

THE ORGANISATION

Our client is a donor funded organisation and development partner in Namibia that works closely with the Ministry of Health and Social Services' (MoHSS) Directorate of Special Programmes (DSP). They promote activities that increase human capacity for providing HIV/AIDS clinical care and support and assist with the development of health care worker systems that are locally-determined, optimally resourced, highly responsive and self-sustaining in countries and regions hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic. In partnership with the MoHSS, staff is deployed at hospitals and health facilities across the country to form part of a coordinated effort. They now seek to appoint an appropriately qualified and experienced candidate to fill the following positions:

STUDY INTERVIEWERS

for Research Project on Prevention for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS
SHORT TERM POSITIONS

THE BACKGROUND

The organisation in collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and prevention will be implementing prevention activities in clinic settings for persons living with HIV and AIDS. This strategy aims to equip frontline health workers with knowledge and skills to provide prevention services, family planning services, and screening for sexually transmitted infections to patients with HIV/AIDS. Namibia is participating in multi-country evaluation, **entitled HIV Prevention for People Living with HIV/AIDS: Evaluation of an Intervention Toolkit for HIV Care and Treatment Settings.**

3 study interviewers will be hired to work in HIV antiretroviral therapy clinics in Erongo, Oshikoto and Ohangwena region.

THE POSITION

The study interviewers will assist site study interviewers in the implementation of the study. The study interviewer's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Conduct data collection activities at project site in local languages including patient interviews, health care staff interviews, and medical chart abstraction.
- Securely and confidentially maintain participant files and data.
- Assist site study interviewer in participant tracking and follow-up.
- Transfer data to study staff as requested.
- Participate in site visits.
- Serve as a member of the overall study team, and participate on regularly scheduled project telephone calls and meetings.
- Communicate with the organisations team about relevant project issues and provide updates as requested.

- Liaise, establish, and maintain productive, effective working relationships with other study and clinic staff and ensure minimum disruption to normal clinic activities.
- Submit project data and reports as requested

THE PERSON

The Study Interviewers should have excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as strong organizational skills.

1. Minimum grade 12 completion, additional degree desired.
2. Experience working on research projects and interviewing participants.
3. Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
4. Ability to negotiate busy clinical setting with limited resources and work as part of a team.
5. Proficient speaking, reading, and writing skills in English, Afrikaans and Oshiwambo.
6. Demonstrated ability to effectively coordinate activities and meet deadlines
7. Demonstrated strong reporting skills
8. Knowledge of technical areas desired, but not necessary, include:
 - Sexual transmission: Sexually transmitted infections (STIs); risk behaviors
 - Family planning
 - HIV testing and counseling
 - Male circumcision
 - Factors that exacerbate the HIV epidemic: gender norms, alcohol misuse

Please indicate for which region you are applying. Please indicate language skills in application.

INTERESTED ?

The successful candidate will be on a fixed term contract and an attractive package commensurate with qualifications and experience is offered. The closing date is **29 April 2011** and suitably qualified Namibian candidates are encouraged to apply. Kindly forward your electronic CV to lizelle@potentia.com.na before the closing date. **NB. All applications will be handled exclusively by Potentia Namibia. We will only correspond with the shortlisted candidates.**



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