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Date:

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Program:

HIV/TB-Health Systems Strengthening and Workforce Capacity Building

Duty Station: South Sudan

Application deadline: Tuesday January 16, 2024

Background:

African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) is a not-for-profit organization, networking and service alliance of African Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Programs (FELTPs), and other applied epidemiology training programs in Sub Saharan Africa. Through its member field epidemiology training programs, AFENET is dedicated to supporting African ministries of health build strong, effective, and sustainable programs with capacity to improve public health systems. AFENET's vision is to ensure a "Healthier Africa" by effective prevention and control of epidemics and other priority public health problems in Africa.

The United States Centres for Disease Control and Prevention under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is collaborating with AFENET and other partners to support the South Sudan Ministry of Health accelerate progress towards attaining the UNAIDS 95-95-95 target for HIV epidemic control. Specifically, the AFENET led interventions seek to improve National and Sub-National human resource capacity to enable delivery of quality HIV/TB services and strengthen the National health information system (HIS) to generate quality health data for informed decision making and resource mobilization for HIV/TB programming. The interventions include: 1) Support Human Resources for health skills development for HIV/TB service delivery through the Extension for community healthcare outcomes (project ECHO) platform 2) providing above-site Health Information System (HIS) technical support and coordination for sustainable overall health and HIV/TB program implementation; strengthening National HIV/TB and overall, Health Program monitoring & evaluation at the national, state and county levels; and 4) planning and coordination of differentiated service delivery models with a focus on community HIV prevention activities to promote use of community services.

AFENET is seeking to recruit qualified & experienced individuals of South Sudanese Nationality to serve in various capacities:



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Job Title:

County HIV /TB Field Officers

Number of vacancies:

13 (Thirteen)

Multiple duty stations:

Central Equatoria State (Juba County-3 & Kajokeji County-1)

Lakes State (Rumbek Centre County-1, Rumbek East County-1 & Yirol

Western Bahr El Ghazal State (Wau County-1),

Eastern Equatoria State (Kapoeta South County-1 & Torit County-1),

Western Equatoria State (Tambura County-1)

Jonglei State (Bor South County-1)

Position summary

The County HIV/TB Officer will provide technical as well as programmatic support to the County health .department to achieve set program objectives which include delivery of quality HIV/TB prevention, care, and support services in supported facilities and communities. H/She will work closely with the county HIV/TB officers to plan, organize, and manage tasks to integrate and improve the quality of services and implement strategies to achieve program targets. The County HIV/TB officer will interphase with stakeholders, on behalf of the AFENET country office, to strengthen the health system at county and state levels. He/she will spend eighty percent of LOE providing direct hands-on support to health care workers in PEPFAR supported facilities.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Provide technical and programmatic support to staff of the county health department to implement HIV and TB prevention care and treatment programs.
- Monitors and provides technical support to CSO to implement quality community HIV/TB activities in the communities around designated county hospitals.
- Provide daily hands-on mentorship and supportive supervision to TB/HIV service providers in designated health facilities and communities within the county to deliver quality TB/HIV services in line with national protocols and global best practice.
- Monitor facility and community key performance indicators to track progress towards target.
- Conduct root cause analysis with facility team and community teams to understand reasons behind performance and jointly identify strategies for improvement.
- Work together with CSO to conduct facility-community coordination meetings at designated county Hospitals to discuss community progress towards target and work jointly to fix the gaps.
- Strengthen the mechanisms for delivering integrated TB and HIV services in the targeted health
- Ensure all the community outreach volunteers are working closely with and part of Boma, and

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Coordinate and support the TB/HIV focal person to coordinate the monthly TB/HIV review meetings. This entails preparations of the agenda of the meetings and documentation of the proceedings from those meetings.

Work closely with the county health department and stakeholders to deliver TB, HIV, MNCH and SRH services in an integrated manner.

Monitor and flag short supply and stockout of implementation commodities with the State TB/HIV officer

Organize and conduct training of facility and CSO staff.

Liaise with community engagement focal person in the county to engage health authorities, traditional leaders, religious groups to impact case finding, care, support, and retention of PLHIVs.

Facilitate community level conversations about issues affecting HIV service demand creation, stigma, discrimination, HIV positive case finding, linkage to treatment and retention in lifelong care and treatment.

Work very closely with the M&E officer and data clerks to monitor the TB/HIV cascade.

Work closely with MOH and AFENET technical team and all other clinical partners on setting TB/HIV program priorities and directions and responding to requests for support.

Support other assigned duties as needed.

Qualifications, experience, and additional skills

Clinical officer with undergraduate or postgraduate training in public health or epidemiology (training in project management is an added advantage)

A minimum of 5 years' experience in supporting the implementation of donor-funded public health programs preferably focusing on TB/HIV A minimum of 2 years' experience in supporting the implementation of community HIV/TB

programs through CSO.

Basic data analysis skills Experience in facilitating training, development of guidelines and curriculum.

Experience in writing reports including publications.

Proficiency in spoken and written English language.

Proficiency in Microsoft office computer packages (Word, Excel, Outlook, and Power point)

Willingness to travel and perform additional tasks as required.









Remuneration:

Competitive based on qualification and experience.

How to apply: Submit your resume, application letter, and relevant documentation to:

- The Administration & Human Resource Office
- African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET)
- https://recruitment.afenet.net and a copy on Email: sec@afenet.net

*ONLY successful candidates shall be contacted for an interview.

Please note that all applications should be sent online / physical by close of business 5:30 pm (EAT) Tuesday, January 16th

Note: More details about this position can be obtained from our website: www.afenet.net

