting skills
- Networking and influencing skills
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Ability to ride a motorcycle and with a valid riding permit is a MUST