



NIHR | Global Health Research Centre for Non-communicable Disease Control in West Africa

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR NCD CONTROL IN WEST AFRICA: PHASE 1 STUDY – DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING OF CONTEXTUAL INFLUENCES AND EFFECTIVE PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND PRIMARY CARE MANAGEMENT AND REFERRAL OF NCD (STOP NCD)

The STOP NCD five-year research program of work comprises three research phases, and is conducted in Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Niger. Phase 1 of the project aims to deepen understanding of country-context issues that will help contextualise available evidence of effective interventions to control hypertension, diabetes and mental health conditions associated with these conditions. The findings from phase 1 will inform phases 2 and 3, and will involve working closely with stakeholders such as communities, policymakers and practitioners to co-produce context-tailored intervention packages drawing on the phase 1 evidence. The study involves research, as well as capacity building for early and mid-career researchers in the three countries.

The position: qualitative research assistant

The project seeks an early career qualitative research assistant to work with senior researchers on the project. The ideal person should be able to understand relevant scientific literature related to the focus of the study, function somewhat independently, participate in desk reviews and qualitative data collection, analysis, and contribute to manuscript writing.

Project location office: Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons

Responsibilities:

Specific roles and responsibilities of the ideal applicant, will include but not limited to the underlisted:

- Assist with qualitative data collection including Focused Group Discussion (FGD) and In-depth Interview facilitation and capturing interview and FGD notes.
- Keep a detailed field notebook of fieldwork related activities and issues.
- Assist with basic qualitative data coding and analysis, in excel or any other qualitative data analysis tools (e.g., NVIVO)
- Transcribe interview and focus group discussions (FGD) and assist with data quality control by cross-checking audio-recording with typed transcripts.
- Assist with literature and desk reviews and write up in a narrative synthesis.
- Assist with fieldwork and project related administrative tasks.
- Any other assigned responsibilities

Minimum qualifications and research experience s

- Strong Research Masters (e.g., M.Phil.) in a relevant health social science e.g., Medical Anthropology Medical Sociology, or Public Health, and 1 – 2 years of relevant experience in implementation and research environment.
- Or bachelor's degree in relevant health social science with 5 years research work experience
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Fluency in two key Ghanaian languages (e.g Ga-Dangme, Akan or Ewe), will be an added advantage.
- Willingness to live and work outside the Greater Accra region for a specified period during data collection.
- Willingness to work irregular times (including weekends and public holidays)
- Ability to facilitate focus group discussions (FGDs) and in-depth interviews, as well as capture field notes during FGDs and in-depth interviews.
- Ability to transcribe interviews and group discussions.
- Ability to undertake basic qualitative data coding.
- Have good knowledge and skills in computer applications such Microsoft word, excel, PowerPoint) and qualitative data analysis software (e.g., NVIVO etc), would be an added advantage.

Conditions

Duration: Temporary (3 - 6 months) between September 2023 and March 2024 with possible renewal based on performance.

Start Date: Will be communicated to selected applicant.

Monthly remuneration: Depends on qualification and experience. Will be discussed with short listed applicants.

Application process

All applications must be sent to: **nenyimayew@gcps.edu.gh with a copy to gevaye@gcps.edu.gh**

Applications must be received before 17:00 GMT (5pm, Ghana time) on Thursday 31st August 2023.

The application process will involve written aptitude test and tasks, and interview (online and/or face to face)

Applications must include the following:

- A cover letter explaining the candidate's interest in the position
- An up-to-date CV that contains information on the following:
 - Educational training and qualifications with names of institution and dates of graduation,
 - Work experience including any previous research experience
 - Computer literacy including any experience with qualitative data analysis software

- Language fluency
- Names, Email and Telephone contact of 3 references of whom one must have supervised the applicant in an academic capacity and one in a research work /professional capacity. Please make sure you inform any references you name on your application since we will contact them directly if you make it to the short list
- Submit a copy of Master level thesis or a peer reviewed article(s) of which the candidate is the first author.
- All academic certificates
- All documents (Application and CV) must be in English and submitted as a single pdf document.
- **ONLY SHORT-LISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED.**

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