

Volunteer Field Assistants- 6 Positions at Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)

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Job Description

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Key Responsibilities

Main Duties & Responsibilities

Assist in identification of refugees in need of social support (food, clothing, transport) by conducting vulnerability assessment, reviewing available assessment, data conduct home visits/ further assessment on key social factors relevant to psychosocial support services in line with national and International standards and guiding principles by UNHCR, IASC, WHO among others and report to the Counselling Psychologist as well as the field assistant

Assist in the needs and social assessments that inform and identify the gaps and

interventions for psychosocial support

Assist in outreach and community dialogue and any other activities that advocate for psychosocial support activities

Assist in conducting referrals of vulnerable refugees to partner agencies and follow up with clients to facilitate access to external services.

Monitor impact of psychosocial support services given out to vulnerable refugees

Provide basic counselling and/or psycho-education to refugees

Open files for all clients (soft and hard) and ensure that case management is in line with JRS SOPs and other sector standards

Assist in conducting awareness and sensitization campaigns in the communities

Assist in assessing, identifying and analyzing community sensitive intervention geared towards building resilience and self-reliance

Requirements

Qualification and Competencies

A degree/ Diploma in community Development, Sociology, counselling or any other related social science courses.

In-depth understanding of community-based approaches

At least three years of professional experience in an NGO and/or international organization

Good knowledge and experience in community development work

Strong interpersonal and communication skills

Experience in conducting assessments and reporting

Desirable:

1-2 years' experience in community work preferably with NGOs in Nairobi

Previous experience with a faith-based NGO is an added advantage

Core values and ethics

Commitment to JRS's mission, vision and values; ability to convey with enthusiasm JRS's role in accompanying and serving forcibly displaced people and to advocate for their right to protection and a life in dignity.

High integrity, honesty and confidentiality; ability to deal tactfully and discreetly with people, situations and information.

Acceptance of diversity and inclusion as a core value

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