



AFRICAN MEN FOR SEXUAL HEALTH & RIGHTS

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS - PROJECT ASSISTANT [VOLUNTEER POSITION]

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I. Background

The African Men for Sexual Health and Rights [AMSHer] seeks a Project assistant to support the implementation of and communication on the project “Linking Policy and Programming: Strengthening Legal and Policy Environments for Reducing HIV Risk and Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) for Young Key Populations in southern Africa (The YKP Project)”.

In consortium with the United Nations Development Programme [UNDP], the Health Economics and AIDS Research Department [HEARD] of University of Kwazulu Natal, the African Men for Sexual Health and Rights [AMSHer] is implementing the project “*Linking Policy and Programming: Strengthening Legal and Policy Environments for Reducing HIV Risk and Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) for Young Key Populations in southern Africa*” (The YKP Project). The project objective is to strengthen HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health and rights of young key populations in Angola, Madagascar, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

More specifically the project will:

1. Support national governments to put in place HIV/SRH-related legal, policy and strategy environments that respect the rights of young key populations
2. Strengthen the capacity of regional and national civil society organisations including community-based groups to claim rights and advocate for strengthened national HIV/SRH-related legal, policy and strategy environments and improved HIV/SRH service provision for young key populations
3. Enhance the capacity and leadership of SADC to facilitate Member States to put in place legal, policy and strategy environments that respect the rights of young key populations and promote regional learning
4. Foster the understanding of appropriate indicators and monitoring and evaluation processes that help promote accountability for implementation of human rights enabling activities that arise from law, policy and strategy assessments, advocacy and research activities

II. Roles and Responsibilities

The Project assistant will work closely with the regional project management unit based out of Johannesburg to implement the YKP Project and will be involved in the following activities:

1. Supporting the Team Leader and the project management unit to interact with stakeholders from Lusophone countries and implement the YKP Project activities in Mozambique and Angola;

2. Translate communications from and to the country partners and, under the supervision of the Team Leader, take appropriate action to attend to in-country requests;
3. Supporting the AMSHeR Communication and Media Advocacy Manager to develop the organisational key messages for Portuguese speaking audience;
4. On the request of project staff, attend project-related meetings and activities with partners from Mozambique and Angola;
5. Provide other administrative and logistics support to the YKP Regional Project Management Unit;

III. Competence

The Project Assistant should ideally –

1. Have experience in project management and communication with communities from diverse background;
2. Be proficient in English and Portuguese. Proficiency in another Africa Union language especially French, Swahili or Arabic is an advantage.
3. Have previous experience working on human rights, advocacy for law and policy reforms, sexual orientation and gender identity, and/or other social justice issues in Africa
4. Possess excellent research, communication and report writing skills;
5. Possess abilities to work in a multicultural environment and deliver under pressing deadlines on competing and multiple tasks;

IV. Allowance

AMSHeR offers competitive allowance for volunteer positions. Work-related expenses and travels on the organizational business are fully covered by AMSHeR.

V. Location and Duration

The Project assistant will be based at AMSHeR Head Office in Johannesburg with some travels. The position is for six months starting on 14 June 2017 and may be renewable for a further six months based on performance and availability of funding.

VI. How to apply

Interested applicants should send the following to jobs@amsher.org with the subject “Lusophone YKP Project Assistant”, no later than **10 June 2017, 17h00 SAST**.

- 1) An updated comprehensive curriculum vitae,
- 2) A cover letter, and
- 3) Two professional reference letters
- 4) Writing sample (2 pages maximum)

Please note that:

- Only short listed candidates will be contacted;
- Incomplete and late applications will not be considered;
- Given the sensitive nature of advocacy on key populations issues in many African countries, only a candidate who demonstrates a keen awareness of, and savviness to these issues and the realities of the African political and social contexts will be appointed;
- Suitably qualified young key populations are highly encouraged to apply.