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Background

UNICEF C4D continues to support Sudan's Ministry of Health COVID-19 response through an effective and robust C4D program that strengthens the COVID-19 response through C4D interventions that target increased uptake, addressing hesitancy among target communities and vulnerable groups program. This support has been extended in the first round of COVID vaccinations and in support of the National COVID Vaccination Deployment Plan and will continue in the second round. For the continuation of COVID-19 vaccine uptake and generation of evidence that increases uptake and addresses social barriers among priority and high-risk populations to decrease mortality and community spread of the infections, there is an urgent need for C4D National Officer to continue support the Ministry of Health and coordinate with Health and Nutrition.

Purpose

Under the supervision of the Chief of C4D, the C4D Officer will lead the technical support to the Health Promotion Directorate on evidence generation, monitoring and evaluation and reporting. The consultant will support the planning, coordination, monitoring and implementation of all agreed activities and delivery of results under the UNICEF Annual Work Plan in close coordination with the Health and Nutrition Section. The C4D Officer will support the overall efficiency, effectiveness and delivery in accordance with UNICEF's Core Commitment for Children in Emergencies (CCCs) and national and international humanitarian standards.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Building a C4D Knowledge Management and Information systems for the compilation and dissemination of report findings with relevant stakeholder to enhance the evidence-to-action agenda
- Act as a focal point with the National Ethical Clearance processes for C4D-led research and coordinate UNICEF Internal Review Board research approvals as needed
- Lead on inputs including targets, indicators and results for key C4D documents including the C4D Strategy, Annual Workplans and RAM and SMQ Reports.
- Lead and coordinate C4D evidence generation and data collection including data analysis and publication and dissemination of final report.
- Develop data collection tools that adhere to the COVID-19 social distancing and prevention measures to reduce risk of data collection at community level using digital and social listening tools where possible including WhatsApp, Google, Survey Monkey, loGT and Talkwalker.
- Capacity building of the health promotion staff on behavioral monitoring packages (i.e. data collection, analysis and reporting)
- Monitoring and Evaluation of MoH and C4D activities at federal and state levels including support through regular monitoring field visits.

Expected background and Experience

Advanced university degree or equivalent experience in Communication, Environmental Public Health, or social and behavioral sciences, (Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, Health Education) Communication with emphasis on strategic communication planning for behavior development, social mobilization and community development, participatory communication, and research).

Knowledge/Expertise/Skills required:

- University Degree in a Social Sciences, Public or Environmental Health, or any technical field related to UNICEF's Communication for Development framework.
- A minimum of three years' experience, which should be in Communication for Development at community level. More than 3 years of relevant experience will be considered an asset.
- Experience working in emergencies in refugee and IDPs settings in Sudan.
- Evidence of work with UN or other development or multi-lateral agencies in Communication for Behaviour and Social Change, hygiene promotion, community engagement or social mobilization.
- Ability to work with tight deadlines, take initiative, be pro-active and work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Developing country work experience and/or familiarity with emergency programmes.
- Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of Arabic or a local language is an asset.
- Good communication and advocacy skills and an ability to work in a multi-cultural environment with the skills of developing good peer relationships.
- Analytical, monitoring, decision-making and teamwork skills
- Proficiency in use of MS office applications and data collection and analysis software.