



## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Job ID: (TRHBHR 104)**

**Job Title: Regional Viral Load technologist**

**Category:** Health Care

**Location:** Tigray Health Research Institute (THRI), Mekelle, Tigray, Ethiopia

**Immediate supervisor:** THRI: Regional Laboratory Head

**Reports to:** Clinical HIV/STI clinical case team/Project officer

**Supervises:** Facility Laboratory for viral load activities

**Employment Type:** Contract

**Number required:** 1(one)

**Salary:** Negotiable

### JOB SUMMARY

Under the guidance of Tigray Regional Health Bureau, and Tigray Health Research Institute and its regional laboratory, the Viral load lab technologist provide technical assistance on viral load sample transportation and referrals 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 will be responsible to process viral load and DBS samples and timely feedback to facilities patient management.

### MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision by the regional director, the Regional Lab Advisor will have the following responsibilities

- Support RHB/RRL to update mapping of lab location to strengthen integrated multi specimen referral networking based on the distance and access between clinics;
- Ensure proper and uninterrupted lab referral system like viral load, CD4 and DBS sample referral
- Oversee monitoring of patient viral loads in specified facilities and communities with the goal of achieving 90% suppression among people receiving ART



- Responsible for the specialized viral load/lab strengthening interventions
- Perform all aspects of HIV viral load/EID laboratory testing work necessary to support diagnosis and Patient monitoring
- Maintain laboratory QC/QA in the performance of assigned duties
- Perform all aspects pf CD4 T-Lymphocyte cell count of HIV infected individuals
- Play a key role in planning and implementation of viral load/lab strengthening activities
- Record test results obtained in an organized and timely manner and write summary reports
- Document all problems encountered with samples/equipment and forward them for action
- Observe at all times to ensure quality work is attained
- Facilitate PT testing and other EQA schemes as recommended by the quality assurance officer
- Support validation of new HIV testing protocols or platforms
- Ensure proper operational procedures and laboratory safety precautions are maintained and adhered to in the laboratory
- Support RRL in strengthening regional external quality assurance program (REQAS) for HIV related testing
- Assists RHB/RRLs in planning and implementation lab mentorship and identify gaps/challenges and develop action item to ensure quality lab services
- Work closely with techno center case team on equipment and supplies need assessment to strengthen lab services of the region
- Ensure adequate stock of reagents and other consumables are available and track usage
- Support RHB/RRLs in the development and/or adaptation of records such as logbooks for daily laboratory activity, recording logbooks, log sheets for stoke and inventory management, quality control and specimen tracking



- Contributing to program monitoring and evaluation
- Support the laboratory in achieving and maintaining accreditation for regional and facility laboratories
- Prepare monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual work plans and reports;
- Participate in regional HIV technical working group
- Perform any other related duties assigned by the Regional Laboratory Director and project officer

#### **JOB REQUIREMENTS:**

- MSc/ BSC Degree in Laboratory Science
- At least 5 years related work experience
- 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](mailto: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.