**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT – SUCCEED AFRICA PROJECT**

The Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS) is a University and Centre of Excellence in health education, research, and innovation whose mission is ‘to advance knowledge, professional competencies, skills, and innovations in health sciences through high-quality student-centred and innovative education and research that responds to and influences the global/national policy, health, and development needs in an efficient, sustainable, and result-oriented manner’. KUHeS is currently implementing the SUCCEED Project in line with its research agenda.

The Support Comprehensive Care and Empowerment for People with Psychosocial Disabilities in Sub-Saharan Africa (SUCCEED Africa) is a research consortium that aims to develop and evaluate an enhanced package of care for people with psychosocial disabilities (particularly focusing on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychotic disorders) in the region. SUCCEED Africa builds on principles of co-production and South-South partnership in four countries (Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe) in sub-Saharan Africa to become regional leaders in research and policy on psychosocial disabilities, with a focus on psychosis.

The SUCCEED Project is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the position of Research Assistant, which will be based in Blantyre.

**DURATION OF CONTRACT**

The initial contract will be for one year with possibility for further extension based on performance and availability of funding.

**REPORTING LINE**

The Research Assistant will be reporting to the Principal Investigator

**KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Research Assistant will be expected to perform the following key duties and responsibilities:

* Contribute to the Intervention Development, Delivery and Evaluation
* Provide specific inputs to the project agenda including but not confined to Situational Analysis and Systematic Reviews, Training Development (MOOC, Guidelines and Manual), Country-Specific Training Needs Assessment and Advocacy Training Adaptation
* Support research project activities as required, such as assisting in data collection, Theory of Change (TOC) Workshop, TOT Workshops and in-Country Capacity Building activities
* Participate in writing research reports, policy briefs and other documents
* Contribute to Stakeholder Mapping and engagement
* Assist in organizing and facilitating program meetings

**REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates must have at least the following:

* A BSc Degree in Nursing or any other health or social related field (Qualifications in Mental Health will have an added advantage)
* Experience in Research
* Experience in working with rural communities
* Excellent communication verbal and written skills
* Must be a good Team player, ready to work with a multidisciplinary Team.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Interested individuals meeting the requirements above should submit their applications including: certified copies of certificates; detailed CV including names, emails and phone contacts of three (3) traceable professional referees to:

The Registrar

Kamuzu University of Health Sciences

Private Bag 360

Chichiri

**Blantyre 3**

Or via email to: recruitment@kuhes.ac.mw

Applicants submitting via email must indicate the title of the post in the subject line of the email. Applications should be submitted by close of business on Friday, **20th September, 2024**. Only shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged.

The successful candidates will be required to undergo a safeguarding check prior to appointment and periodically during employment.