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RESEARCH ASSISTANT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Research Assistant (RA) – SAFARI Project

Number of Posts: 8 posts (one per council across Dodoma Region).

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The University of Dodoma (UDOM), in partnership with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and the Ministry of Health of Tanzania, is implementing the “**AI-Facilitated Ultrasound Feasibility and Assessment of Resources and Integration (SAFARI) Project**”.

In connection with this project, UDOM invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Research Assistant (RA). RAs will be central to project delivery, leading field data collection, embedding study procedures within routine facility workflows, and ensuring timely coordination and reporting between facility teams and the central project management unit.

2.0 WORKING SITE

One Research Assistant will be based in each of the following eight (8) councils in Dodoma Region:

1. Dodoma City Council
2. Bahi District
3. Chamwino District
4. Chemba District
5. Kondoa District
6. Kondoa Town Council

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7. Kongwa District
8. Mpwapwa District

Applicants must indicate the specific council for which they are applying. Strong preference will be given to candidates who are residents of that council, as local residency is essential for effective community integration and day-to-day field operations.

3.0 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. Collect, record, and manage obstetric ultrasound scan data using study-approved tools and protocols, maintaining the highest standards of accuracy, completeness, and confidentiality.
- ii. Liaise with Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) facility teams to embed study procedures smoothly within routine clinical workflows.
- iii. Coordinate the scheduling and integration of project activities within antenatal care (ANC) service delivery at assigned facilities.
- iv. Guide and support health care providers in the correct use of AI-assisted obstetric ultrasound (AI-OBUS) workflows and project data reporting tools.
- v. Prepare and submit weekly progress reports to the project coordination team in accordance with agreed timelines and reporting formats.
- vi. Adhere to the study protocol, ethical guidelines, and quality assurance standards, and promptly escalate any protocol deviations or data quality concerns to the designated supervisor.
- vii. Attend all project training sessions, review meetings, and supervisory visits, and actively contribute to quality improvement initiatives throughout the project lifecycle.
- viii. Operate within the established project supervision structure, reporting directly to the designated SAFARI Project Supervisor at the University of Dodoma.

4.0 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Minimum Qualifications

- A Bachelor's degree in Nursing, Midwifery, Public Health, Medicine, Health information



Sciences, or any other related field from a recognized institution.

Required Skills

- Demonstrated experience in data collection for research, public health, or clinical programs.
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills, with the ability to work effectively in both Kiswahili and English.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively within health facility environments, including respectful engagement with clinical staff, patients, and community members.
- Proficiency in the use of electronic data collection tools, including tablet-based applications and digital data management platforms.
- Working knowledge of research ethics, with a demonstrated commitment to participant confidentiality, informed consent, and ethical conduct throughout all project activities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Prior experience working in maternal and child health (MCH) programmes or reproductive health services.
- Familiarity with antenatal care (ANC) service delivery protocols and practices at primary health care level.
- Hands-on experience in health or social science research projects, particularly in field-based or community settings.
- Demonstrated skills in both qualitative and quantitative data collection, analysis and reporting.
- Self-motivated and able to work with minimal supervision, with a willingness to travel regularly between health facilities within the assigned council or district.

5.0 TERMS OF SERVICE

- Research Assistants will be engaged on a contractual basis for an initial period of three (3) months, renewable upon satisfactory performance and subject to project needs and availability of funds.



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- Remuneration will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience, in accordance with the University of Dodoma's applicable regulations and subject to statutory deductions.

6.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- a) Interested and suitably qualified candidates are invited to submit a complete application package. All applications must include the following:
 - A detailed and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV);
 - Certified copies of all relevant academic certificates and transcripts;
 - Full names, titles, and contact details (telephone and e-mail) of three (3) professional referees.
- b) Please note that the following will NOT be accepted: Form IV and Form VI examination results slips; testimonials, reference letters or partial academic transcripts. Only fully certified documents will be considered.
- c) Deadline for application: 16th May 2026.
- ***A signed application letter, stating the position applied for and the preferred deployment council or district, addressed to the Principal investigator Safari project , P.O. Box 259, Dodoma, Tanzania; and submitted through email; leonard.katalambula@udom.ac.tz and copied to lalashekiretun@gmail.com***

7.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a) Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and invited for interview. UDOM regrets that it is unable to provide feedback to applicants who are not shortlisted.
- b) Incomplete application packages will not be considered. Applicants are advised to review all requirements carefully before submitting.
- c) Academic certificates issued by foreign institutions must be recognized and validated by the relevant Tanzanian authorities (TCU, NECTA, or NACTVET, as applicable).
- d) Individuals who have retired from the Public Service are not eligible to apply for this position.
- e) Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.



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- f) Please ensure that your application is sent directly to the official recruitment email address. Applications submitted through other channels will not be reviewed.

Released by:

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