



Vacancy: **Physiotherapist/Research Coordinator**

Stroke Support Organization (SSO) is a non-governmental organization in Malawi aiming to improve living conditions for stroke survivors and slow its rise in the country. With funding from the Population Health Research Institute, Canada, SSO is implementing a randomized controlled trial to determine effectiveness of volunteer-led rehabilitation interventions among community living stroke survivors at its Likuni Life After Stroke Center in Lilongwe.

SSO-Malawi is therefore looking for dynamic person to work as Physiotherapist and Research Coordinator for **one year**. The candidate who will report to LASC study Principal Investigator (s) will be required to provide leadership, coordinate and oversee LASC activities and ensure that they are in line with SSO objectives and LASC study protocol. He/she will also be expected to provide therapy to admitted stroke patients at Likuni Mission Hospital atleast once a week.

**Responsibilities:**

- **Patient Assessment:** Evaluate patients, perform assessments, and diagnose movement disorders.
- **Treatment Planning:** Develop individualized and group rehabilitation plans and treatment strategies, including therapeutic exercises, and other modalities.
- **Intervention:** oversee the implementation of rehabilitation treatments, educating patients on exercises and self-management, and monitor progress.
- **Communication:** Communicate effectively with patients, families, referring physicians, and other healthcare professionals.
- **Record Keeping:** Maintain accurate patient records and documentation.
- **Collaboration:** Work collaboratively with other healthcare professionals to achieve well-rounded patient care.
- **Data Collection:** Collect, manage, and analyze data for research projects, including patient demographics, treatment outcomes, and other relevant information.
- **Research Project Management:** Assist in the design, implementation, and monitoring of research studies, including recruitment of participants, data collection, and protocol adherence.

- **Reporting:** Prepare reports and presentations based on research findings, including scientific papers and abstracts.
- **Collaboration:** Collaborate with researchers, other team members, and external stakeholders to ensure smooth project execution.
- **Compliance:** Ensure adherence to ethical guidelines, regulatory requirements, and research protocols.
- **Research Knowledge:** Stay up-to-date with the latest research advancements and methodologies in physiotherapy and related fields.

#### **Key Skills and Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in physiotherapy or related field.
- Registered as a physiotherapist with the medical Council of Malawi.
- Experience in clinical practice and research.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Knowledge of research methodologies, data analysis techniques, and research ethics.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Proficiency in relevant software and database

#### **Mode of Application**

Interested candidates should apply to the Executive Secretary, SSO-Malawi, P.O. Box 51463, Limbe, or electronically submit to [info@strokesupportmalawi.org](mailto:info@strokesupportmalawi.org). Please include your updated curriculum vitae and three traceable referees. Application should reach the Executive Secretary not later than 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. For more information call +265888267713.