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Post of Research Assistant -(03 vacancies)

Project: Upgrading the Yowun Piyasa Web Site (Yowunpiyasa .lk)

Background of the project:

Sri Lanka's youth population is substantial, with adolescents aged 10-19 making up 16% of the total population and young people aged 10-24 accounting for nearly a quarter of the nation. Despite their outward appearance of good health, these young individuals face numerous health-related threats and challenges, including accidents, suicides, violence, sexual and reproductive health issues, substance use, mental health concerns, and other preventable or treatable conditions. Investing in the health and wellbeing of this demographic is crucial, as the challenges they encounter can have enduring impacts on their lives.

It is essential to equip them with the knowledge and skills to advocate for their health. To effectively deliver health services to the diverse group of young individuals, we must utilize various models. One such platform is the Yowun Piyasa website, which was originally developed in 2018. As discussed in the Technical Advisory Committee meeting on Young Persons' Health, we have already completed the development of videos and infographics for the site. However, given that the current version of the website is outdated, we are planning to develop a new platform for www.yowunpiyasa.lk.

By revamping the website and enhancing its content, we aim to more effectively address the diverse health needs of young people. These efforts align with broader goals to strengthen adolescent and youth-friendly health services throughout Sri Lanka.

Web site development should be done stepwise to develop a quality website that is accepted and accessed by the target group. Two pre-intern doctors need to be recruited to review the contents and conduct Focus Group Discussions with youth to ensure the website platform's friendliness.

Scope of Work

Under the Supervision of the National Program Manager (Adolescent and Youth Health Unit of the FHB), the research assistants will perform the following.

1. To Conduct Focus group discussions between the working committee and youth to obtain experts views to make the content of the web layout youth-friendly
2. Coordinate with website developers
3. Uploading and updating new content to web layout
4. Develop short videos and IEC for website and social media
5. Engage in website promotional activities
6. Conduct qualitative and quantitative assessments among the target group, which are ongoing on identifying areas that need to be addressed further through virtual flat forms
7. Contribute to any other activities of the AYH Unit as instructed by the unit head

Selected research assistants will be posted to the Adolescent Health Unit of the Family Health Bureau.

Duration

For two months (05/06 days a week from 8.30 am-4.15 pm)

(period will be extended depending on the need)

Desired qualification and experience for the post

- Pre- intern Medical officer with MBBS qualifications
- Previous experience in IT-related activities.
- Previous experience in scientific research, data collection, data entry and analysis
- Good command of English and Sinhala or English and Tamil languages
- Ability to work with Microsoft Office applications (word/Excel/ PowerPoint etc.)
SPSS, Canva and other video-producing software, Joomla software


- Excellent communication skills
- Qualification regarding e platforms

Monthly Allowance = RS 667.50 / =

A Research Assistant is not entitled to any other privileges or claims other than the benefits specified above from the Ministry of Health & Mass Media .


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Terms of reference (TOR) for Recruitment of Three Research Assistants for Upgrading the Yowun Piyasa Web Site (Yowunpiyasa .lk)

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Candidates are requested to provide a completed CV, including copies of relevant documents and contact details before 18/06/2025...to Adolescent and Youth Health Unit, Family Health Bureau, 231.de Seram place, Colombo 10. (Tel -011 2699341, Email ayhunitfhb@gmail.com).