



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

College of Health Sciences

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Job Advert

Makerere University College of Health Sciences, School of Public Health (MakSPH) in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MoH), under the USAID's funded Research for Scalable Solutions (R4S) project will conduct a study titled "**An exploratory, mixed-method study of family planning self-care in Nepal, Niger, and Uganda**" (Self-care acceptability Study). The rationale is that; as countries move towards achieving universal health coverage for Family planning (FP), there is a need to understand the perceptions, behaviors and preferences related to FP self-care and how it may be leveraged to meet FP goals in Nepal, Niger and Uganda. This information will advance understanding of commonalities and differences related to FP self-care in these different contexts. Study findings are also expected to support the thinking around measurement of FP self-care at both the country and global levels, which will help track progress in implementing FP self-care policies and programs.

The Study team seeks to recruit responsible, qualified, and competent individuals who can work with minimum supervision to join its team as **Field Supervisors and Research Assistants**, to support data collection for the period of data collection. The study districts have been grouped into 3 major districts of Mukono, Mbale and Buyende.

1. 3 Field Supervisors (Mukono, Buyende & Mbale)

Reports to: Study Coordinator

Main role: Working together with Study Coordinator and Investigators to supervise and support field data collection activities.

Specific responsibilities

- Support the training of research assistants
- Supervise mapping and listing of selected enumeration areas
- Ensure safe custody of the collected data.
- Ensure that the research assistants collect quality data by following agreed data quality checks.
- Oversee data collected from the field by the research assistants
- Ensure that the collected data are saved in the designed databases on the project server.
- Hold daily debrief meetings with the research assistants to evaluate the day's activities and plan for the next day
- Prepare and submit daily field reports to the Project Coordinator
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the Investigators or study coordinator

Minimum qualifications and requirements

- Possess a minimum of a Bachelor's degree. Possession of a Master's degree will be an added advantage.
- Having worked in at least 2 research projects as a supervisor or similar role.
- Having experience in Mapping and listing
- Experience in Electronic Data Collection using software like Open Data Kit.
- Must possess a valid certificate in Good Clinical Practice or Human Subject Research.
- Should have at least 3 years' experience in collecting quantitative or/and qualitative health research. Experience in costing studies is an added advantage.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Highly organized and attentive to detail
- Must be willing to work beyond official working hours in the field
- Ability to lead and to work well in a team
- Willingness to work in fast-paced and occasionally demanding environment
- Ability to fluently speak and read Luganda, Lusoga or Lumasaba

Duration: This appointment will be valid for the period of data collection and shall be automatically terminated after.

2. Job title: Research Assistants (14 Female: 5 Mbale, 5 Mukono & 4 Buyende) & (6 Male: 2 Mbale, 2 Mukono & 2 Buyende)

Report to: Field supervisor who then reports to the Study Coordinator

Main role: Working together with Researchers, Field Supervisors, Study Coordinator, and Investigators to collect data and ensure successful implementation of the study.

Key Specific Responsibilities

- Attend all interviewer training and pre testing sessions.
- Screen the selected participants and obtain written informed consent
- Perform field data collection and management activities including completing interviews.
- Correctly enter all interview information in the software using the provided gadgets
- Ensure safe custody of both manual and digital data collected and follow all quality checks provided
- Conduct timely follow-up of study participants
- Provide the study team with daily updates on data collection and participate in the development of daily field report
- Prepare data collection forms, devices for data collection, supplies and equipment
- Ensuring consistency of participant identification numbers (PIDs) for all data and labels
- Perform any other duties relevant to this position as may be assigned from time to time through the field supervisor
- Adhere to COVID19 infection prevention and control measures as articulated in the study's COVID19 risk mitigation plan and as guided by Ministry of Health.

Minimum qualifications and experience

- Must possess a bachelor's degree or diploma, from a recognized higher institution of learning.
- Worked in at least one research health study/project as a research assistant within the past 3 years.
- Applicants should have demonstrated experience with collecting health related data using tablets/phones with software such Open Data Kit.
- Experience in collecting data using quantitative or/and qualitative research methods
- Possession of a Certificate in Good Clinical Practice or/and Human Subjects Protection is an added advantage.
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work well in a team
- Willingness to work in fast-paced and occasionally demanding environment
- Ability to fluently speak Luganda, Lusoga or Lumasaba

Duration: This appointment is valid for the period of data collection and shall be automatically terminated

Note: Recruitment of Research Assistants will be based on the above-mentioned study regions. Candidates should indicate their region of interest and language as they apply for this position. Applicants should also clearly state their experience with either qualitative or quantitative data collection.

How to apply: Interested persons should send their application and updated curriculum vitae (CV) to the link below stating two referees and their contacts not later than **Friday 4th March 2022, 5.00 pm**. Applications should be addressed to: The Dean, Makerere University School of Public Health

Field supervisor application link: <https://forms.gle/fH1NHtZPgmTFbGES8>

Research Assistant application link: <https://forms.gle/485qidVtkJ344q9x6>

NB: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted