

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Psychosocial Assistant Based in Kyangwali – Hoima Uganda

About HIJRA:

Humanitarian Initiative Just Relief Aid (HIJRA) is an international humanitarian and development organization that positively contributes towards improving the living standards and conditions of those adversely affected by disasters and conflict. HIJRA with funding from the UNHCR plans to implement a Protection Program for refugees in Kyangwali settlement (Hoima district) and is now looking for qualified and competent persons to fill the of **Psychosocial Assistant** to be based in **Kyangwali – Hoima District**.

Job Summary:

With the support and supervision of the Field Program Coordinator, the Psychosocial Assistant is responsible for the day to day psychological support of the beneficiaries as well as providing specialized counseling support to Child Protection and GBV cases.

Reporting Relationships:

The post holder will be responsible to the **Psychosocial Officer**.

Duties:

1. Provide individual or group psychological support such as counseling and support groups to beneficiaries.
2. If needed refer beneficiaries for case management to the case worker.
3. Give training to staff on how to identify signs of possible abuse affecting the beneficiaries at the camp (Nakivale) and encountered, through outreach and awareness raising activities.
4. Provide a clinical psychological assessment on selected cases referred by the case workers.
5. Provide psychological support to cases referred by the case workers in line with objectives.
6. Closely monitor and document the psychological recovery of cases referred by the case workers.
7. Write technical reports on specific cases identified during the individual psychological support sessions.
8. Produce and maintain accurate clinical records of the beneficiaries.
9. Train volunteers and other local actors and community members on the identification and referral of Child Protection and GBV cases and principles on working with children and survivors.
10. Set up a monitoring system to evaluate the effectiveness and the impact of the planned individual and group psychological support intervention programs on the beneficiaries.
11. Write weekly and monthly reports to the Field Program Coordinator.
12. Carry out any-other duties as required by the supervisor and take part in any other activities as requested by the supervisor.

Competencies, Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology or other related field.
- Minimum of 2 years of relevant professional experience
- Strong experience working with vulnerable people including survivors of GBV and victims of child abuse.
- Strong knowledge of Child Friendly interview techniques and communicating with children
- Familiarity with guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in emergency settings.
- Strong organizational and supervisory skills with excellent reporting & writing skills.
- Strong interpersonal skill and communication skills.
- An excellent command of verbal and written English.
- Good knowledge word and excel.

The candidate should have a compassionate, caring, and non-judgmental personality and should be a person who keeps sensitive information to him/herself.

Application Process:

Qualified Candidates are requested to submit an Application letter and Curriculum Vitae including telephone and emails contacts of three referees including your current/most recent employer.

Applications, addressed to the:

**Country Program Manager
Humanitarian Initiative Just Relief AID (HIJRA)
P.O. Box 37703, Kampala, Uganda**

Should be sent by email to: vacancies.ug@hijra.or.ke. The subject line should read **Psychosocial Assistant**.

Applications must be submitted not later than close of business on **3rd March, 2018**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

For more information regarding the organization please visit our website www.hijra.or.ke. HIJRA is an equal opportunity employer.

Please note that interviews will be done on a rolling basis given the urgency of the positions.