



Reference: Qualitative Research Scientist/ Implementation Science Officer, BICO

Location: BICO Office, Mangochi

Responsible to: Local Principal Investigator, DeWorm3 Malawi Project

Blantyre Institute for Community Outreach (BICO), a charitable research organisation that works in health and education, seeks a Malawian social scientist to be recruited as part of the DeWorm3 project in Mangochi district. The trial includes a package of implementation science qualitative research designed to assess the feasibility and sustainability of the MDA approach to STH control through stakeholder analysis, qualitative and quantitative formative research and process mapping:

The successful applicant will have a first or postgraduate degree in the social sciences, public health or related field and experience of qualitative research methods, including conducting and analysing interviews.

The suitable candidate must be able to start by December 2017 and the appointment will be for 24 months. The post-holder will be supervised by the Local Principal Investigator, DeWorm3 Malawi and Director, BICO.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Overall responsibility for the coordination of implementation science activities, ensuring that all activities are consistently implemented as per standard operating procedures, and that ethical research practices are consistently applied as defined by IRB and other relevant regulatory requirements.

- Coordinate and lead training of qualitative data collections/interviewers, including developing training materials and demonstrating best practices.
- Day-to-day supervision of data collectors/interviewers, both directly as well as by phone.
- Regularly liaising with local, district and national stakeholders in the form of either phone or email and (when possible) in-person meetings, with a focus on collaboration and relationship building with Ministry of Health and other relevant groups.
- Contribute to data transcription and translation, including quality assurance/back-checks.
- Overall responsibility for the analysis of implementation science activities

SALARY AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

This is a two year appointment, initially contracted for one year, but will be renewable depending on the candidates' performance. The suitable candidate must be able to start anytime (preferably before 1st Jan 2018).

APPLICATIONS

Email applications with the subject line "Implementation Science Officer" and addressed to the HR officer should be emailed to: christopher@bicomalawi.org not later than 14th December 2017.

Applications should include a cover letter outlining the applicant's suitability for the role, a CV and the names and contacts of 2 referees who may be contacted immediately if shortlisted. Any queries regarding BICO and the application process should contact 01875377 , christopher@bicomalawi.org or search www.bicomalawi.org