

ICAP at Columbia University

Job Description

Job Title: Regional HIV Care & Treatment Advisor

Duty Station: Hawassa

Line Manager: Regional Director.

Job Summary

Under the guidance of the Regional Director, the Regional Care & Treatment Advisor will support the design and implementation of comprehensive, family centered, and quality HIV treatment, care, support, CCP, TB/HIV and quality improvement services in ICAP supported maintained regions aiming to achieve the 3- 95s.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

As advisor of the C&T, the incumbent will have the following responsibilities:

- Lead the planning, capacity building, implementation support and monitoring of comprehensive HIV care, treatment and support services through optimizing linkage, rapid ART initiation, ART optimization, continuity in treatment and viral suppression.
- Support RHBs to scale up pilot implementation of small-scale implementation of NCD care integration at ART clinic.
- Support Gambella RHB in, implementation, monitoring and expansion of Differentiated Service Delivery Models including new and endorsed models.
- Support Gambella RHB in strengthening differentiated care for patients with advanced HIV disease.
- Support Gambella RHB to conduct JSS on regional clinical mentorship implementation and organizing clinical mentorship review session/workshop.
- Optimize clinical mentorship platform by introducing innovative mentorship platforms: (e.g. ECHO)
- Support Gambella RHB to ensure continuity of clients/PLHIV on treatment in conflict affected areas.
- Provide focused TA for regional Pediatrics HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Acceleration Plan

- Support Gambella RHB to analyze and review Pediatric service data and develop PIP on gaps identified and provide support and follow up.
- Optimize existing PDC service and support the scale up of PDC in the Gambella region.
- Support DSD for ALHIV at existing and new OTZ sites at Gambella region.
- Support the RHB in the implementation of the transition of adolescents to adult clinic.
- Support the RHB in orientation of HCWs and Peer Champions on OTZ/DSD for ALHIV
- Support Gambella RHB in strengthening regional prevention/elimination of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT/eMTCT) of HIV infection program.
- Support Gambella RHB to improve PMTCT data quality (PMTCT data DQA/DQI)
- Support the RHB in the implementation of advanced HIV diseases (AHD) in their supported facilities
- Support the RHB in strengthening mental health integration (MHI) and SUD screening into HIV clinics to optimize retention & quality of life and to prevent ongoing HIV transmission among PLHIV
- Support Gambella RHB to ensure TPT be offered to all eligible people living with HIV focusing on TX_NEW, CLHIV clients by regularly reviewing EMR data by site
- Support Gambella RHB for optimizing implementation of LF-LAM and 3HP by tracking implementation and regular performance data review.
- Support implementation and evaluation of TB care (TPT DSD and TB_DSD model) to assess its acceptability and to explore its value as a long-term model of TB care.
- Optimize initiation of TPT and TB treatment, patient management, and follow-up for clients on TB treatment or TPT through DSD model at selected health facilities in the region
- Support regional quality improvement platform by identifying QI projects and implementing QI projects.
- Ensure all required SOP/GL/PST/M & E Tools related to HIV care and treatment are available to sites and used.
- Identify best practices at community and facility level, share and document.

- Lead and organize weekly PR on progress of comprehensive HIV care, treatment, and viral suppression with ICAP team and RHB.
- Perform other duties assigned by the supervisor.
- Submit weekly/monthly reports to supervisor on time.
- Actively participate and support the regional Cervical screening, prevention, treatment, and control TWG
- Support the region of assignment in the implementations of Cervical screening, prevention, treatment, and control activities.
- Support the introduction of new innovative technologies on CxCa screening and management HPV DNA testing and thermal ablation treatment at regional level.
- Support establishment of center of excellence sites to act as CxCa screening and management and LEEP service training sites with adequate number of TOT pool at regional.
- Support RHB to plan, organize and execute trainings on HPV DNA testing, Thermal ablation, VIA with cryotherapy and LEEP services and Support expansion of LEEP sites at regional level
- Support RHBs to avail the necessary GLs, SOPs, PSTs, CEMs and M&E tools to all sites with Cx Ca , TB/HIV, pediatrics, continuity in treatment , and PMTCT services.

Required qualifications and experience:

- MD (Physician) with a minimum of 5 years of experience in care and treatment of HIV/AIDS clients.
- Experience in HIV program technical coordination
- Experience in teaching, mentoring, organizing, and conducting training.
- Excellent interpersonal and coordination skills
- Proficiency in written and spoken English.
- Computer skills (MS Office and statistical packages)