



**National Cancer Control Programme**  
Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine  
Public Health Complex, No 555/5, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05.

## **VACANCY FOR THE POST OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT (PART TIME)**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Number of vacancies:** 04

**Project:** “Health literacy among adults in Kalutara district and effectiveness of a social media-based intervention to improve health literacy among adult social media users”.

**Period of recruitment:** August 2018 – May 2019

#### **Background of the project:**

National Cancer Control Program (NCCP) invites application from eligible candidates for the post of Research Assistant for a research project to determine the level of health literacy and to evaluate an intervention through social media to improve health literacy among adults in Kalutara District.

This is a community-based project. The main responsibility of Research Assistant is to visit identified households and identify study participants, then data collection by interviewing selected people those who are living in Kalutara district. In addition to the data collection in Kalutara district, data collection from a small sample in one MOH area in Colombo district also have to be carried out. Data collection will be mainly in the afternoons from 2.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Field coordinator who has experience in field work will be coordinating field data collection by supporting and guiding Research Assistants in the field. It is estimated that on average 565 interviews have to be conducted by one Research Assistant during the whole period.

Before commencing the field work, Recruited Research Assistants will be trained on data collection and on other expected duties and responsibilities.

**Qualification:**

- Applicants should have a basic degree in the fields of health promotion, social science or related field. Final year undergraduates may also be considered for the position.
- Previous working experience is not mandatory but will be an advantage.

**Age:**

There is no age limit. However, preference will be given to those who are below 35 years of age at the date of closure of application.

**Remuneration:**

Two hundred fifty rupees (Rs. 250) will be per one completed questionnaire

**Commencement of the project:**

The project will be starting on first week of September 2018.

Interested and qualified applicants are requested to submit their complete CV with copies of educational qualifications on or before 24- 08-2018 through registered post or email.

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