



**Nutritionist
Mandera, Kenya**

Job Type: Full Time

Experience: 2 and above years

Location: Mandera, Kenya

Reports to: Nutrition Officer

Job Location: Mandera South and Lafey Sub-Counties - Mandera County

Available Slots: 2

Contract Details: 10 months Fixed Term Contract. Renewable Subject to Availability of Funds & Performance

Job Summary:

Rural Agency for Community Development and Assistance (RACIDA) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance self-reliance and prosperity amongst vulnerable (Agro)-pastoralist communities living in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands through promotion of better livelihood systems, sustainable use of natural resources and community empowerment. RACIDA began operations in Kenya in 2001 in the arid lands of Northern Kenya (Mandera and Wajir) and has since expanded its multi-sector operations throughout the region in Ethiopia (Liben zone) and Somalia (Gedo region). We seek to consistently implement highly integrated, contextually appropriate, community based programming. Our programs are part of a comprehensive strategy that sets local communities across the Mandera Triangle at the center of their own development trajectory.

In order to fulfill its mandate and mission, RACIDA is looking for self-driven, professionally competent, self-motivated, experienced and committed team players to fill the position of Nutritionist to be based in Mandera South and Lafey Sub-Counties and supporting other sub-counties as requested.

The incumbent, as part of the RACIDA project implementation team, will provide technical guidance as well as hands-on support to Mandera South, Lafey, Mandera North, Mandera West, Banisa, and Mandera East Sub-County Health Management Teams to strengthen their capacity and skills in the implementation of High Impact Nutrition Interventions (HINI) through the integrated health systems strengthening approach and work with community groups to build their resilience and strengthen their knowledge and capacity in appropriate health, nutrition and hygiene practices.

Main Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Work closely with Nutrition Officer and the Project Manager to ensure integration and implementation of the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), and optimal Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) in RACIDA supported health facilities and outreach sites.
2. Ensure that data is collected at the outreach sites and is reported to the RACIDA M&E Officer as well as to the link facility to feed into the KHIS.

3. Provide technical support to MoH on the delivery of High Impact Nutrition Interventions at the health facilities and outreach sites;
4. In partnership with the Sub-County Health Management Team (SCHMT) including the Sub County Medical Officer in charge of health (SCMOH), Sub County Public Health Nurse, Sub-County Nutrition Coordinator, Public Health Officers, and the hospital nutritionist develop and implement monthly work plans for the target Sub-counties;
5. Ensure program quality control through implementation of monthly and quarterly M&E;
6. Closely monitor the nutrition situation in the program area;
7. While working with the health facility nutritionist and the SCNO, support the rural health facilities to establish referral systems and create referral links for access to in-patient services not provided by the rural health facilities;
8. Support the BFCI activities in target community units in consultation with the SCNC and facility in charge including training, supervision and reporting;
9. Document the project implementation process to generate lessons learned as well as case studies;
10. Participate in coordination of and data collection for SMART, coverage surveys, and other nutrition assessments in the county.
11. Writing of monthly reports and briefs as well as quarterly reports;
12. Together with MOH and other actors participate in joint support supervision visits and On-job training to the rural health facilities to improve service delivery;
13. Ensure the community-based activities such as nutrition screening, nutrition education, and defaulter tracing are done properly
14. Attend and adequately represent RACIDA in County/Sub-County meetings/fora as may be required.
15. Participate and contribute as necessary towards RACIDA's emergency response as and when necessary;

Requirement

- A degree/Diploma in Nutrition and Dietetics from a reputable institution with at least 2 years of experience in implementing nutrition programs in Northern Kenya or other similar areas.
- An understanding of the context, prior experience working and/or living in any of the target counties is highly desirable (**Candidates from/residing in Mandera South and Lafoy are highly encouraged to apply**)
- Experience working with NGOs in ASAL context.
- Experience working with/ knowledge of MOH systems, particularly at the County and Sub-County level.
- Good understanding of cross-cutting issues - gender, DRR, etc. and how to integrate them into nutrition programs.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, and report writing skills and demonstrated ability to work effectively in teams.
- Proficient in Computer applications
- Fluent in both spoken and written English and Kiswahili. **Knowledge of and proficiency in the local language is strongly preferred.**

Application Details

Interested candidates, who meet the above requirements, should send a CV and Cover Letter only to jobs@racida.org with the subject of the email as the position applied for and the location e.g.

'Nutritionist – Mandera South'. The closing date for applications is **May 20 ,2022**, however CVs will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Eligible applicants are encouraged to send in their applications soonest.

Each application must include at least three referees who can validate technical expertise. Telephone contacts and email must be submitted with the application.

RACIDA is an equal opportunity employer. Qualified female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interview.