



**The Embassy of Sweden in Lusaka - Regional SRHR
Section - is recruiting a locally employed
Regional Programme Officer /Advisor
on UHC/Health Systems' Strengthening for greater access
to SRHR in Sub-Saharan Africa
(Fixed 2 years, possibility of extension)**

Reference number: UM2019/21335 – 1/LUSA

Closing date for applications: 25 June 2019

Start date: 1 September 2019

The Embassy of Sweden in Lusaka is Sweden's third largest foreign mission in Africa and has approximately 40 employees. The overall tasks of the Embassy include political and economic reporting, trade promotion, development cooperation, as well as consular and visa services.

The regional development cooperation is governed by a strategy for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in Sub-Saharan Africa 2015 – 2021. The Regional work on SRHR is mainly focused on:

- Women's and children's health and SRHR
- Health and SRHR of young women and men, and LGBT people
- Strengthened health systems for greater access to SRHR
- Strengthened democracy and gender equality, and greater respect for human rights.

Our main development cooperation partners are civil society organisations, United Nations and other multilateral organisations, Regional Economic Communities, research institutions, and other donors. We also have a consultative role to the Swedish Embassies in the region as well as to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). The position includes approximately 10-15% regional and international travel. The embassy offers a comprehensive employment package, including health coverage. There are presently 11 staff positions within the SRHR-section and there are both sent-out staff and locally employed staff. All staff report to the Counsellor and Head of the Regional SRHR-Section.

To be successful in this job, the incumbent staff member will be required to represent international human rights and values as formulated in the Swedish Feminist Foreign Policy, and Sweden's Regional Strategy for SRHR, inclusive of integrated, comprehensive SRHR.

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Main duties of the Regional Programme Officer include:

- Prepare and follow-up partnerships with regional partner organisations
- Further develop partnerships within the portfolio of regional SRHR programmes, with a special focus on health systems strengthening, – sustainable health financing and integrating SRHR in Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- Dialogue with external partners and represent the Embassy/Regional SRHR-Section in various fora
- Focal point for the work on health systems strengthening/UHC to expand access to SRHR
- A consultative role to Sida, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Swedish embassies in Africa within relevant areas.

Required competence:

- A Master's degree in Health Economics, Social Sciences, Public Health, or similar
- Minimum five (5) years' experience working on health systems' strengthening and health financing, including international/regional (sub-Saharan Africa) experiences
- Demonstrated experience in development cooperation, grant management and performance monitoring with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa
- Demonstrated experiences of dialogue with partner/grantee organisations and work with governments as well as M&E and Results-Based Management of complex health programmes
- Technical Knowledge and experiences of SRHR, gender equality and key processes in public health administration, such as for example, priority work and health benefits packages, national health insurance schemes, resource management including budget- and planning
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English
- Demonstrated personal commitment to human rights, including sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Good interpersonal skills and experience of working in a multicultural environment

Merits/added advantages:

- Experiences and knowledge of relevant UN-agencies and in particular of WHO
- Experience and knowledge of Swedish development cooperation
- Experiences in research on health system development

The application must include:

- CV
- Cover letter motivating your application

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- Names and contact details (telephone and email) of 2 references

The application and any inquiries should refer to the reference number **UM2019/21335 – 1/LUSA**. For further information, please write to the Embassy on: ambassaden.lusaka@gov.se.

Applications are preferred via e-mail to ambassaden.lusaka@gov.se
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.