

Maternity Worldwide Uganda Programme Group

Volunteer Role Description

Context:

This sub-group of Maternity Worldwide leads the work of the charity in Hoima and Masinda districts of Uganda. We are currently at an exciting time in the development of our work in Uganda to deliver an integrated maternal health project. This project will deliver the following activities in Hoima:

- **Maternal health promotion** will teach people about identifying the risks associated with pregnancy and childbirth and when they should seek professional assistance. Our expectation is that health promotion will lead to an increase in the number of women who give birth in health centres with a skilled birth attendant.
- **Developing 20 groups** to facilitate income-generating activities for women. These activities will empower women within the home and community enabling them to become financially independent and make their own decisions about their money and healthcare.
- **Completing the building and equipping of a health clinic hub.** Community outreach clinics are paramount to ensure people in rural areas have access to high quality maternal healthcare. A midwife will be based at the hub providing antenatal risk assessments to identify potential risks or complications and to provide advice on where the women should deliver their babies. This service will ensure that women who are identified as being at risk of a complicated delivery can get to the health centre in Hoima in adequate time to safely deliver their baby.
- **Enhancing the referral process** between the new village clinic and a larger established clinic, Azure. In doing so, women identified at risk of complications can get to the health centre in appropriate time before delivery.
- **Enhancing of the Azure Clinic to become a Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care Centre** enabling it to deal with complicated deliveries, further reducing the risk of maternal mortality.

Membership of the group is an exciting opportunity to get directly involved in the running of programme work in support of reducing maternal and child health. We are seeking enthusiastic, committed volunteers with a variety of skills including international development, project development and management, finance, clinical knowledge, public health, fundraising or event management. Members are expected to take an active role in the group on areas they are particularly interested as the group is run by volunteers. The group generally meets once a month in Victoria, London for approximately two hours in the evening.

If you are interested in getting involved, please send a cover letter detailing your experience and suitability for the role along with your latest CV to vacancies@maternityworldwide.org.