



Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)

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

Date: 15 Nov 2022

Position : Medical Coordinator (1) post
Location : Pang War, 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 **Pang War, Kachin State** with a probation period of three months.
- Starting date of the contract: As soon as possible

Personal and Professional Requirements

- Medical Doctor, 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 Manager 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 at AHRN clinic

- 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 Centres, 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 stock management, and generate periodical stock report and stock order in coordination with DIC MC (Waimaw);
- 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);
- 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 check-up of project team members;
- Coordinate with Project Manager for IEC materials with the specific objectives for sustainable Behavioural Change among target people;

Methadone Maintenance Therapy

- Act as AHRNs representative, and focal point, for MMT-ART/one-stop service, which is being jointly implemented with Drug Treatment Centre;
- Represent, liaise, create networks, coordinate and advocate with Psychiatrist/DMO/TMO on the day-to-day operations of MMT/one-stop services;
- Establish effective and efficient referral network between NAP clinic, TB clinic in Hospital (if they are available) and AHRN Drop-in-centre;
- Ensure there is a clear pathway and responsible to organize to have a clear and sustainable linkage of other services: Health Education, Condom programme, prevention of overdose for all MMT clients by closely working with AHRN Drop-in-Centre team;
- Assist Psychiatrist/DMO/TMO in monthly data collection and monthly report of MMT/one-stop services;

- Develop referral and access pathways to ensure there is a continuity of care and linkages to rehabilitation and aftercare services for clients on MMT, by closely working with Project Manager and Better Shade Peer Support Group;
- Facilitate and participate in weekly case meetings and MMT client meetings, and actively provide relevant inputs and necessary support;
- Act as the focal point for the MMT-ART/one-stop service, for advocacy with local officials, community members, faith-based groups etc. by closely working with Project Manager;
- Provide relevant and necessary feedback on the operational challenges/success with the Deputy Director (Health Affairs) in Yangon;

Anti-Retroviral Therapy:

- Closely coordinate with Station Medical Officer (Pang War) and act as medical doctor for ART service, which is being implemented at Pang War station hospitals;
- 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;
- Provide comprehensive package of care, including the minimum package of services which include the following: PHC, HTC, ART, TB screening and treatment, STI screening and treatment, family planning services, SRHR activities, Testing and Vaccination of Hepatitis B;
- Monitor day-to-day operations of ART services at the field level; with Medical expert, Health Director or Deputy Director (GFP) at central level;
- Supervise AHRN staff working at the MMT-ART centre in which the team includes Nurses, counsellors and Treatment Facilitator;
- Establish effective and efficient referral network with NAP or MSF clinic (eg- PMTCT or children living with HIV/AIDS) and Drop-in-centre;
- Involve in monthly ART related data collection;
- Case presentation on behalf of AHRN in joint case conferences, if necessary;
- Maintain confidentiality of ART clients and keep their files safely at ART centre.;

Application deadline: 29 Nov 2022.

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

AHRN-Pang War : Ward (3), Pang War, Chipwe Township, Kachin State.

Or e-mail to jobs@ahrmmyanmar.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.

AHRN has a zero-tolerance policy on any kind of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. AHRN expects full commitment of its employees with AHRN Code of Conduct including PSEA policy.