

Job Description

ICAP Regional Technical Advisor, GF-C19RM

Required Number: 1

Duty Station: ICAP in Ethiopia, Seconded to Amhara RHB, Bahir Dar

Position Summary

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has received funding support from the Global Fund to strengthen its response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The focus for the Global Fund Covid-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) grant is integration of the Covid-19 prevention and treatment into the existing essential health care services at hospitals and health centers and mitigation and containment of Covid-19 effects on HIV, TB and malaria services and programs. As this will, at the regional level, be coordinated by the RHB, ICAP at Columbia University (ICAP) will provide technical assistance (TA) to the Amhara RHB to realize the implementation of the project by the RHB, sub-regional units and health facilities. ICAP will facilitate support to Amhara RHB through secondment of competent and experienced technical advisors with clinical and public health management background.

Duties and responsibilities

Under the administrative supervision of the program Regional Global Fund Coordinator and technical guidance from ICAP in Ethiopia, the incumbent will:

- Assist the RHB in developing and updating of relevant implementation strategies and workplans on integrated Covid-19, HIV, TB, and malaria services
- Support the RHB in prioritizing activities that are critical to the continuity of essential health services in the region and ensure that direct COVID-19 responses are embedded into and align with the regional technical framework
- Support the MOH in engaging partners in the national Covid-19 program and services coordination and decision-making platforms and processes
- Provide TA to the RHB in critical HIV program adaptations involving changes to standard service delivery models to prevent or limit disruption, or simultaneously support HIV, TB and malaria objectives and help contain Covid-19 epidemic.
- Provide TA to RHB in adopting and using national dashboards that track and visualize trends in uptake of essential health services, and develop and use data dashboards to track Covid-19 results from laboratories, facilities, and at-home (self-reported) tests
- Provide TA to the RHB to improve regional capabilities to implement Covid-19 risk mitigation measures for HIV, TB, and malaria services and programs, particularly through application of differentiated service delivery models

- Provide TA to the RHB to improve collaboration with community partners and mobilize communities to generate demand for essential health services (e.g. MCH) that were disrupted by Covid-19
- Provide TA to the RHB in disseminating and ensuring the usage of the educational series materials on Covid-19 testing demand creation strategies for specific populations/age and sex bands
- Assist the RHB in supporting health facilities on the use of risk stratification algorithm/SOPs to determine eligibility for Covid-19 treatment
- Provide TA to the RHB to implement task-shifting training for case managers and adherence supporters in Covid-19 testing, risk stratification, follow-up, contact tracing, and household IPC
- Assist the RHB in regularly disseminating updated information and evidence, and in training the health workforce in the management of Covid-19, using protocols based on the national standards guidelines
- Provide TA to the RHB to designing or adopting locally tailored demand creation messages and campaigns for COVID-19 vaccination
- Assist the RHB in regional vaccine delivery operational planning, including logistics planning for mobile vaccination campaigns
- Provide TA to the RHB to implement automated reminder systems for people due for a second dose or booster
- Provide TA to the RHB for continued vaccine data collection and analysis using available tools to identify and respond to programmatic issues in real-time
- Collaborate with Global Fund and MoH to participate in quarterly Covid-19 vaccination review meetings
- Assist in compiling quarterly and semi-annual project reports and carry out other related tasks as directed by immediate technical supervisor

Required Qualification and Work Experience

- MD and MPH
- Five years of relevant experience in HIV/TB/Malaria/NCDs public health program management
- Proven experience in the provision of capacity building activities to MOH, RHBs, Zonal Health Departments, Woreda Health Offices, or health facilities
- Strong oral and written skills in English and Amharic
- Experience in computing and statistical software for data analysis
- Proven experience in training and capacity building