

<b>Job Title:</b>	Recency Testing National Coordinator
<b>Reports To (Title):</b>	ICAP Clinical Officer, El Salvador
<b>Incumbent</b>	NEW
<b>Location:</b>	San Salvador, El Salvador
<b>Date:</b>	December 2020

### **Position Summary:**

ICAP at Columbia University has received funding to work with Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG) to roll out rapid test for HIV-1 recent infection (RTRI) testing funded through the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The recency program will monitor epidemic trends, inform rapid programmatic responses at national, local and individual levels and accelerate progress towards epidemic control. ICAP is tasked to provide technical assistance in scaling up the use of rapid recency assays at HIV testing sites and build data systems to capture recency data to characterize emerging hotspots and help target prevention interventions. The recency testing rollout will take place in El Salvador.

Reporting to the ICAP Clinical Officer in El Salvador, the Recency Testing National Coordinator will provide day-to-day management of operational and technical activities associated with the recency project in El Salvador. The Recency Testing National Coordinator will provide guidance and serve as a direct liaison to implementing partners and will check-in and provide regular updates to the PSA headquarters team in New York. The objective of this position is to enhance surveillance of HIV recent infections to inform public health response strategies and interventions that contribute to reaching and sustaining HIV epidemic control in El Salvador.

This position is grant funded.

### **Major Accountabilities:**

The Recency Testing National Coordinator will assume the following responsibilities:

- Oversee full administration of the project in El Salvador
- Provide oversight of the operational and technical recency work being conducted as needed
- Provide above-site monitoring and implementation support for roll out of recency and viral load testing and data capture and management
- Coordinate inputs and deliverables of ICAP technical experts to advance the recent infection testing workplan
- Coordinate capacity development efforts in the use of recency data for program improvement
- Direct all activities, outputs, and outcomes related to project management and administration, including reporting, execution of project plans, and project performance monitoring and evaluation at center and site level for recent infection testing in El Salvador
- Represent the project as assigned by the ICAP Clinical Officer or the PSA headquarters team in New York on matters pertaining to the execution of program-related activities with governmental partners, CDC and other partners
- Present progress, achievements, and lessons learned to key stakeholders, including CDC, governmental partners, and other implementing partners
- Increase the visibility of the project through representation at high-level visits with CDC

- Support dissemination of project findings, including performance of rapid recency tests, description of the surveillance structure developed to monitor recent infections, and trends and patterns of recent infections across countries.

**Education:** Advanced degree in epidemiology, demography, public health, or related health, medical, or social science discipline; master's degree at minimum, doctoral-level degree preferable.

**Experience, Skills, and Minimum Required Qualifications:**

- At least eight (8) years of experience in the management of large-scale health or development projects, with proven capacity in building and managing a diverse team of technical and support staff
- Ability to coordinate a team of technical experts with varied background (information system developers, epidemiologists, health care service providers, etc.)
- Demonstrated ability to work with a variety of stakeholders (e.g. Ministry of Health, local government authorities, partner organizations, civil society and donors)
- Demonstrated experience in facilitating the dissemination and use of disease surveillance data
- Demonstrated competence in the analysis of disease surveillance data
- Demonstrated competence working within CDC or similar regulations and procedures
- Proven experience in establishing working relationships and collaborating with USG, other bilateral and/or multilateral donor agencies, and with host-country governments.
- Fluent English and Spanish oral and written communication skills; ability to interact professionally in English and Spanish.
- Qualified candidates with valid work authorization are highly encouraged to apply.