OPEN TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATE

Reference No. : SVN/MZ10/2020/051

Position Title : Psychosocial Support Assistant (Pemba) – 2 positions

Duty Station : Pemba, Mozambique
Organizational Unit : Migration Health and Migrant Protection and Assistance

Classification : General Service, Grade : G-5
Type of Appointment : Special Short-Term Graded Contract, 6 (six) months
Report to : MHPSS/Protection Programme Officer

Estimated Start Date : As soon as possible
Closing Date : 21 July 2020

IOM is committed to a diverse and inclusive environment. For the purpose of this vacancy, the following internal candidates who meet the eligibility criteria are considered as first-tier candidates:

- Internal candidates on regular or fixed-term contracts should meet the minimum time in post requirement of eighteen months or more at the time of the closing of the SVN.
- The minimum time in post requirement is six months for such internal candidates who are incumbents of a position being advertised or confirmed for discontinuation.
- Internal candidates on short-term contracts should meet the minimum time in post requirement of six months or more at the time of the closing of the SVN.

In addition, all applicants should meet eligibility requirements for languages, education and work experience requirements stipulated in the SVN.

Context:
The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency is a dynamic and growing inter-governmental organization, with 172 member states. IOM is committed to the principle that “humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society”. Established in 1951 and now active in over 440 field locations worldwide, IOM works with partners, government and civil society to promote international cooperation to address operational challenges of migration and mobility, assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems, and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people. IOM addresses the migratory phenomenon from an integral
and holistic perspective, including links to development, in order to maximize its benefits and minimize its negative effects.

IOM has been supporting the provincial and district health and protection authorities to provide essential humanitarian health and protection services since cyclone hit the country in 2019, as part of IOM’s response to disaster-affected populations.

IOM’s intervention have included to date support to community-based recreational activities, provision of psychological support, referral of mental health cases for specialized care and follow up and capacity building of government and humanitarian actors on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and Psychological First Aid (PFA).

IOM has also been supporting the COVID19 preparedness and response through support to risk communication and community engagement across communities affected by displacement and/or resettlement.

Under the overall supervision of the Programme Manager, and direct supervision by the MHPSS/Protection Programme Officer in Pemba, in close coordination with Head of Sub Office, the incumbent will support the implementation of MHPSS/ activities in selected resettlement sites across Cabo Delgado and Nampula province including guide the activities of the mobile teams.

Responsibilities and Accountabilities

1. Provide individual and group counselling and general psychosocial services for displaced families and individuals in camps, transit centres, areas of relocation and host communities.
2. Identify severe mental health cases that require specialized interventions and refer them to local mental health institutions and/or specialists, including provision of transportation and admission costs, if required.
3. Support patients with compliance with medical treatments, including support to families and caretakers.
4. Carry out regular follow-up of beneficiaries referred to local mental health institutions and specialists.
5. Coordinate the work of field level activists to facilitate timely and effective execution of programme’s activities, equitable and appropriate allocation of tasks and responsibilities within the team, technical support and monitoring of community focal points and volunteers, as well as transparent and accountable use of allocated financial resources.
6. Maintain regular liaison and coordination of activities with other IOM field teams such as Health, Shelter and CCCM to maximize the use of resources and ensure the delivery of integrated services.
7. Provide technical support to local implementing partners in carrying on MHPSS community-based initiatives in resettlement sites and host communities including training sessions on Psychological First Aid (PFA) and family psychoeducation.
8. Report on the activities and capacity building sessions conducted to the direct supervisor through clear and concise reports on weekly and monthly basis, as well as fill the program’s monitoring tools in accordance with structured reporting requirements.
9. Provide administrative support to the MHPSS/Protection Officer for the efficient operation of the projects.
10. Perform any other duty as may be assigned by the supervisor.
**Required Qualifications and Experience**

**Education**
- Bachelor's Degree in Psychology or Educational Psychology from an accredited academic institution with at least 3 (three) years of relevant experience. Major in clinical or counselling psychology preferable, or
- Minimum completed High School degree with certification in computer science with at least 5 (five) years of relevant work experience

**Experience**
- Previous experience working in community-based MHPSS in emergencies and displacement, including providing Psychological First Aid (PFA) and family psychoeducation.
- Knowledge of the mental health system and institutions, and experience in working with mental health partners or programmes
- Previous experience conducting individual and group counselling and focused psychosocial services, including treatment adherence counselling and support
- Experience coordinating with NGO partners and/or field level activists/volunteers in implementation of activities
- Experience in communicating and working with a wide range of people, including people of culturally diverse backgrounds
- Previous working experience in an international organization and familiarity with the IOM/UN common system or similar systems is an advantage;

**Skills**
- Good communication, interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Ability to write clearly and concisely including activity reports
- Demonstrated gender awareness and gender sensitivity;
- Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with colleagues from varied cultures and professional backgrounds
- Ability to work under pressure
- Personal commitment, efficiency, flexibility and drive for results
- Ability to work effectively and harmoniously in a team with colleagues from various cultures and professional backgrounds
- Proficiency in Office applications, including Word and Excel and internet explorer

**Languages**
Fluency in Portuguese is required (oral and written). English is desirable. Local languages of Cabo Delgado province

**Required Competencies**
The incumbent is expected to demonstrate the following values and competencies:

**Values**
- **Inclusion and respect for diversity:** respects and promotes individual and cultural differences; encourages diversity and inclusion wherever possible.
- **Integrity and transparency:** maintains high ethical standards and acts in a manner consistent with organizational principles/rules and standards of conduct.
- **Professionalism**: demonstrates ability to work in a composed, competent and committed manner and exercises careful judgment in meeting day-to-day challenges.

**Core Competencies** – behavioural indicators

- **Teamwork**: develops and promotes effective collaboration within and across units to achieve shared goals and optimize results.
- **Delivering results**: produces and delivers quality results in a service-oriented and timely manner; is action oriented and committed to achieving agreed outcomes.
- **Managing and sharing knowledge**: continuously seeks to learn, share knowledge and innovate.
- **Accountability**: takes ownership for achieving the Organization’s priorities and assumes responsibility for own action and delegated work.
- **Communication**: encourages and contributes to clear and open communication; explains complex matters in an informative, inspiring and motivational way.

**Other**

Any offer made to the candidate in relation to this vacancy notice is subject to funding confirmation.

Appointment will be subject to certification that the candidate is medically fit for appointment, verification of Education certificate and security clearances.

**How to apply:**

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications in **ENGLISH**, with:

a) Cover letter, clearly specify suitability and availability date
b) Detailed **curriculum vitae**, including historical salary and minimum three referees (preferably former direct supervisors).

Please submit your application by email to iommzbvacancies@iom.int, indicating your name and the reference code above [Name, SVN/MZ10/2020/051 – Psychosocial Support Assistant (Pemba)] as subject. The deadline for applications is 21 July 2020.

*Only applicant who meets the above qualification will be considered.*

**No Fees:**

IOM does not charge a fee at any stage of its recruitment process (application, interview, processing, training or other fee). IOM does not request any information related to bank accounts

**Posting period:**
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