



What is Nepotism and Cronyism How do we combat this within TREES





Nepotism and Cronyism

Nepotism means favoring only relatives in all positions, and cronyism is favoring only companions and friends in every position





Rippling the new HRIS System





Administrators in Rippling

HR Specialist, Accountants, and Country
Directors all have admin profiles in Rippling

This will allow you to run reports, watch the recruiting cycles and many other items in real-time



Hiring Process

Activity	Tasks	Who is responsible for the task	Timeline to complete task	Remarks
	Review of org chart and budget for openings and recruitment needs.	Country Director, Project heads, HR Director	2 Week	Seek concurance and approval from Senior Director of Programs. Completed documentation should be submitted to Human Resources electronically to enable further reviewing and uploading on to Rippling. Documentation to include; completed staff requisition forms, completed position Description with role profile
		HR Director and HR Specialist with support from Hiring Manager	1-3 days	Send a message to all people who need to approve to remind them that the form needs approved. Once approved by all members, GO TO STEP 2.
1) PREP AND APPROVALS:	Email link of the Job Description to HR Director (Central Office)	HR Director Reviews and Approves (Central Office)	1-2 Weeks of review.	HR sends Draft PD back to Requesting Heads of projects for review before submitting for approval. Here the detail description of the job is confirmed in two parts eg Part 1. Job title, Reporting line, location, overall job purpose, key tasks and duties and any other special circumstance attached to the job and Part 2. Describing knowledge skills and attributes needed to perform the job and therefore provide a basis for advertisment
Identification of Job openings, Prepare Job Description and Get Approvals	Fill in and Submit Central Office or Country Specific JD/JR Request Form through MS TEAM Approvals Process (upload Job Description to Approvals- required)	HR Specialist	1 day	
	Review & Approve Central Office or Country Specific JD/JR Request Form through MS			System notifications to approve are sent to all approvers to sign at their various levels. The workflow approval should be approved in the following order: CD, Programs, Finance, HR Once all Approvals are received move to step 2

2) RECRUITMENT	Draft Job Posting and review w/HR (include key tags to attract candidates)	HR Director, HR Manager, and HR Specialist with support from Hiring Manager	2-3 days	
	Make a plan for advertising the position. Discuss an appropriate approach to attract suitable applicants. List the names of all employees who should have access to applicant information received via Rippling.	HR Manager, and HR Specialist with support from Hiring Manager	2 days	
	The Job Posting is entered into Rippling and an application link is generated and submitted to MarComms	HR Manager	2 days	
	The Job Posting is posted on the TREES website and the link is shared with the hiring manager and HR.			
	The link to the TREES website is shared to TREES networks, advertised and shared on LinkedIn in accordance with recruitement plan	HR Manager and HR Specialist with support from Hiring Manager	2 days	Can also post on TREES profile and then share with other networks, Advance Africa, Print media etc. for 14-21 days depending on time line of hiring. Document what networks it was shared with. Consider the budget available for recruitment advertising

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3) Reception of Applications and Review Process	All applications are received and reviewed in Rippling If we receive more than 100 resumes in the first week, pause the advertisements on all sites including TREES website.	HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager	10-14 days	A physical register of all applications and date and time of receipt of application or with an online screening platform for the initial screening of applications All applications to be printed and filled at HR office
	Sort and pull up all 'Qualified' tags.	HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager		A hiring manager is the person who saw the need and requested for the position to be advertised e.g T.S, director of field program, director of finance and country director.
	Shortlisting dates agreed upon	HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager		
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	Determine the maximum			



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Interview	Sign an attestation confirming that it is not related to the interview committee and disclose any relationship to people at TREES/ Conduct interviews and do an interview report. (Compare to the answer on their application) Rating/Ranking and making a determination. At the end of the interview, the chair can allow a final reflection on the candidate and invite discussions from all panel members on each candidate.	All Panel members	1-2 Days depending on the number of candidates being interviewed.	candidate is not achieved, i.e may decide not to make an appointment. Equally, the panel may note and recommend
interview	Who signs provisional offer letters (approvals)/back checks	HR Director, Country Director, Programs	1-Day	candidates to upcoming projects withoughing through another interview proced However, the position being considered has to be the same as the one in the number of project. Where to store documentation.
	Checking references, University records and employment. List of questions for references.	HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager	1-2 Months	members of the selection panel should return to HR all associated selection paperwork. Each panel member to write the name of the candidate on any notes made which will form part of the final
	scheduling additional testing when needed (financial literacy, motorbike riding, driving, etc.)	HR Director, HR Specialist, Country Director, Hiring Manager, Programs, Finance	3-Months	paper work.



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	interview. One meeting for the interview panel to prepare,	Manager and Programs HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager	1-2 days 1-day	Interview panel composition should consist of at least one (maximum two)representatives from the hiring project, a relevant technical person, Central Office Representatives and HR. The selected panel member's credentials should be higher or equivalent to the position they are interviewing. When scheduling interviews allow 10-15 minutes break to prepare for the next candidates.
	Discuss the assessment tool or method and gather evidence of key skills as defined in the role profile part 2.	HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager	1-day	Avoid questions that appear more interrogative and personal. The type of questions asked should make the
	Interview schedule done and shared	HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager and Programs		candidate be able to engage all their mental faculty and also ease the tension of the interview.
Preparation for the interviews				In the event that the interview goes for more than one day, panelist to use the same questions but scenario based. This will eliminate likely conspiracy. There is need to adopt candidate checklist to bring out their communication skills and emotional stability during the interview process.
	Notification of interview dates to shortlisted candidates done formally (Email or a letter of invitation for an interview) Call shortlisted candidates to inform them of the interview schedule and confirm attendance	HR Director, HR Specialist and Hiring Manager	1-2 Days depending on to be contacted.	



Post interview- Notification of interview outcome to candidates	Email notification of the interview outcome to the candidates both successful and unsuccessful	HR Manager and HR Specialist	2-weeks	Just so you know, communication will be done to both successful and unsuccessful candidates. If any member of the interview panel or any other party has an interview complaint, s/he must do so within 48 hours of such interview. The complaint may be on issues such as transparency, competitiveness, fairness, and the general conduct of the interview. Confidential email report may be sent to CD, SDHR, SDP. Reporting person or party may hide their identity, and management shall have a duty to protect their identity. In the event that there are candidates who reach out exclusively to find out the reason why they were not successful, HR can give a response by explaining the criteria used for shortlisting considering regulations governing recruitment in Kenya. In case of a contest after an interview process, the culture of the organization supersedes the job requirements. Our culture holds that we consider candidates with the right attitude. If a candidate exhibits a negative attitude, that should be cited as a red flag. (Consider communication, teamwork, and interpersonal relation)
	Negotiation with the HR Central Office office and signing of the contracts with the successful candidates	HR Director, HR Specialist, Programs Finance	, 1-5 days	An appropriate salary will be determined by the level, depth and complexity of an individual's knowledge and understanding of the different aspects of the job, level of existing relevant skills,
	Sharing of the contract to the successful candidates and timelines for reporting	SDHR,HR	1-5 days	qualification and relevant experience, current salary and other monetary benefits of the successful candidate, comparative salaries of existing employees in similar roles within the program. It must be explained to the candidate that the provisional offer letter or
Signing of provisional offer letter/job contract for the successful candidates	Checklist of preparations before employee starts	HR Specialist, Hiring Manager, Country Director, Programs	1-2 days	contract signing is subject to all necessary background checks required as part of the selection process to verify and validate the
	HR Specialist submits New Hire Form in MS Teams Approvals with the required information for Finance, HR, and IT Once approved, the HR Specialist should add the new	HR Specialist, Central Office HR		evidence already gathered i.e Qualifications, reference checks, etc The workflow approval should be approved in the following order: CD, Programs, Finance, HR, IT. Each department will follow the required steps to onboard the candidate into the appropriate systems.



NEXT STEPS – RECRUITMENT WORKPLAN

	Activity	Task	Timeline	Date
1	approvals	 Designing of job descriptions and Position descriptions for announcements of AT, LT and TS Positions. 	5 days	8th May-12th May
		 Requesting for approvals via teams approval 		
2	Recruitment and short listing	 Submitting JD/PDs for AT,LT and TS to HQ to create a link on Ripplig and later to MARCOMMS after reviewing the general lay out. 	2-3 days	15th May-17th May
		 Post the link from MARCOMMS to TREES website and other external websites including LinkedIn and other identified recruitment agencies 		
		 Beginning of applications receipt and short listing on a rolling basis. By recruitment committee OR An identified consultant does Resume and applications screening to come up with a shortlist. 	7 Days	18th May-25th May
3	Interview	 Beginning of interviews for the short listed candidates, Communicating the actual interview date and time to the candidates and make a hiring decision. 	3 Days	29th May-2nd June
4	4 Post Interview notifications/ Signing of offers an contracts/.	 Conduct reference checks, Issue Offer letter and contracts to the successful candidates. Give feedback to the unsuccessful candidates (During the probation period verify certificates through an independent investigator) 	3 Days	5th June-8th June
		 Successful candidate notice periods in case if Employed. Submission of new hire forms for payroll, through teams approvals, setting new staff on MS365, Rippling, Taroworks, etc 	2weeks	
5	Reporting and Induction	 Reporting for ToT, Project Induction and general introduction on selected HR policies and manual overview(If the new hires are split in two groups then each ToT / Induction Sessions will 	2 Weeks	19th - 30th June



Reminders

These are Important

- Don't interview family or friends, disclose
- All jobs need to be posted (Internal & External)
 - You cannot and should not pick who you feel is the best person for an internal posting
- Promoting and recruiting are different, but there is a fine line
- Interview questions and the interview panel are important
- If you are unhappy with the candidates, we should try again. Don't settle

