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# **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Job Summary** 

Position: PhD Student in Social Sciences (1 post)
Reports To: Principal Investigator/Project Leader

**Work Station:** Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Basel, Switzerland

Apply By: July 29<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### **Institute Overview**

**Ifakara Health Institute (IHI)** is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research and policy translation.

### **Position Summary**

Ifakara Health Institute would like to invite interested and qualified individuals to apply for a PhD student in Social Sciences position. A successful candidate will work on the **HPV Project (SPIRIT)** which is formed by an interdisciplinary team of researchers from Swiss and Tanzanian research institutions who will work together to identify, understand and appropriately address bottlenecks in the early detection and treatment of cervical pre-cancer in Kilombero District, Tanzania. Qualified candidates will work on the project in Tanzania and Switzerland starting in October 2022.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Support the designing of the social science component of the project.
- Design specific study tools as required for qualitative inquiry within the project.
- Conduct observation at the community level.
- Collect qualitative data using various methods (interviews, body mapping, etc.).
- Analyze the qualitative data including transcription, coding, and theory generation.
- Support report writing and findings presentation.
- Draft manuscripts for peer-reviewed journals and write PhD dissertation.

#### **Qualification and Experience**

• Master's degree in anthropology, preferably medical anthropology, or related qualification e.g., medical sociology from a recognized Institute.

#### **Skills and Competencies**

- Skills in qualitative data management (collection and handling) and record-keeping.
- Skills in qualitative methods (IDI, FGD, KII and observations).
- Be fluent in both English and Swahili Languages.
- Computer skills.
- Good skills in problem-solving, and teamwork.
- Effective communication skills.
- Professional attitude with the highest level of integrity.
- Able to meet deadlines.

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#### Remuneration

Successful candidates will be provided with student's home support allowance at the local country institute and offered a stipend when in Basel, Switzerland.

## **Equal Opportunity**

IHI is an equal opportunity employer. We prohibit intentional biases or discrimination and harassment of any kind at the work place and during recruitment. All employment decisions are based solely on job requirements and individual qualifications, and our recruitment process is governed by the labour laws of Tanzania.

#### **Mode of Application**

All candidates who meet the above requirements should send their application letters together with their detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) showing contact addresses including email, telephone/cell phone numbers and copies of academic and professional certificates to the email address below.

The **deadline** for this application is **17:00 hours on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> 2022.** All e-mail application subject lines should include: PhD Student - HPV Project (SPIRIT). Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interview.

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