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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES

**USINGA Verbal Autopsy fieldworker
Six Months Fixed Term Appointment
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS
REFERENCE NO: SOSS: UVAF001/2026**

The School of Social Science seeks to employ 1 Verbal Autopsy fieldworker. The Verbal Autopsy Fieldworker will be responsible for conducting verbal autopsy (VA) interviews with appropriate respondents who can provide accurate information about deceased individuals within the Demographic Surveillance Area (DSA) at USINGA, using standardized data collection tools. The role includes identifying and confirming the most suitable respondent for each assigned VA interview. In addition, the Fieldworker will carry out any other duties or tasks assigned by the Line Manager as required.

Successful candidates will be responsible for conducting household visits, structured interviews, and health-related data collection using electronic data collection systems. The role requires individuals who demonstrate strong attention to detail, adherence to research protocols, and a commitment to high data quality standards.

The successful candidate will be reporting to a USINGA Fieldwork Coordinator.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Grade 12
- A minimum experience of 2 or more years in field-based data collection
- Candidates should demonstrate a sound understanding of verbal autopsy processes, including familiarity with VA concepts, terminology, and the type of information collected during interviews.
- Knowledge about HDSS and Longitudinal Surveillance data collection systems
- Must be computer literate, with proficiency in the use of electronic data collection devices (e.g., smartphones/tablets)
- Knowledge on Research Ethics and confidentiality requirements.
- Good verbal and written communication skills in English and isiZulu
- Must be a resident and household member from within the USINGA Study area (Umlazi Ward 79, 82 or 88)

For queries, contact USINGA on USINGA@ukzn.ac.za

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 12 JUNE 2026

Please state the job title and the reference in the subject line

Applicants are required to submit the following:

- A comprehensive CV outlining the relevant experience.
- Certified copies of certificates.
- A letter from the Ward Councillor as proof of residence

Applications must be emailed to USINGA@ukzn.ac.za.