

Job Vacancy

IDENTIFICATION	
JOB TITLE	Project Intern
REPORTING TO	Project Coordinator
DURATION	6 months
NO. OF VACANCIES	One (1)
PROJECT	WaterStarters Project
PHYSICAL LOCATION	Kajiado
Applicants from Kajiado are highly encouraged to apply	

BACKGROUND

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 12million 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 over1,500.

Amref Health Africa is driven by its vision of 'Lasting health change in Africa' and its mission 'To transform the healthof communities through Primary Health Care (PHC) with a focus on women and young people'. We believe that thepower to transform Africa's health lies within its communities, and therefore strive to ensure that health systems are not only functional but that communities are empowered to hold these systems accountable for the delivery of quality and affordable health care.

Project Background

WaterStarters is a WASH program implemented by Amref Health Africa in Kenya, in collaboration with county governments and local community water service providers. The program is testing an innovative financing and management model for rural water schemes which combines grants, community contributions and recoverable finance. We want to demonstrate that use of smart-tech solutions coupled with professional management can guarantee revenue flows for rural water schemes, thereby ensuring sustainability and CapEx recovery. WaterStarters aims to reach 1.5 million people in water-stressed areas by 2030, by incrementally developing and renovating over 600 water supply schemes. Water infrastructures will be co-designed with communities to cater for their needs.

Through funding from Amref Netherlands, Aqua for All, Mega Group, Danida and Invest International, Amref is implementing the first phase of the WaterStarter program in Kajiado County. The model confers clear advantages of reduced downtime, reduction of non-revenue water resources through real-time monitoring and reporting and improved revenue management.

JOB PURPOSE

The Project Intern will support the implementation of community-based Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) initiatives through community mobilization and sensitization; monitoring and evaluation, and providing administrative assistance. This role is essential in ensuring the effective execution of project activities and achieving desired outcomes.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in community mobilization efforts and participate in community meetings, forums, and local events to promote project initiatives.
- Aid in community sensitization about project interventions and approaches.
- Promote best practices in water, sanitation, and hygiene to enhance community health.
- Maintain accurate records of project activities, including meeting minutes, attendance sheets, and progress reports.
- Support in identification and appraisal of new sites for intervention by the WaterStarters project
- Provide general administrative support, including scheduling meetings, managing communications, and organizing project documents.
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REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- A bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Public Health, Community Development, Project Management, or a related field.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Oral and written English and Kiswahili language fluency. Knowledge of local *Maa* language is an added advantage.
- Demonstrate skills and interest in community health and development
- Candidates from the local county locations are preferred.
- Proactive and able to take initiative.
- Adaptable and willing to work in challenging environments.