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Recruitment of the post of 6 Research Assistants/ Data Collectors for the activities by Child Care Development and Special Needs Unit, Family Health Bureau in 2024

Post of Research Assistant (01 vacancy)

PROJECT 01: Neonatal care pathway pilot review

Background of the project:

FHB is conducting the Inclusive Early Childhood Development Program (IncluDe) for early identification and intervention of children with developmental disabilities. One of the components of this is the neonatal care pathway where high-risk neonates are screened and referred to early intervention. The pilot project is being conducted in the Colombo District and high-risk neonates from the DMH and CSHW are referred to the early intervention program at the LRH. This program data needs to be collected and reviewed, in order to scale up the program.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. To assist in the data collection, and management of the neonatal care pathway pilot program
2. To assist in data analysis and identifying the barriers to the data flow
3. To assist in following up on the referred neonates and finding out reasons for defaulting

Desired qualification and experience for the post:

- Pre-intern medical officer/s with M.B.B.S. qualifications OR any graduate with a BSc/BA degree.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Office applications (Word / Excel / etc.)
- Previous experience in scientific research, data collection, data entry and analysis will be desired.
- Good command of English and Sinhala and English languages.
- Excellent communication skills

Duration

- For six months (May 2024 – October 2024)

Nature of the work:

- **Full time/part time:** Full time
- **No of days per week:** Five (05) days
- **Place of Work:** Family Health Bureau

- **Working hours per day:** Eight (08) hours / 8.30am to 4.15pm

Monthly remuneration: Rs. 50,000.00

Candidates are requested to email a completed CV including copies of relevant documents, and contact details **before 11.59 pm 17.04.2024** to cdsunit.fhb@gmail.com the email of Child Care, Development and Special Needs unit, Family Health Bureau, No. 231, de Saram Place, Colombo 10.

Post of Research Assistant (01 vacancy)

PROJECT 02: to translate adapt and implement the caring for caregiver package

Background of the project:

Nurturing care is significantly affected by the well-being of the caregivers, which has been identified as important in optimum early childhood development. FHB is planning to adapt the 'caring for the caregivers' program training package for the local setting and to scale up the implementation in a step-wise manner.

Duties and responsibilities:

To assist the work of the Consultant who is working on this project in the translation, adaptation and implementation of the caring for caregiver package and assisting in the translation and adaptation research.

Desired qualification and experience for the post:

- Pre-intern medical officer/s with M.B.B.S. qualifications OR any graduate with a BSc/BA degree.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Office applications (Word / Excel / etc.)
- Previous experience in scientific research, data collection, data entry and analysis will be desired.
- Good command of English and Tamil languages. Command in Sinhala would be an added advantage.
- Excellent communication skills

Duration – For three months (July 2024 – September 2024)

Nature of the work:

- **Full time/part time:** Full time
- **No of days per week:** Five (05) days
- **Place of Work:** Family Health Bureau

- **Working hours per day:** Eight (08) hours / 8.30am to 4.15pm

Monthly remuneration: Rs. 50,000.00

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Post of Research Assistant (01 vacancy)

PROJECT 03: to pilot and adopt a version of Arambh early moment matters community-based training program at three selected communities

Background of the project:

'Arambh' is one of the best-practice parenting programs which is designed by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences in Maharashtra, India. UNICEF Sri Lanka supported the local team to observe this program and currently FHB is planning to adapt and pilot test this program in three selected communities in Sri Lanka.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. To assist the organizing and holding stakeholder meetings
2. To assist adaptation of the program to the Sinhala language
3. To assist in organizing and holding training of trainers program in selected locations
4. To assist pilot the training program in selected locations
5. To assist in carrying out the implementation research

Desired qualification and experience for the post:

- Pre-intern medical officer/s with M.B.B.S. qualifications OR any graduate with a BSc/BA degree in Sociology or Psychology.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Office applications (Word / Excel / etc.)
- Previous experience in scientific research, data collection, data entry and analysis will be desired.
- Good command of English and Sinhala OR English and Tamil languages.
- Excellent communication skills

Duration – For Six months (July 2024 – December 2024)

Nature of the work:

- **Full time/part-time:** Full time

- **No of days per week:** Five (05) days
- **Place of Work:** Family Health Bureau
- **Working hours per day:** Eight (08) hours / 8.30am to 4.15pm

Monthly remuneration: Rs. 50,000.00

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Post of Research Assistant (04 vacancies)

PROJECT 04: to develop and validate a tool to screen Specific Learning Disorder (SpLD) for the age range of five to seven years

Background of the project:

FHB is conducting the Inclusive Early Childhood Development Program (IncluDe) for early identification and intervention of children with developmental disabilities. Although there are many screening tools developed for the identification of these disabilities there is no tool for identification of Specific Learning Disabilities (SpLD). FHB is planning to develop a screening tool for this purpose as well.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. To assist the organizing and holding stakeholder meetings
2. To assist in the adaptation and validation of the screening tool in Sinhala language
3. To assist in organizing and holding exploratory factor analysis and confirmatory factor analysis

Desired qualification and experience for the post:

- Psychology Graduate pursuing or holding a BSc/BA degree.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Office applications (Word / Excel / etc.)
- Previous experience in scientific research, data collection, data entry and analysis will be desired.
- Good command of English and Sinhala and English languages.
- Excellent communication skills

Duration – For Six months (July 2024 – December 2024)

Nature of the work:

- **Full time/part-time:** Full time

- **No of days per week:** Five (05) days
- **Place of Work:** Family Health Bureau
- **Working hours per day:** Eight (08) hours / 8.30am to 4.15pm

Monthly remuneration: Rs. 50,000.00

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Only short-listed applicants will be called for the interview. The final decision with regard to selection will be made by the Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health.

Deputy Director General (Planning),

Ministry of Health, Colombo 10