



**JOB DESCRIPTION  
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IDENTIFICATION	
<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>Nutrition Technical Officer</b>
<b>REPORTING TO</b>	<b>Deputy Chief of Party</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT/UNIT</b>	<b>USAID Imarisha Jamii</b>
<b>DURATION OF CONTRACT</b>	<b>2 years (Renewable)</b>
<b>DUTY STATION</b>	<b>Turkana County</b>

Amref Health Africa was founded in 1957 and has since grown to become the largest African-based international health development organization, currently implementing more than 120 programs, directly reaching more than 12 million people across 35 African countries. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, Amref Health Africa has offices in ten countries in Africa and an additional eleven advocacy and fundraising offices in Europe and North America. In the spirit of Ubuntu, partnership and networking are key elements of our approach. Amref has a staff complement of over 1,500.

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**About the Project.**

USAID Imarisha Jamii is a USAID Kenya and East Africa funded Activity that aims to increase the use of quality county-led health and social services in Turkana County, Kenya. It is an integrated health and social services program that focuses in areas of HIV; Family Planning, Reproductive, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (FP/RMNCAH); Nutrition; and Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) program.

**1. JOB PURPOSE**

The Nutrition Technical Officer will provide technical support in the implementation of nutrition interventions in collaboration with other technical officers. The job holder will be based in Turkana County and will provide hands on technical support to County Health Management Team (CHMT) and other actors to strengthen Nutrition interventions in Turkana county.

**2. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

KEY AREA	KEY TASKS
<b>Technical support to project implementation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and oversee the implementation of day-to-day USAID Imarisha Jamii nutrition interventions in Turkana while in collaboration with all the relevant stakeholders - county, sub-county, civil society organizations (CSOs) and targeted communities.</li> <li>Ensure optimal integration of nutrition within service delivery, community health services, demand creation, Health Systems Strengthening (HSS), gender and other key line ministries with focus</li> </ul>

	<p>on HIV clients, MCHs, Orphans and Vulnerable Children and TB infected patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work closely with the community health services team in the implementation of Baby Friendly Community Initiative (BFCl) and other nutrition interventions at the community level.</li> <li>• Liaise with demand creation and gender team to ensure gender inclusivity and appropriate messaging for nutrition.</li> <li>• Plan and execute quality improvement plan through High Impact Nutrition Interventions (HINI) gap analysis in targeted health facilities while ensuring that County/Sub-County Nutrition Officers and facility in-charges take lead in adequately addressing identified gaps</li> <li>• Lead the identification of specific community groups mother to mother and father to father support groups (MtMSGs and FtFSGs included) whose capacity will be strengthened to enhance adoption of feasible enterprises/income generating activities (IGAs), together with establishment of home gardens. The groups will also be assisted to register as recognized entities – this will be achieved in close collaboration with the civil society organizations (CSOs).</li> <li>• Work closely with the County and Sub-County Nutrition Coordinators, together with other relevant stakeholders to ensure dissemination and operationalization of County Nutrition Action Plan (CNAP)</li> </ul>
<b>Capacity building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan and execute capacity enhancement action plans, to include the ongoing mentorship program targeting Health Care Workers, Community Health Volunteers and CSOs while guided by the approved work plan</li> <li>• Capacity build County Health Management Team, Sub County Health Management Team, Health Care Workers and Community Health Volunteers in rolling out revised national guidelines in Turkana county including Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN), Baby Friendly Community Initiative (BFCl), Breastmilk Substitutes (BMS Act), Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM), Micronutrient Supplementation and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF)</li> </ul>
<b>Research and Advocacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan and execute regular feedback sessions with community members, Health Care Workers, Community Health Volunteers and the civil society organizations (CSOs) to advise programming</li> <li>• Lead the project in nutrition advocacy efforts and allocation of resources for evidence-based nutrition interventions</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring and Evaluation and documentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uphold Collaborating, Learning and Adapting (CLA) through routine documentation of success stories, both at the facility and community levels. This will be achieved in collaboration with the communication team</li> <li>• Support collation, analysis and reporting of nutrition related data for the purposes of programming and lessons sharing.</li> <li>• Support compilation of all program reports, including quality annual and quarterly reports and monthly narratives to the donor</li> </ul>

<b>Partnership and networking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represent USAID Imarisha Jamii in nutrition related coordination forums in the county.</li> <li>• Identify private partnerships that can be strengthened so as to also link respective community groups to the same towards ensuring ready markets for sale of products</li> </ul>
<b>Admin and financial management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support in day to day management of activity budgets including processing field imprests and other financial transactions.</li> <li>• Ensure timely accounting for the use of project resources by stakeholders and communities in liaison with finance teams.</li> </ul>
<b>Program development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in concepts development and writing of new concepts and proposals for fundraising</li> <li>• Identify and actualize contextualized and innovative ways that can contribute towards sustainably addressing malnutrition in respective areas.</li> </ul>

## REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

### 3. Education and Professional Qualifications

- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Nutrition, Public Health (with specialization in nutrition) or relevant degree with a post graduate certificate or diploma in nutrition. Relevant Post Graduate Degree will be an added advantage.
- Training, knowledge and experience in the implementation of both nutrition specific and nutrition sensitive interventions.

### 4. Required Qualifications and Experience

- Should have at least Five (5) years relevant work experience in the implementation of Nutrition projects.
- Experience in implementing BFCI and CNAP interventions
- Experience in implementing community Health Strategy through CHVs and CHAs.
- Experience working with government and USAID funded programs.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with government representatives, for-profit private sector entities, local community organizations, donors and other stakeholders.
- Experience in implementing projects involving diverse partners, consortiums and operations.

### 5. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Able to work with a multi-talented project team across cultural diversities
- Good coordination, problem solving and networking skills
- Excellent reporting and computer skills and ICT competencies a must
- Ability to work independently
- Decision making and problem solving skills
- Ability to work under pressure and within strict time limits
- The ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Language skills: Excellent spoken and written English.
- Great interpersonal skills and a team player.

### How to apply

Interested? Please visit our website <https://amref.org/vacancies/> to make your application. You will be directed to our online portal where you will need to create an account in order for you to be able to submit your application. Your application should include a cover letter detailing why

you are the best fit for this position and your CV with relevant skills and experience. Closing date will be **March 11, 2022**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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