JOB DESCRIPTION: RESEARCHER — HEALTH ECONOMICS  
(Closing Date: 30th September 2017)

The Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office (HE^2 RO) of the University of the Witwatersrand, based in Parktown, Johannesburg, is an internationally recognised health research group which works on issues of public health importance, including a strong focus on HIV and tuberculosis. HE^2 RO seeks to build the evidence base to improve the health policies and programmes in South Africa and the region. We collaborate on policy relevant research with Boston University, the Clinical HIV Research Unit, and other national and international organizations. For more information visit our website at www.heroza.org.

We seek a dynamic, enthusiastic and self-motivated quantitative researcher to be part of our health economics portfolio. The successful applicant will be part of a team of researchers working on cutting edge public health research questions that contribute to the evidence-base for improving access to, and delivery of health services for HIV, TB and other health challenges.

The position is based at the head office in Johannesburg, but may require travel primarily within Sub-Saharan Africa, and possibly globally. Overtime/weekend hours and working in rural areas and/or under-resourced circumstances will be required from time to time. This is a full time position.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Contribute to research development, design, and implementation
- Preparing ethics applications for ethic committee review and adhering to ethics guidelines and protocols.
- Data collection and management, including: 1) developing standard operating procedures for data collection; 2) creating data entry databases and working with data capturers to collect high quality data; 3) organising and conducting data monitoring; and 4) creating analytical datasets.
- Analysing research data using standard health economics research methods (e.g. costing, effectiveness measures, cost effectiveness analysis, etc.).
- Working with senior researchers and principal investigators on the development of original research manuscripts and abstracts for publication and presentation.
- Working in an interdisciplinary team environment with other health professionals.

Requirements:

- Masters degree in economics, health economics, public health or related quantitative field.
- Minimum 2 to 3 years research experience or comparable professional experience.
- Expertise with data analysis software (e.g. SAS, STATA).
- Self-motivated, able to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Experience in using various research methodological designs.
- Good administrative skills with working knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Ability to travel internationally (primarily within sub-Saharan Africa) for 1 to 2 weeks at time.
- International work experience beneficial.
- Code 8 Drivers License.

Applicants should email a cover letter and CV to vacancy@heroza.org. HE^2 RO will only respond to short listed candidates. The closing date for this position is 30th September 2017. Candidates who have not been contacted within two weeks of the closing date can consider their applications unsuccessful. HE^2 RO reserves the right not to fill this position should it deem it necessary not to. This position will remain open until filled.