



INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AS RESEARCHER ON A 25-YEAR LONGITUDINAL RESEARCH IN LIBERIA

Roads To Health (Roads To Rural and Vulnerable Population Health), Phebe Hospital, and partners are developing the design of a six (6) to 25-year (spanning from 2017 to 2042) longitudinal health research in Liberia focusing primarily on maternal-child health, reproductive community-based participatory approaches, and infectious diseases. The research will predominately be conducted in rural parts of Liberia in locations that are especially hard to reach. The goal of the study will be to understand how the impacts of agriculture (nutrition and food security), education (literacy rates and school-based), and health (access to primary health care, outreach, and service utilization) services can influence health outcomes especially among women and children. The study is entitled:

*Longitudinal Study to Assess Sociodemographic and Service Utilization Factors Affecting **Maternal, Child, and Reproductive Health Outcomes** in Liberia: An Approach to Evaluate Collaborative Community-based Interventions*

We have teamed with several Liberian professionals both in Liberia and abroad as well as those interested in the healthcare system in Liberia to carry out this project, possibly starting in 2017. The list of current team members will be provided later. As a Liberian-based initiative, we are inviting professionals from Liberia, the USA, and other locations/friends of Liberia to **volunteer** to serve in various research capacities. Please note/understand that you may have to **spend many unpaid hours** (average of 10 hours a week) and **personal resources/costs** (money, travel, lodging, material ...) if you agree to volunteer to develop and/or implement the research. The criteria for the initial core research team members are:

1. Any clinical education (CM/RM, EHT, Lab Tech, LPN, MD, PA, Pharmacist, RN, ...) with at least three years of clinical experience. MDs, Pharmacists, and those with advance or master-level education will get waiver for the three-year minimum required clinical experience if they possess current clinical certifications in area of specialties.
2. A Master in Public Health
3. Master, PhD, EdD, or related advance degree in administration, agriculture, education, leadership, planning, sociology, health financing/economic, policy, and other social sciences
4. Those with bachelor-level education and with clinical degrees less than three years' work experienced will be evaluated based on experience and references. Special considerations will be provided for those with accredited agriculture and teacher training.

Many professionals are already highly skilled but for reasons of research, study fidelity, ethical considerations, and other factors, we will be providing training in several formats in basic to intermediate research methodology over a period of 3-12 months. We will be providing training modules for both online and onsite training beginning January-February 2017.

Costs:

Online training: Free but donations are welcomed

The cost for attending one on-site training session will be nominal (about LD\$ 1000.00 to 2500.00 [USD 10.00 to \$25.00] depending on the location) to cover cost of food and drives with training material and data, printing (limited).....

Gratis or supplemental assistance will be offered to some participants especially those from remote locations who will incur significant costs to reach the training sites.

We will also be seeking your donation of additional amount to cover for other expenses.

If you are interested to **VOLUNTEER**, please send your name with credential title, phone number, and email to info@rthealth.org and/or 609-233-1876, 0886512281, and 0770512281.

Additionally, please send your resume/CV that should also include at least two reference persons (with their emails, phone number, and work/home address).

Please share with others who you think are interested in joining our colleagues to help to improve the healthcare situation in Liberia.

Additional details to follow.

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