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KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Project description

“Mama Shamba Maisha” is a five-year research study to be implemented by the Kenya Medical Research Institute and the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). The study seeks to explore the effects of an innovative agricultural intervention package on the health of pregnant women, pregnancy outcomes, and infant health. Women will be enrolled in early pregnancy and followed through to the first year post-delivery with several health outcome measures.

The study is seeking to recruit qualified, interested, and proactive individual to fill the position of farm trainers.

Position: Farm trainers (4 positions)

Job grade: KMR 10

Location: Migori County

Reporting to: Agricultural Trainer

Job Specification

- Conduct group and individual agricultural training to study participants and develop and maintain the Mama Shamba Maisha model farm.
- Organize demonstration plots within the demo farm for hands-on learning
- Track the model farm productivity by keeping clear farm records
- Provide continuous support through farm-based discussions with study participants
- Work with the participants to ensure adoption of best practices for farming and sustainability strategies
- Build relationships with farmers, community leaders and sub-county agricultural extension officers
- Assist the Agriculture Training Coordinator in agricultural input pick up and distribution activities

- Be involved in daily documentation of farming training activities and provide timely reports to the study team
- Attend to other duties, as assigned by the study leadership

Person Specification and Experience:

- Kenya Certificate Secondary Education or equivalent.
- At least 4 years' experience in practical farming or agricultural extension experience, preferably with rural farmers
- Basic understanding of farming techniques, soil and water conservation and pest management
- Ability to communicate agricultural concepts in a simple, engaging and culturally appropriate manner.
- Certification in general agriculture or an equivalent experience in agriculture or community training
- Experience working with smallholder farmers, women groups or youth in agriculture is an added advantage
- Knowledge of local languages is an added advantage
- Must be a residence of Migori and living in Migori in Rongo or Suna east/west sub-counties for the period of the study

Desirable Qualities:

- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work with people of different backgrounds and literacy level
- Passion for agriculture especially vegetable production

Terms of employment: This is a **one (1) year contract, renewable subject to availability of funds**, with a probation period for the first 3 months. Salary is negotiable within the KEMRI scheme of service depending on education, experience and demonstrated competency.

All applications to be done through [KEMRI Website -E-Recruitment Portal](#) on or before **28th May,2025 by 5.00 p.m.**

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