



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job ID: (TRHBHR 101)

Job title: Regional Senior HIV Testing Service (HTS) officer

Location: Tigray Regional Health bureau (TRHB), **Mekelle**, Tigray, Ethiopia

Category: Health Care

Supervised by: HIV clinical case team

Supervises: Town and facility level HTS coordinators

Career Level: Senior

Employment Type: Contractual

Number required: 1 (one)

Salary: Negotiable

JOB SUMMARY:

Under the guidance of Tigray Regional Health Bureau, Multisectoral response for HIV/AIDS prevention and control core process and its clinical HIV/STI case team the Regional **Senior HTC officer** will oversees over-all HTS activities at the Health facilities and towns in the priority towns (Alamata and Mekelle) of the CDC funded project “Strengthening Local Ownership for the Sustainable Provision of Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Services” by the Health Bureau of Tigray Regional State of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The incumbent capacitate the HFs to increase case detection through minimized efforts by minimizing missed opportunities and increasing quality of targeted testing; improve data management and use by the HFs for decision-making. Updates the HFs and his/her subordinates on new directions and recommendations.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the TRHB Multisectoral response for HIV/AIDS prevention and control core process and its clinical HIV/STI case team, the Regional senior HTC officer will have the following responsibilities:

- Ensures HTC services are being delivered regularly in both towns.



- Ensures the provision of HTC services at all HF in the priority towns.
- Supervises the town-level mentorship and supportive supervision are being conducted as per the SOP and schedule in the priority towns.
- Coordinates the over-all HTS activities, including HTC training need assessment of HCPs in the priority towns.
- Reviews targeted HIV testing on each testing facility in the both towns based on MARPS, age and sex.
- Compiles and analyses data form testing sites in the towns, and interprets/ assesses quality of the testing with respect to yield, and gives feedback to the town/ HF level HCT coordinators.
- Gives and channels down new directions and updates from the federal or regional levels to the facilities through the way of the town or HF level coordinators.
- Supervises the HF at both towns on quality of targeted testing on regular basis and ensures target testing at all facilities is being conducted through individual based sexual risk assessment and proper identification of MARPS.
- Ensures intra-facility/inter-facility referrals of newly identified HIV-positive clients at all facilities in the priority towns are conducted through escorting and referral slip; and feedback mechanisms are established. Supervises same-day ART initiation at each facility in both towns, and previously pre-ART clients are being retested before they are being started on ART.
- Ensures routine DBS testing are being performed according to the national recommendation in all HF in the priority towns; monitors number of samples referred, results received, and their proper documentation at the regional level.
- Conducts regional-level RM for both towns, follows catchment area meeting at the priority towns have been conducted according to schedule, and takes part in them.
- Monitors the availability of rapid test kits (RTK) and other HIV commodities in all HF in the priority towns, communicates with PFSA and TRHB focal people for HIV SCM and establishes fast replenishment mechanism in the priority towns.



- Supervises all HFs in the priority towns have established RTK quality control and quality assurance mechanisms.
- Ensures quality assurance for HIV testing & counseling in each HF in the priority towns is in line with national guidelines.
- Supervises the over-all activities of the town level and HF level HTC coordinators.
- Carries out other related duties and responsibilities assigned to him/her by the immediate supervisor

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- MD, Masters in Public Health, infectious disease or in any other health-related fields with health back ground (MD, HO, nurse)
- Work Experience: At least 5 years' experience in HIV/AIDS care delivery and program management
- Training on comprehensive HIV prevention, care and treatment and other HIV-related topics is **mandatory**
- Ability to establish and maintain excellent work relationship
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Proficiency in written and spoken English
- Basic computer knowledge with ability to use the MS office application

Tigray Regional Health Bureau is an equal opportunity employer; women and people living with HIV/AIDS are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply: Interested candidates with the required qualification and experience are invited to submit application letters along with CV and photocopies of certificates and testimonials as well as names and contact information for 3 professional references other supporting documents to the following address:

- In person to Tigray Regional Health Bureau Human Resource Directorate



- Online at: jobs@tigrayrhb.org

The application letter should be clearly marked with each position.

Only short-listed applicants will be notified for interview and exam

Receiving applications is **September 18-29, 2017**.

Closing date: **September 29/2017 at 5:00 PM**

Point of Contact:

- **Ato Zenebe G/hiwot or W/ro Meseret Weldegiorgis**
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About the Organization:

The Bureau of Health, Tigray Regional State is a governmental organization responsible for the overall health care and related activities in the region. The bureau seeks to achieve the global Fast-Track milestones of the 3 90's by 2020 to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 by preventing new HIV infection and eradicating AIDS through, advocacy, prevention, and care and treatment programs.