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**Description for the Verbal and Social Autopsy (VASA) Data Collector**

**Introduction**:

The [COUNTRY LEAD INSTITUTION] in partnership with the [COUNTRY SECOND LEAD INSTITUTION] is implementing the [NAME OF THE SYSTEM] in [COUNTRY]. The project aims to develop a nationwide sample registration system (SRS) to record pregnancies, births and deaths; and carry out verbal and social autopsy of deaths identified. The [COUNTRY LEAD INSTITUTION] is looking to recruit Verbal and Social Autopsy (VASA) data collectors to assist the implementation of the [NAME OF THE SYSTEM] project.

The VASA data collector is a worker responsible for visiting the households of the deceased, conducting interviews with family members to collect information about the cause of the death. In carrying out duties, he or she will be assisted by the community-based workers to identify the family and conduct the interview. Under the supervision of the data collector supervisor, he or she is expected to maintain good public relations to mobilize various resources in the community (chiefs, religious leaders, community representatives, birth attendants, health professionals that support the [NAME OF THE SYSTEM]).

**Based in** [Province or Region name]

**Employment type:** 100% for twelve months

**Key functions:**

* Collect data on cause of death using the tablet provided by the project
* Upload data to the secure cloud server managed by the [COUNTRY LEAD INSTITUTION]
* Report any issue with data collection to the data collector supervisor (area with poor network, no response of participants and no compliance to the study)
* Supervise community-based workers (10-15) and provide managerial and technical assistance as needed (training)
* Conducting monthly/bimonthly household visits to assess vital events reported by community-based workers
* Review data reported by community-based workers as needed
* Report to data collector supervisor

**Qualifications:**

* Be a resident in the [province or region]
* At least secondary schooling with experience in survey data collection
* Speak the languages in the [province or region] where he or she will work
* Ability to use smartphone/tablet to collect and report data to the server.
* Female candidates are encouraged
* The VASA data collector will receive a monthly salary from the [NAME OF THE SYSTEM] project.

The following qualifications are preferred:

* Ability to work both as part of a team and independently
* At least secondary schooling with experience in survey data collection
* Willingness to undertake at least a two-year assignment

**To apply:**

Please email a cover letter highlighting your relevant education, experience and skills and an updated CV to the following individual. Screening will start immediately on a rolling basis. The position will be filled once a suitable candidate is identified, so early application is encouraged.

Please send application materials or questions to:

Ms./Mr. [NAME]

[EMAIL]