



THE EASTERN REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

POSITION DESCRIPTION

1. JOB TITLE HEALTH EDUCATION OFFICER	2. DIVISION COUNTY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION: <input type="checkbox"/> ST. ANDREW/ST. DAVID <input type="checkbox"/> NARIVA/MAYARO	3. DEPARTMENT HEALTH PROMOTION
4. ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIP The Health Education Officer will report to the Immediate Supervisor.		5. NATURE & SCOPE The Health Education Officer is responsible for supporting the planning, implementing and evaluating of Health Promotion and Health Education Programmes according to health priorities identified by the ERHA utilizing relevant health promotion strategies. He/She participates in planning and coordinating interventions aimed at behavior change for the adoption of healthy lifestyles, based on risk and health needs assessments for the Region's catchments population.
6. SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES The Health Education Officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Prepares lectures and/or sessions on healthy lifestyle choices for various target groups e.g. primary and secondary school children, youth groups and community organizations.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepares lectures and/or sessions to support the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases in children and adults<input type="checkbox"/> Plan, implement, evaluate and report of Health Promotion and Health Education programs for the assigned unit.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepares discussions and talks on AIDS prevention for various target groups and develop educational material, leaflets, posters, videos on HIV/AIDS; managing sexuality and other related issues.<input type="checkbox"/> Participates in leading discussions/sessions/lectures on managing sexuality/HIV/AIDS prevention and other World AIDS Day activities and Pre-Carnival AIDS programme.<input type="checkbox"/> Supports and participates in formulating programs in mobilizing and building healthier communities; healthy spaces initiatives, and green thumb corners, etc.<input type="checkbox"/> Develops educational materials, leaflets, posters, videos etc. on healthy lifestyle choices and life wellness.<input type="checkbox"/> Compile, collects and formulates data on Knowledge, Attitudes and Perception (KAP) surveys among school students on HIV/AIDS, sexuality behaviors and choices.<input type="checkbox"/> Attends workshops, seminars, updates on AIDS, Adolescent Reproductive health and relevant healthy life-style choices.<input type="checkbox"/> Participates in training of youth and adolescents in AIDS education, and conducting workshops, health fairs, and seminars in maintaining optimum health and well-being.<input type="checkbox"/> Conducts surveys on Adolescent Health.<input type="checkbox"/> Performs related work as may be required by the appropriate Authority.		
7. KEY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of the facilities, media, methods and techniques of disseminating educational information to the public.<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of the basic principles of public health, public health policies and Health Promotion strategies and goals.<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent communication skills, both oral and written.<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to use initiative and resourcefulness in gathering data and composing articles, speeches and public health topics.<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to present ideas accurately, effectively and concisely both orally and in writing.<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to interpret public health issues and apply underlying principles.<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates, local agencies and community groups.		
8. MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> A First Degree in Health Education<input type="checkbox"/> A minimum of five (5) years' experience in Public Health Education<input type="checkbox"/> Experience in Microsoft Office Suite<input type="checkbox"/> Any equivalent combination of experience and training.		
9. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Health Education Aide<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Driver<input type="checkbox"/> Clerical Staff		

10. COMMUNICATION AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP

Internal:

- Health Promotion Specialist
- County Medical Officer of Health
- Primary Care Nurse Manager
- Area Administrative Officer
- Other related Heads of Department
- Public Health Observatory
- Other members of the health team

External:

- Ministry of Health
- Other Regional Health Authorities
- Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs
- Ministry of Education
- National Oncology
- Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Community Groups
- Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Other agencies to promote healthy lifestyles.