

JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Nutrition Officer

Duty Station: Monrovia/West Point

Reports To: Health and Nutrition Program Manager

Contract Duration: One year (January to December, 2025)

MISSION STATEMENT

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet the needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

JOB SUMMARY

The Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Nutrition Officer will work as part of the MMU and will be responsible for planning and implementing a comprehensive CMAM program package in West Point in collaboration with the MMU staff members. S/he will be responsible for planning, implementing, and monitoring nutrition programs within a community, focusing on activities like conducting nutritional assessments, identifying malnourished individuals, providing treatment for severe and moderate acute malnutrition (SAM and MAM), Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) education to communities on proper nutrition practices, and coordinating with healthcare providers to ensure proper care delivery, all while working within the context of a challenging environment with high malnutrition rates in West Point.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lead/support in the planning, quantifying, and selecting nutrition services site establishment and operations.
- Ensure all beneficiaries (Children and PLW) in the CMAM program receive care and treatment following MOH Guidelines, including proper taking of anthropometric measurements, proper referral, and food/treatment according to the agreed protocol.
- Supervise CNWs at nutrition services sites weekly.
- Facilitate and organize the referral of sick children to the ELWA stabilization center and ensure effective follow-up of these children.
- Organize the implementation of follow-up protocols requiring community outreach weekly with OTP patients.
- Identify community/church leaders who will work closely with the program at the village.
- Assist the community nutrition workers (CNWs) in implementing nutrition activities and developing monthly work plans.
- Ensure proper management supplies, monitor and report on the stock levels.
- Identify needs, plan, and organize training for CNWs and community volunteers on CMAM.
- Participate in the development of training curricula and tools for nutrition training.
- Liaise with the County Nutrition Department, churches, and relevant stakeholders in selecting participants for training.

- Liaise with the County Nutrition Department and other partners to ensure that CMAM and other nutrition activities are implemented as per the national protocol.
- Maintain a database/report of the trained and active health workers, CNWs, and Volunteers.
- Ensure proper registration and admission/discharge of CMAM patients, including ongoing monitoring.
- Coordinate regular community screening of U5 children and PLW with CNWs and Nurses and ensure recording and reporting of community mobilization and nutrition mass screening activities.
- Lead/support evaluation of the outcomes of the training.
- Collation and analysis of other existing surveillance data.
- Prepare weekly activity reports and contribute to performance reports to the Health and Nutrition Program Manager.
- Mentor the nutrition workers to ensure that they support and supervise the community Nutrition workers in their areas of coverage as required.
- Ensure regular meetings with the nutrition and community health workers.
- Document and share success stories, case studies, and lessons learned in a comprehensive and detailed manner to enable tracking trends on changes on a timely basis.
- Compile activity reports, including weekly screening data and Monthly reports
- Support and collaborate with the CNWs and churches in community-based nutritional promotional activities, including MIYCN.
- Support the implementation of nutrition promotion activities, School nutrition clubs, community outreach, and facility-based nutrition education focusing on MIYCN, growth monitoring, maternal nutrition, and dissemination of IEC materials.
- Liaise with and establish strong links with existing community structures, including women's groups, community development committees, youth groups, and religious leaders.
- Assists the PM with maintaining the supplies inventory and alert when procurement of supplies is needed in advance. Takes responsibility and accounts for equipment and supplies under his/her care.
- Participates in assessments (community, health facility, for example) as required.
- Ensure thorough documentation and reporting to meet the requirements of the County Nutrition Team, the Ministry of Health (MOH), SP IHQ, and any other donors.
- Understand the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) requirements and expectations and maintain/input data if needed.
- Take part in coordination meetings as required by the PM.
- Fully participates in setting up and packing away the MMU when they reach their target location.
- Fully participates as directed by the PM in checking the inventory in the store and the MMU packs, re-stocking the transport supplies, and re-ordering supplies in a timely way.
- Be willing to travel through rough terrain, possibly on a motorbike, to reach remote communities.
- Attend daily morning devotions and participate in prayer support for the ministry and volunteers.
- Maintain a strong Christian witness to colleagues, vendors, charitable beneficiaries, and the general public.
- With a generous and serving spirit, perform all other tasks & responsibilities assigned for the benefit of SP.



QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must **maintain a personal relationship with and be a consistent witness for Jesus Christ**, as well as able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- BSc/Diploma in Public Health, PA, Nutrition, Nursing, or related field with a minimum of two years of relevant experience for a BSc holder and three years of related experience for a Diploma holder.
- Understanding of community management of acute malnutrition.
- Experience in planning and organizing activities in a variety of locations.
- Proven capacity to supervise, train, and coach local staff and community workers.
- Experience in providing hands-on in-service training.
- Sensitivity to the needs and priorities of vulnerable populations.
- Strong communication skills, with excellent written and spoken English.
- Strong leadership skill and team management skills.
- Adaptable, flexible, and mature in judgment.
- Good assessment, analytical, planning, and reporting skills.
- Understanding of medical ethics and patient education.
- Skilled in community mobilization, facilitation, and health promotion.
- Strong report writing and computer skills.
- One year of college-level Biblical studies is strongly preferred.

SKILLS REQUIRED

- Flexibility, adaptability, and patience.
- Willing to build local national staff capacity by utilizing training and coaching skills.
- Analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity to cultural differences.
- Working knowledge and adherence to MoH or WHO guidelines for health care management.
- Awareness of gender issues.
- Drivers license/ experience driving a motorbike or willing to learn

How to apply: Interested applicants should send CVs and cover letter to Samaritan's Purse Office ELWA Compound, Monrovia: HR Manager or by email to: psavice@samaritan.org and copy EPerry@samaritan.org, THusseini@samaritan.org and PTWilson@samaritan.org. Deadline for submission of all applications is Monday, January 20, 2025 at 5:00pm. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.