



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job ID: (TRHBHR 107)

Job title: Town HIV Testing Service Coordinator

Location: Alamata town and Mekelle town, Tigray, Ethiopia

Category: Health Care

Supervised by: Regional Senior HTS officer

Supervises: Facility level HTS coordinators

Career Level: Medium

Employment Type: Contractual

Number required: 3 (Three)

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 respective Health facilities and towns in the priority towns (Alamata and Mekelle) of the surge strategy 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 TRHB Senior HTC officer will have the following responsibilities:

- Ensures HTC services are being delivered regularly in the community
- Ensures the provision of HTC services at all HFs in the town.



- Supports the district level /town-level mentorship and supportive supervision by the woreda/zonal HO.
- Coordinates the over-all HTS activities, including HTC training need assessment of HCPs at woreda or town level.
- Reviews targeted HIV testing on each testing facility in the town based on MARPS, age and sex.
- Compiles and analyses data form testing sites in the town, and interprets/ assesses quality of the testing with respect to yield, and gives feedback to the HF level HCT coordinator.
- Gives and channels down new directions and updates from the town or regional levels to the facilities.
- Orientates HF HCT coordinator continuously and ensures target testing at all facilities is being conducted through individual based sexual risk assessment and proper identification of MARPS.
- Ensures all facilities are conducting an escorting-based intra-facility referral; and feedback mechanisms are established.
- Supervises same-day ART initiation at each facility, and previously pre-ART clients are being retested before being started on ART.
- Ensures routine and targeted viral load testing are being performed according to the national recommendation in all HFs; monitors number of samples referred, results received, and their proper documentation at town level.
- Ensures VL results are being used for clinical care of patients in all testing sites, and supports HFs and takes part in clinical decision making.
- Conducts town-level RM, follows MDT, PMT and catchment area meeting 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 HFs in the town, regularly conducts redistribution among HFs when necessary, and



establishes fast replenishment mechanism in the town using the incident reporting template.

- Supervises all HFs have established RTK quality control and quality assurance mechanisms.
- Ensures quality assurance for HIV testing & counseling in each HF is in line with national guidelines.
- Carries out other related duties and responsibilities assigned to him/her by the immediate supervisor, Town/ Zonal HO and TRHB.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Health officer, MSc in PH, infectious disease and other health-related fields.
- Work Experience: Minimum 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.