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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT, GENDER,
ELDERS AND CHILDREN
TANZANIA FOOD AND NUTRITION CENTRE



Job Summary

Position: Data Collectors (12 Posts)
Reports to: Study Coordinator
Work station: Dar es Salaam (Temeke Municipality)
Apply by: 30th May, 2021

Institute overview

Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre (TFNC) is a Government institution under the Ministry of Health Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) established by the Act of Parliament Number 24 of 1973. Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre, is the technical arm of the Government through the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, spearheading national response to nutrition and ensure a coordinated, effective and efficient approach to tackling all forms of malnutrition. It provides strategic leadership to all sectors; strengthen multi-sector coordination and collaboration; advocate for resources for nutrition; promote harmonization and alignment of sector financing; provide guidance, training and technical support to implementing agencies and monitor and evaluate progress.

Position Summary

TFNC in collaboration with Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and under financial support from the World Food Program (WFP) is looking for qualified and experienced **data collectors** to perform a research work in a study title: **THE ACCEPTABILITY TESTING OF DEVELOPED READY-TO-USE FOODS**. This is a trial of Ready-to-Use (RUFs) type of foods in Health Facilities (HF) in Tanzania. The acceptability trial will be done to find out whether novel Ready-to-use type of foods have any effect on the sensory analysis of individuals. Ready-to-Use type of foods must be both acceptable and safe in order to be efficacious. The determinants of food acceptability are multidimensional and challenging to understand but their study is, nevertheless, important. This is because it can provide help in measuring the acceptability of novel foods, "accurately and cheaply".

The data collectors will be required to collect quantitative data to assess sensory acceptability of the developed RUFs from selected locally available food ingredients for promoting growth in children 6-23 months and treatment of moderately malnourished (MAM) children aged from 6 to 59 months and assess the readiness of their caregivers to administer such food. The Field Officers are expected to have knowledge and skills on quantitative research methods and able to quickly establish good relationships with Healthcare Service Providers (HSP) and mothers in respective selected health facilities.

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Duties and Responsibilities

The data collectors will be responsible for collecting and uploading data from ODK using tablets. Field Officers will be required to use smartphone/tablet to collect data using a data collection phone-application. The data collectors will be responsible to report to the Study coordinator.

Overall they will responsible to:-

- Recruit study participants
- Collect data from selected health facilities in Temeke municipality
- Upload data on daily basis
- Update existing data on database where required

Qualification and Experience

- We are searching HIGHLY QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED and INNOVATIVE individuals who are ready to work with us on this study. You should hold the following qualities:
 - Holder of Degree in **Human Nutrition/Dietetics, Nursing/Midwifery** and related areas. Master Degree is added advantage.

Skills and Competencies

- You should have conducted research extensively and have the first class English writing skills
- Competent in quantitative methods using questionnaires
- Ability to write GOOD report
- Experience in health and clinical research.
- Knowledge of good clinical practice (GCP).
- Excellent computer skills.
- Self-motivated individual who is able to work with minimal supervision.
- Effective team work.
- Effective communication, collaborative and problem-solving skills.
- Able to meet deadlines.
- Good oral communications in English and Swahili.
- Adhere to TFNC and MUHAS core values (Transparency, Accountability, Respect, Integrity and Initiative.)

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Remuneration

An attractive and competitive remuneration package will be offered to successful candidates as per government of Tanzania salary scales.

Equal Opportunity

TFNC is an equal opportunity employer. We prohibit intentional biases or discrimination and harassment of any kind at the work place and during recruitment. All employment decisions are based solely on job requirements and individual qualifications, and our recruitment process is governed by the labour laws of Tanzania.

Mode of Application

All candidates who meet the above job requirements should send their application letters through e-mail/ recruitment portal together with their detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) showing contact addresses including email, telephone/cell phone numbers and copies of academic and professional certificates to the address below.

The **deadline** for this application is **17:00hrs on Friday May 30, 2021**. All e-mail application subject lines should include: **Data Collector – RUF-acceptability. Priority may be given to applicants residing in the study area.**

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interview.

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