



**SEEKING INTERNS:**  
**Volunteer Fieldwork Coordinators for YOUTH PULSE Research Project In  
South Africa**

The Youth Pulse project is looking for vibrant, energetic volunteer Fieldwork Coordinators to support our fieldwork teams and project managers in running an exciting research project in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. The roles of the volunteer Fieldwork Coordinator posts would be intensive ones, with significant amounts of responsibility, but always working within a team in the Eastern Cape, with lots of support from the Universities of Cape Town and Oxford. We will be recruiting for this position on a rolling basis, depending upon volunteer availability.

This position offers R 4,286 (South African Rand) pay per month. This is an opportunity to gain valuable fieldwork experience in the international development sector, contribute to the livelihoods of young people, and experience South Africa.

**Youth Pulse: Antiretroviral treatment (ART) Adherence and Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Services for HIV+ Adolescents in South Africa**



**Overview**

This research study is a collaboration between the South African National Departments of Health, Social Development and Basic Education, with UNICEF, Paediatric AIDS Treatment for Africa and the Universities of Cape Town and Oxford. The study will interview over 1500 adolescents and visit up to 100 clinics from 2013-2018, and is funded by the Nuffield Foundation and the International AIDS Society.

Key aims of the study are: 1) to identify programming-relevant predictors of non-adherence to ART and non-access to SRH services for HIV+ adolescents in South Africa; 2) to engage with HIV+ adolescents using participative workshops to assess acceptability and improvement of potential service delivery models for ART and SRH services. The quantitative component of the research is a prospective cohort study of 1000 adolescents living with HIV, using interviews with HIV+ teens matched with patient file data. We are currently starting follow-up data collection in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. The Youth Pulse project field teams are based in East London and King Williams Town.

For more information please visit: <http://www.youngcarers.org.za/vacancies/> or follow us on Twitter @YoungcarersS



## Responsibilities/Tasks:

- Tracing of HIV+ teens who have been interviewed at baseline.
- Providing extensive on-the-ground logistical and administrative support for the project.
- Referring teens who have been identified as being at serious risk of harm (including hunger, rape victimization, suicidal ideation) to relevant support and services.
- Assisting with data extraction from patient files, tablet devices and conducting data verification.
- Planning and running sections of the participatory workshops with our Teen Advisory Group
- Supporting the field teams and Project Managers as needed in, for example, the training of research assistants, building community relationships, and communicating the research to government.
- Supporting with other duties that, within reason, might be requested.

## Requirements

### Applicants must:

- Have a commitment to the project for at least 6 months in the field.
- Be willing to live and work with limited resources in rural South Africa with sometimes variable electricity supply.
- **Hold a valid, clean driver's license and be very confident in driving manual cars on the left side of the road.** The roles require extensive driving, often through unpaved roads in deep rural areas.
- High level of computer ability, especially Excel and emails.
- Be hard-working and take initiative.
- Be able to work within as well as take leadership roles within a team.
- Be happy working in an office and in rural areas.
- Be competent in speaking and writing English.
- Be sensitive and respectful of working in cultures and languages that are not familiar.

### Preference:

A commitment of at least 6 months required. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis but interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Data management along with experience working with young people and living in the developing world is preferable but not mandatory.

### Application:

For more information and expressing interest, please contact Sally Medley or Sarah Hoeksma at [<forkidsza@gmail.com>](mailto:<forkidsza@gmail.com>) with your CV/Resume **and a cover letter** explaining how you meet the requirements and addressing the following questions:

1. Why do you want to join us? Why do you think you might be suitable to work on one of our projects?
2. Can you drive a manual car? How many years of driving experience do you have?
3. When is the earliest you could get to South Africa/East London area?
4. What is the minimum time you are willing to commit?
5. What is the maximum time you are willing to commit?
6. Funding - Please let us know if you have sources to cover your expenses. We have a small stipend available for some posts but we need candidates to investigate possible scholarships or stipends themselves. We are happy to support in the provision of any paperwork required for this.
7. What are your research/career interests?

**We will be unable to consider your application, unless these questions are answered. Interested candidates should apply as soon as possible.**