

## Knowledge for Change - Professional

Optimising infant nutrition during the first 1,000 days of life remains a significant public health challenge across SSA, contributing to 45% of child mortalities because of inadequate breastfeeding practices and weight management issues. In one Zanzibar partner hospital, K4C identified 2-5 infants die each week from malnutrition.

K4C's fellowship provides a multidisciplinary programme comprising university teaching at partner universities in Midwifery, Nursing, and Nutrition, and practice exposure at simulation suites: Liverpool John Moore University (LJMU) and Salford University's Thrive Centre. The Fellowship collaborates with Manchester institutions combating malnutrition, including Infant Feeding team at Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership, and NGOs, 'Porter Nutrition' and 'Stork'.

Fellows will implement small but scalable quality-improvement interventions in workplaces, in partnership with Philippa Swift (Paediatric Nurse, University College London Hospital), and supported by K4C researchers. Improved understanding, identification and treatment of malnutrition will be disseminated to fellows' colleagues and community members at home.

### Eligibility

Applicants will have a professional and personal interest in and commitment to reducing prevalence of malnutrition in mothers and their babies in SSA. K4C seeks to assemble a multidisciplinary team of SSA professionals working in the disciplines of nutrition and exercise science, dietetics, midwifery, nursing, community healthcare work (CWHs), education, non-governmental organisations and outreach work, and policy and governance.

Other eligibility criteria will be aligned with the CSC's requirements.

**Proposed Programme Dates:** 15/02/2027 to 11/05/2027

**Priority Theme:** Improving population health, health systems and capacity

**Recruiting from an established network:** Yes

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