Position Title: Community Engagement Officer  
Location: Grand Bassa County  
Department: Quality and Innovation  
Reports to: County Program Manager

About Last Mile Health

Founded by survivors of Liberia’s civil war, Last Mile Health (LMH) saves lives in the world’s most remote villages by ensuring access to modern primary health care for all. Addressing the needs of remote communities that are cut off from basic life-saving health services, LMH works in partnership with the Government of Liberia to strengthen the country’s community health system—bringing health care to the doorsteps of people in the hardest-to-reach communities. As part of its recovery effort after the end of the Ebola outbreak, the Liberia Ministry of Health has prioritized launching a national community health workforce able to prevent, diagnose, and treat the most life-threatening health conditions. Working side-by-side, LMH and the MOH are designing and implementing a national roll-out of a network of community health workers to stretch the country’s primary health services to the most rural communities to improve maternal and child health and serve as a front-line response for future outbreaks.

Position Summary

The Community Engagement Officer will be responsible of implementing and managing community engagement aspects of the LMHs National Community Health Program in Rivercess and Grand Gedeh Counties. Under the supervision the Program Manager and technically supported by the Community Engagement Specialist, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) will support and supervise Community Engagement Assistants (CEA) who will be working directly with the community to build its community health system strengthening by increasing local ownership over community health initiatives, assessing and mobilizing community social structures, building community leadership capacity for managing health infrastructure improvement and for governance. Also, the CEO will play an essential role of liaising the Community Health Committee to the CHT and LMH County Program Manager

Essential job functions:

Community Engagement and Communication Management

- In collaboration with Community Engagement Specialist, initiate and manage all community entrance
- Work with Community Engagement Specialists to execute the community entrance strategies
- Develop community visitation schedule and manage for all community engagement assistants
- In coordination with the Program Manager and the CH focal point, regularly conduct community supervision
- Conduct regularly meeting with the community local government (opinion leaders, chief of village, and etc) for feedbacks on Community Health Assistant
- Provide technical support to the Community Engagement Assistant to address community needs and provide regular feedbacks to Program manager and CES
Coordinate with all CHSSs to ensure their regular community supervision schedule are updated and well communicated to the community engagement assistants

**Community Governance and Social Mobilization**

- Coordinate meeting between Community Health Committee (CHC) and Health facility to ensure care, drug support the CEA to initial all the communication with local leaderships to propose the National Community Health Program;
- Lead the community social structure (Community Health Committee, women group, youth group, and etc);
- Promote various health commodities to increase uptake such as family planning, malaria prevention, sanitation and community infrastructure projects.
- Build the capacity of all social groups and provide those to be active

**Community Health Education / promotion and Management**

- In Coordination with Program Manager, liaise with health promotion department at CHT/MoH to synchronize and standardize health message
- Roll out health messages, actions, and other interventions at the community level
- Create demand and promote health through community participation/ownership
- Provide health promotion messages and materials to educate household members on prevention of diseases and promote healthy lifestyles;

**Qualifications:**

- High School Graduate with at least 5 years’ experience working; knowledge of community engagement.
- Clinical knowledge is an added advantage
- Good communication skill, such as building and maintaining relationships
- 1-5 years of experience in working in public/community-based health and community engagement programming, preferably in rural settings
- Understanding of community health programs, especially for MCH
- Experience in working with rural and remote communities
- Computer skills: must demonstrate competency in the use of MS Office Programs including MS Word
- Commitment to health and social justice
- Willingness to travel into the field, spend occasional nights in rural communities with few amenities, and travel by motorbike
- Liberian national—should be able to speak Liberian English and or local dialect

**Application Procedure:** Please submit a resume, letter of interest, and three Professional references to hrliberia@lastmilehealth.org latest by July 14, 2017. Please indicate in the subject line of the email position title. Note: Hard copies will not be accepted