



Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)

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Project: Drug Use and HIV/AIDS among Drug Users in Myanmar

Date: 5 Jan 2021

Position : Medical Coordinator (1) Post

Location : Waimaw, Kachin State

The Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)-Myanmar is an International Non-Governmental organization, which is implementing a harm reduction programme to reduce HIV transmission among people injecting drugs, their (sexual) partners and the communities they live in by providing support to implementation of harm reduction interventions and to create an enabling and supporting environment through advocacy, capacity building, training and service provision.

AHRN-Myanmar is looking for highly motivated and reliable individuals who are keen to be part of an active team/organization that delivers wide range of services to improve the health of vulnerable person to fill in the position of “**Medical Coordinator**” for its ongoing Harm Reduction activities in Myanmar.

- The position is full-time, based in **Waimaw, Kachin State** with a probation period of three months.
- Starting date of the contract: **As soon as possible**

Personal and Professional Requirements

- MBBS degree and valid medical licence (SAMA) is required, preferably with some experience and/or interest in drug treatment, STI, HIV, TB and primary health care;
- 1-2 years working experience with INGOs or LNGOs;
- Fluent in Myanmar and English language, both written and spoken;
- Knowledge of Local language will be given preference;
- Excellent communication and networking (interpersonal) skills;
- Willingness to work with drug users and their families;
- Availability to travel any parts of project area;
- Some understanding of drug and HIV situation in Myanmar/Kachin area;
- Keen interest in contributing to HIV/AIDS responses in Myanmar;
- Ability to drive motorbike well;

Main Responsibilities

Project Site Operations Level Advocacy Tasks

- Advocacy with local level officials (MoHS, DoPH, DoMS...) in consultation with the Project Management Team for smooth medical interventions at project site operation;
- Represent, liaise, create networks, coordinate and advocate with different stakeholders including (INGOs, LNGOs, government departments, drug users and the community in project site operations;

Medical Interventions Tasks

- Providing advice to the CMT on AHRN Health Care Policy matters;
- Responsible for all matters related to AHRN medical interventions (i.e., primary health care, symptomatic drug treatment using harm reduction techniques, family planning services, SRHR activities and other associated issues ...);
- Representing the Health Unit and maintain close working relationships with Drug Treatment Centers, STI-HIV Team, General Hospital and other associated INGOs;
- Ensuring that AHRN and its ongoing project activities are effectively marketed to drug users in project area so that it is perceived as a service that caters to the needs of drug users through consultations and participation of users in intervention design and ongoing project site operations, more specifically to medical interventions;
- Supervise periodical procurement of medical supplies (i.e., necessary drugs and equipment);
- Supervise and represent medical interventions and its team members (i.e., Nurse, Treatment Facilitator...) at all levels on operational matters;
- Identifying medical training needs of Medical team and inform GFP (Health);
- Ensuring mutual coordination between Medical Interventions and the Counselors;
- Developing a mutually agreed network of referrals for general and specialist health care facilities (i.e., Detoxification, STI, TB, ART etc.);
- Providing training to project team members on medical topics (first aid, CPR, overdose etc.);
- Responsible for health checkup of project team members;
- Coordinate with Project Manager for IEC materials with the specific objectives for sustainable Behavioral Change among target people;

MMT Related Tasks

- Represent, liaise, create networks, coordinate and advocate with Township Medical Officer or Psychiatrist in project site MMT operation in consultation with Project Manager and Methadone Program Coordinator;
- Assist TMO in methadone dispensation;
- Responsible for clinical assessment of each client during enrolling process, before taking methadone and in follow up visits; Assess other medical needs & refer to other services (ART, TB etc.);

- Working closely with Treatment Facilitator (MMT), Counselling Officer or counsellor in implementation of MMT related services in the project;
- Participate in weekly case meeting and Methadone Client Meeting (NOT NECESSARY EVERY TIME) actively and provide necessary inputs and support;
- Working & reporting closely with Program Coordinator (Health Affairs) in all aspects of Methadone Maintenance Therapy related issue in the project;

Anti-Retroviral Therapy

- Ensure AHRN policies and ART guidelines (both AHRN and NAP) are properly followed;
- Ensure all eligible clients to be enrolled in ART program and all those clients have good adherence and compliance on ART treatment and care;
- Provide appropriate clinical care to PLHIV clients in accordance with protocols and guidelines, including diagnosis and treatment of Opportunistic Infections (OIs), Immune Re-constitutive Inflammatory Syndrome (IRIS) and management of drug side effects;
- Monitor day-to-day operations of ART services in collaboration with Project manager at the field level; with Health Director and Program Coordinator (Health Affairs) at central level;
- Establish effective and efficient referral network with NAP or MSF clinic (e.g.- PMTCT or children living with HIV/AIDS);
- Involve in monthly data collection and reporting of ART services;
- In close collaboration with the counsellors to ensure clients are receiving counselling services, as part of their comprehensive package of care;
- Facilitate and participate in ART selection committee, weekly case meetings and MMT/ART client meetings, and actively provide relevant inputs and necessary support;
- Case presentation on behalf of AHRN in joint case conferences, if necessary;
- Maintain confidentiality of ART clients and keep their files safely at ART center;

Prison Health Tasks

- Responsible for all matters related to medical interventions in AHRN prison health activities;
- Supervise AHRN medical team in prison health activities;
- Representing AHRN and close working relationships with local authorities in prison health;

Application deadline: 19 Jan 2021

Applications should address all Selection Criteria, and should include a cover letter along with a copy of current Curriculum Vitae listing two referees and their complete contact details (i.e., name, position title, organization, phone, fax, email, and mailing address details). Attention to **Human Resources Team, Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN-Myanmar)** and send the applications to:

AHRN Yangon Office : No.135 (G), MawyaWaddy Street, 8 Mile, Pyay Road, Mayangone Township, Yangon.

AHRN Waimaw Office : No.95, Ward-2, Waimaw Township, Kachin State.

Or e-mail to jobs@ahrnmyanmar.org, online applications should be clearly mentioning the job title and location in the subject line.

Additional information: -

- Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for a personal interview.
- Please do not send original documents as it will not be returned.