

Job Title: Project Officer PMTCT (2 Positions; one per station)

Duty Station: Rwenzori, Mityana

Reports To: Regional Team Lead

Job Summary: The holder supports PNFPP facilities to implement maternal and child health services geared at elimination of mother child transmission of HIV, EID services, differentiated services delivery models for pregnant and lactating mothers, partner services, cancer of cervix screening, retention (CoT) and viral suppression among infected mothers and infants.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with Senior Technical Advisor Prevention, Regional team Lead, and District PMTCT focal persons to develop monthly and quarterly eMTCT/EID work plans and budgets for the region.
- Conduct routine mentorship and continuous quality improvement activities to improve eMTCT within PNFPP supported health facilities and participate in quality assurance/Quality Control for services in project-supported facilities in the region.
- Coordinate technical support supervision and mentorship visits on PMTCT cascade, birth cohort and retention monitoring for health facilities to strengthen mother baby care points.
- Scale up integration of health services such as; ANC/PITC, HIV/syphilis duo testing, EID/immunization integration, infant and young child feeding counselling at health facility and community levels.
- Scale up integration of family planning counseling and services into all MNCH and HIV services.
- Work with the District Health Teams and health facilities to facilitate the provision and access to Early Infant Diagnostic (EID) services for HIV-Exposed Infants (HEI).
- Coordinate modular training/refreshers of health providers (with practical component) in eMTCT, EID and Pediatric HIV care and treatment as defined in the Regional and District training plans.
- Conduct operational research and compile best practices and harmonize approaches into a comprehensive PMTCT service package that can be owned and sustainably implemented at regional level.
- Support existing community organizations, civil society activities, local culture group activities and professional organizations that can be used to support and build capacity of community structures in delivering the national plan for eMTCT.
- Tag each eMTCT client to mentor mothers for tracking and reactivate PMTCT family support groups to promote retention and adherence of mothers and infants into care.
- Engage mentor mothers on the use of mobile phones (mHealth) and home visits for the follow up of PLHIV women and their exposed infants/children to ensure continuum of care and accuracy of data

- Engage the facility health workers to monitor and supervise the Mentor mothers ,VHTs, RCT volunteers and PLHIV groups in the community for effective implementation of the eMTCT plan
- Engage Mentor mothers to provide HIV prevention information and promote HIV testing as a routine service in all MCH service stations (ANC, Maternity, Postpartum clinics, Child health/immunization clinics, STI clinics, outpatient clinics, outreach clinics etc) as well as advocating for couple HIV testing and counseling for all young women.
- Support Mentor Mothers / VHTS to create demand for safe delivery services by skilled attendants in health facilities as well as utilization of postpartum care by actively tracking both mothers and mother-baby pairs.
- Support health facilities implement strategies to increase male involvement in PMTCT services.
- Work with M& E officers to support health facilities monitor weekly Option B+ reports, early retention reports, HMIS 105, HMIS 106a and HMIS 012 reports.
- Generate monthly PMTCT/EID cascades, QI initiatives reports and include in cluster monthly reports.
- Work with the Supply chain officers to ensure constant supply of HIV testing kits, ARVs for both mothers and HIV infected infants.

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

- The applicant for the EMTCT/EID Program Officer job placement must hold a Diploma in Registered Comprehensive Midwifery, Diploma clinical Medicine, Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Nursing or Midwifery or a related field is an added advantage.
- Three years' experience in HIV/AIDS programming, preferably with PEPFAR-funded projects.
- Training in elimination of mother to child transmission Option B+ is a MUST
- At least three years of work experience in a busy clinical setting
- Sensitivity of cultural differences with a good understanding of the political and ethical issues surrounding HIV and EMTCT services
- Ability to manage projects, set priorities and plan for the successful implementation of programs.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision, team player with drive as an initiative.
- Program experience with implementation of eMTCT/EID and MNCH program.
- Familiarity with decentralized public health systems
- Report writing skills and basic knowledge of Microsoft word, E xcel and power point packages.
- Attention to detail, especially regarding data accuracy.
- Team player and good communication skills
- Ability to work with others and maintain compatibility among project staff, sub-contractors, consultants and recipients of assistance.