



## **Vacancy Announcement**

Nutrition research officer for iodine research in Somaliland

Closing date: 31. August 2010

**Nooleynta Naruurada Mustaqbalka (NNM)** is a Norwegian-based voluntary development organization that seeks to further the basic rights of human beings in the Horn of Africa. The Somali appellation expresses the organization's broader vision and goal: *Providing Life and Hope for the Future*. See [www.nnmafrica.com](http://www.nnmafrica.com). We are engaged in capacity building within health and linguistics at university level in Somaliland. Part of our efforts is directed towards community research in collaboration with national partners. To our research project "Iodine status in Somaliland" we are looking for a co-researcher for a contract period of 3-4 months, starting November-December 2010. The research project will include a household survey and sampling of biological material.

### **Main responsibilities include:**

Extended understanding of the research protocol and field guide manual and the scientific basis of the research project

Equipment and logistics

Training and supervision of research teams, theoretically and practically

Facilitating and critically reviewing piloting together with principal investigator

Overall supervision and support of research teams during field period (4 weeks)

### **Desirable competencies and qualifications:**

A flexible and reliable person with strong organizing and negotiating abilities

Good communication and pedagogic skills

Fluency in Somali and English, both oral and written – knowledge of technical terms in both languages

Formal higher education within laboratory medicine, nutrition or medical sciences

Experience as principal researcher or co-researcher of community based projects where the findings were published in peer-reviewed journal(-s)

Computer literate, with knowledge of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Internet

The research protocol will be available on request in pdf format. Wages based on NNM's ordinary tariffs. The position is based in Hargeisa. Extensive travelling during the field period of 4 weeks might be required. Co-authorship of scientific papers (-s) possible based on the icmje-requirements.

Applications including CV, diplomas of formal education and references to previous research experience and/or scientific papers, should be submitted before 31. of August to [nnmhealth@gmail.com](mailto:nnmhealth@gmail.com). The application should be marked: "Iodine research".

Only short listed candidates will be contacted primo September

Any kind of lobbying on behalf of applicants or canvassing will lead to disqualification.

Qualified candidates living permanently within Somaliland is especially encouraged to apply