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REF/DISEASE CONTROL SURVEILLANCE ASSISTANT/28/11/2024**

IDENTIFICATION	
JOB TITLE	Disease Control Surveillance Assistant (HSA) (1)
REPORTING TO	Project Officer.
DEPARTMENT/UNIT	Programmes
DURATION OF CONTRACT	1 Year (Renewable)
DUTY STATION	Balaka

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**Disease Control Surveillance Assistant (1)**

Reporting to the Project Officer, the HSA shall meet the below specifications:

**Main purpose of the Job**

The Disease Control Surveillance Assistant shall provide community-based health services, including disease prevention, health promotion, and basic treatment, while supporting data collection and health surveillance to enhance the delivery of primary healthcare services.

**Specific Key Responsibilities:**

- Serves as a link between fixed district health services and the community and works directly with village/community leaders, and other volunteers in providing environmental and personal health services in collaboration with medical assistant, health assistant and enrolled community health nurses.
- Conducts community assessments. village inspections, monitors growth and reports disease outbreaks
- Participates with others in [providing immunizations, maintaining equipment and improving the quality of water by protecting shallow wells and chlorinating untreated waters.
- Treating minor ailments and facilitates formation of village health committees (VHCs) and volunteers.
- Supervises VHCs and volunteers and refers patients and suspects to nearest health unit
- Records data in relevant registers and instruments using HMIS guidelines disseminate to respective village health committees and report to the designated supervisor.
- Prepares monthly work plans

- Provides feedback to the community
- Any other duties deemed reasonable for the post.

### **Requirements and Qualifications**

- Minimum of a Malawi School Certificate of Education
- Those with a Certificate in Community Health would have an added advantage
- At least Five (5) years of progressive experience as Disease Control Surveillance Assistant.
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### **Competencies and Skills:**

- Teamwork and collaboration with healthcare teams and community leaders.
- Adaptability to work in resource-constrained and remote settings.
- Commitment to confidentiality and ethical conduct in health service delivery.
- Knowledge of basic healthcare practices, including disease prevention and treatment.
- Ability to collect, analyze, and report health data accurately.
- Familiarity with health education and promotion techniques.

### **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. The closing date will be **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. **Applying candidates should be based in Balaka**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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