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The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Health & Wellness responsible for the management and operation of Public Health Services within the Parishes of Clarendon, Manchester and St. Elizabeth, invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the following position in **CLARENDON**:

ASSISTANT NUTRITIONIST (HTAC/NDT 2)

Salary range \$1,025,293 - \$1,218,752 per annum and any allowance(s) attached to the post.

Under the general direction of the Parish Nutritionist, the incumbent will be responsible for monitoring the supplementary feeding programmes, supervising Community Health Aides as it relates to nutrition, evaluating nutrition education and assisting in the planning of feeding programmes in an assigned geographical area.

Qualifications & Experience:

- Diploma or Associate degree in Dietetics/Nutrition from a recognized tertiary institution
- Registration with the Council for Professional Supplementary to Medicine
- Two (2) years working experience in primary care

Required Knowledge, Skills and Competencies:

- Sound knowledge of the practices, principles, and approaches of nutrition and health education.
- Knowledge of the development of health education materials taking into consideration target audience, age, readership and literacy levels.
- Thorough understanding of the techniques of programme development, planning implementing and evaluating.
- Knowledge of computer applications.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to write reports.
- Ability to make presentations.

Key Responsibilities will include:

- Monitoring the Community Health Aides in the nutrition surveillance of young children.
- Establishing and monitoring rehabilitation programmes for moderate to severely malnourished children.
- Providing therapeutic diet counselling to diabetics and hypertensive patients.
- Advising patients on diet regime, monitoring progress of patients through periodic assessment.
- Counselling individual patients and their families on dietary modification and general care.
- Instituting diabetic surveillance programme and keep accurate records.
- Monitoring the supplementary feeding programmes.
- Determining the extent of the nutrition problems in the parish and planning appropriate programmes.
- Conducting community assessments, analysing the data in collaboration with the Senior Nutritionist Research Development and Evaluation Section (RD&E)
- Carrying out basic and in-service training of health staff and staff of other agencies and implement public education activities.
- Planning, implementing and evaluating nutrition education activities at health centres, clinics and out-patient clinics of hospitals, aimed at improving existing dietary patterns.

- Giving talks at child welfare , prenatal and postpartum clinics on request of the Public Health Nurse.
- Assisting school teachers on request in the planning of feeding programmes in schools to improve the nutritional status of school children.
- Assisting in budgetary preparations by supplying an estimate of cost of nutrition Programmes in which he/she is involved, in the parish.
- Organizing nutrition activities for other government agencies, community groups etc., and other duties assigned by the Parish Nutrition Officer.

Applications along with resume should be sent no later than **Friday, November 25, 2022** to:

Senior Human Resource Officer
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1-3 Jackson Street
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NB. ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED