



# UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

## EXTERNAL JOB VACANCIES (PROJECT POSITION)

Applications are invited for the following position:

### **POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (QUALITATIVE), REACH KENYA PROGRAMME - AD/3/32/22 - (1 POST)**

#### **The Project**

REACH is an international, collaborative project led by Oxford University (OU), financially supported by FCDO, with Ethiopia, Kenya and Bangladesh as project implementing countries. In Kenya, the University of Nairobi is the national focal research institution, in collaboration with UNICEF and the County Governments of Turkana and Kitui.

#### **Job description**

The Postdoctoral Researcher will work within the REACH Social Science team at the University of Nairobi and be required to:

- Individually lead and design social science research using qualitative methods, closely aligned with REACH research priorities to understand water security inequalities in Lodwar:
  - Design data collection tools using qualitative methods;
  - Undertake qualitative analyses;
  - Frequent within-country travel to field site(s);
- Support with logistics of qualitative research led by senior researchers in the University of Nairobi and the University of Oxford, including hiring and training data collectors / enumerators;
- Advance research methodologies, ideas and materials independently and in collaboration with academic colleagues for high-quality research publications and presentations in public forums or academic conferences;
- Participate in workshops, meetings, and events for REACH;
- Engage with REACH's research impact agenda including participation in the development of stakeholder engagement activities;
- Adhere to the requirements of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Policy of the University of Nairobi.

## **Job specifications**

- PhD degree in social sciences/anthropology/international development or relevant field;
- Proven experience in qualitative data collection;
- Awareness of key issues and ideas within the social development agenda in Kenya;
- Excellent communication skills, including the ability to write for publication, present research results, and represent the research group.
- An established publication record will be an added advantage.

## **Terms of appointment**

This a position whose tenure is one (1) year contract renewable based on performance and by mutual consent. The salary is negotiable depending on the level of education and work experience.

## **NOTES**

1. Applicants should email their application letters, certified copies of certificates and curriculum vitae (CV) giving details of their qualifications, experience and three (3) referees, as well as indicating their telephone and e-mail contacts.
2. Applications and related documents should be forwarded through applicants' Heads of Departments, where applicable, and be addressed to the Director, Human Resource, University of Nairobi.
3. Applicants should state their current designations, salaries and other benefits attached to those designations.
4. The application letter must bear the reference code indicated in the advertisement.
5. Late applications will not be considered.
6. Applications should be emailed to [recruit-prssqrkp@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:recruit-prssqrkp@uonbi.ac.ke) as one file in PDF.

**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022**

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