

Contract duration	: 10 Months Fixed Term Contract
Anticipated start date	: 01 March 2023
Closing date for applications	: 15 February 2023
Remuneration	: Market related
1x ADVOCACY OFFICER	: East London

Beyond Zero (BZ) has been successfully implementing comprehensive services across the HIV and TB care continuum in the Eastern Cape (EC), Free State (FS), KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and Limpopo Provinces in the past 18 years; targeting key and vulnerable populations including adolescents and youths, sex workers (SW), orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and men who have sex with men (MSM) and people living with HIV amongst others. Beyond Zero is recruiting to fill the following positions to drive Health Services intervention on **Bumbingomso**, a development project of NDOH, co-financed by Federal Republic of Germany through KFW and the DG Murray Trust in Buffalo City District and Amathole District.

Purpose of the role

The advocacy officer will be expected to provide sound advice and services in dealing with practical matters concerning public information processes. They are required to develop and implement a creative approach to major communications campaigns and ensure effective design and delivery of information in accordance with overall Bumbingomso High Risk Group (BI HRG) Intervention objectives and Beyond Zero (BZ) policies. They will serve as an effective spokesperson and form strong partnerships with relevant stakeholders.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Planning, developing, and implementing communication strategies with key stakeholders to achieve project goal
- Drafts communications and advocacy material for BI HRG intervention, including newsletters, reports, promotional materials, and talking points for senior managers.
- Build information networks; plan and oversee maintenance of publicly accessible information materials on the BZ website and BI HRG intervention Facebook page
- Evaluates results and impact of communications activities; reports on developments, trends, and attitudes regarding BI HRG intervention to assess impact
- Serve as spokesperson liaison to media (print, television, and radio), governments, and other stakeholders
- Organize media outreach; arrange all media contacts, press briefings, and interviews; provide talking points and other materials as needed for staff; responds to media inquiries quickly and effectively.

- Plan and develop outreach activities.
- Organize sensitizations trainings with sex workers, law enforcement, government departments and other relevant stakeholders
- Organize and facilitate dialogues with law enforcement, ex-offenders, and community members
- Routine reporting on advocacy and communication activities

Educational Qualifications and Experience Required

- The service provider must have a relevant University Degree (or equivalent qualification)
- 5-10 years relevant professional experience in law, human rights, political science, social science, public relations, or related field:
- Proven experience and understanding of advocacy work at NGO level, and proven ability to position and advocate for issues effectively.
- Demonstrated ability to build and nurture strong relations with key population and various stakeholders
- Previous work experience with NGOs in the HIV/TB sector would be an asset.
- Working knowledge of relevant computer software such as MS Office
- Valid driver's licence and willingness to travel

Skills Requirements/Competencies

The service provider must have;

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to think both creatively and strategically
- Ability to run campaigns that deliver measurable results and meet objectives
- Capacity to convey complex ideas in a concise, clear, direct, and lively manner
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills, ability to meet deadlines and to manage multiple tasks effectively and efficiently, ability to take initiative and be innovative

Interested candidates should send their application to; recruitment@beyondzero.org.za

By applying for any of the above-mentioned positions, applicants consent to BZ to conduct qualification, ID, Criminal and Reference checks on them which form part of its recruitment process.

To Apply: Cover letters clearly stating the Position being applied for and preferred region/location as mentioned on the adverts, CVs, and copies of qualifications must be forwarded to recruitment@beyondzero.org.za

NB. Applicants who have not heard from Beyond Zero one month after the publication of these adverts should consider their applications unsuccessful and any future correspondence from BZ thereof will be limited to



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shortlisted applicants only. This is a re advertisement applicants who has previously submitted applications for the position should not re apply for the position.

Beyond Zero reserves the right to re-advertise any of the above listed Positions should the need arise and reserves the right not to fill any of the listed Positions.

None South African Citizens and non-South African Permanent Residence holders must be in possession of valid documentation authorizing them to work in South Africa. Beyond Zero is an equal opportunity employer.

Candidates from key vulnerable populations are encouraged to apply.

By expressing the interest in the position, applicants are consenting in terms of POPI Act for their curriculum vitae be shared with the relevant people authorised to act on behalf of BZ in the recruitment process.

