

Vacancy Announcement

JOINT CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTRE



The Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) is an indigenous medical organization that was established in 1991 as a limited liability not-for-profit Joint venture between the Uganda Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Defense and Makerere University Medical School (now Makerere University College of Health Sciences). JCRC is located on plot 101 Lubowa Hill Off Entebbe Road P.O. Box 10005 Kampala.

Joint Clinical Research Centre seeks dynamic, motivated and innovative candidates for the position of a counselor in the USAID LPHS Kigezi & Lango project based in Kigezi.

Background about the JCRC USAID/LPHS- Kigezi & Lango:

The Joint Clinical Research Center (JCRC) is implementing USAID Local Partner Health Services -Kigezi Region (LPS) a five-year Project (2020-2025) funded by PEPFAR through USAID that aims to increase availability, accessibility and utilization of quality integrated HIV/TB services in Kigezi Sub- region in Southwestern Uganda. This will be by reaching and sustaining the HIV epidemic control through attaining and sustaining the 95:95:95 UNAIDS target in the 6 districts of Kigezi sub region.

Job Title: Counselor

Supervises: None

Contract Duration: 3 months

Location: **Kanungu 1** (Makiro HC III), **Kabale 2** (AIDS Information Centre III, Buhara NGO H.C.III)

Number of positions: **03** (Three)

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide targeted HIV screening & testing services, quality Pre-ART/ adherence and IACS counseling for newly enrolled and established clients in care.
- Work closely with health workers and expert clients to provide or mobilize clients for TB, PrEP in MCH, cancer cervix, NCDs literacy, screening & treatment services.
- Offer quality and client centered psychosocial support to caregivers of children, adolescents & adult PLHIV in care clients and their families.
- Work with community health workers to support client linkages to ART/TB Treatment, retention & completion of treatment and adherence for sustained viral load suppression.
- Work with facility health workers to sustain a good appointment and follow up system

- at the facility and the community to ensure TB patients/HIV client continuity in care
- Conduct integrated community outreaches for non-suppressed clients as entry for index clients testing, home based IAC, TPT, TB/HIV treatment refills, client follow up
- Conduct Household/social contacts TB conduct tracing and Community TB Screening at mapped hotspots.
- Engage and refer/link clients to other health, social and para legal services to ensure continuum of care and maintain accurate up to date daily activity logs and reports.
- Optimize use of the audit tool working with data clerk/HIA to plan for community activities, collect quality community data, monitor and report on priority HIV testing, adult & pediatric Care & Treatment, PMTCT/EID and TB services.
- Any other duties may be assigned to your supervisor for the wellbeing of the patient/clients.

Person Specifications:

Minimum Academic Qualifications:

- HIV/AIDS Counselling Certificate or diploma in Counselling and Guidance
- Medical training in nursing or midwifery will be an added advantage
- Experience and willingness to work in rural health facilities
- Knowledge and understanding of most current MOH HIV/TB guidelines and donor priorities
- Must have knowledge and understanding of the local language.

Job application procedure

All applications should be addressed to Head Human Resources, Joint Clinical Research Centre via jobs@jcrc.org.ug. Applicants are **STRICTLY** advised to apply with a cover letter and CV combined in one PDF document not exceeding six pages. Kindly indicate the job title and specify the facility and district of your choice in the subject line of the email e.g. **COUNSELOR- BUHARA NGO HC III, KABALE DISTRICT** without fail.

Deadline: Friday 12th September 2025

Note: JCRC is an equal opportunity employer. Any attempts to influence the recruitment process will lead to automatic disqualification. The public is further strongly advised to be vigilant about fraudsters masquerading to be recruiting on JCRC's behalf using WhatsApp and other unofficial means of communication.