



Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)

JOB VACANCY

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Date: 4 Mar 2024

Position : Medical Technologist (1) post

Location : Myitkyina, 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 Technologist**” for its ongoing Harm Reduction activities in Myanmar.

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

Personal and Professional Requirements

- B. Med Tech with medical laboratory technology specialty
- Minimum 1-3 years experiences in use of PCR methods regarding virology area and 3-5 years experiences in a medical and virology laboratory
- Proven management/supervision skills
- Good computer skills (Microsoft Office Package)
- Good command of Myanmar and English, both written and spoken
- Motivated to work in the field and/or travel around the remote areas
- Ability to work and exchange between the sites of the project (if Necessary)

Main Responsibilities

- To perform HIV RNA viral load by real time PCR at AHRN Myitkyina PCR lab according to the SOPs in order to provide laboratory quality services to clients.

- To perform the external Quality Control from CDC (Center of Disease Control), and National Reference Lab, Australia, and National Health Laboratory (NHL) then submit the results.
- To perform Calibration, Daily Maintenance and Quality control according to AHRN protocol.
- To supervise and work closely with Senior Lab Technician at Myitkyina PCR lab and participate in PCR training sessions.
- To contribute to the reception and registration of plasma specimen.
- To conduct Nuclei acid Extraction and prepare the master mix for real time PCR.
- To run amplification on a real time thermal cycler and analyze and record data into the dedicated database.
- To use the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and attending the training and meeting.
- To communicate regularly and provide reports to the PC (Kachin), PC (HQA) and Lab Manager.
- To prepare the quarterly NAP PCR/ Gene Xpert Viral laboratories stock request/report.
- To Investigate atypical results and discrepancies to determine causation.
- To perform biohazard waste management and autoclave the waste material.
- To liaise with both in-country viral load working group (NHL, NAP, etc.) and external (NRL of Australia) partners and establish proper External Quality Assurance System (EQAS) for HIV viral load.
- To identify the training needs by direct observation and develop the training plan including PCR testing together with supervisors.
- To provide briefing, recruitment training, on job orientation and coaching sessions of laboratory facilities for newly recruited lab staff.
- To provide regular refresher course and/or on-the-job trainings regarding the laboratory testing to lab technicians.
- To travel around AHRN Gene Xpert project sites for providing technical support to on pre-planned schedule in coordination with supervisor.
- Reporting of HIV Viral Load score card checklists from PCR lab and Gene Xpert labs, and other lab related documentation checklists to Yangon Health Unit, Program Coordinators, respective Project Managers and Medical Coordinators after monitoring visit.
- Responsible for showing adherence to AHRN Standard Operating Procedures Manual at all level of operations, including responsible handling of AHRN property and equipment.
- To supervise and manage the senior Lab technician and laboratory technicians.
- To assess laboratories, blood testing sites and mobile HTS sites on laboratory documentation, specimen collection, handling and transport, storage of lab consumables and reagents, equipment management, bio-risk management and testing performance by using AHRN Laboratory checklists and tool.
- To ensure that sufficient laboratory technical support to the staff working in laboratories and mobile activities.
- To maintain knowledge on the current and future development of laboratory procedures affecting AHRN.
- To perform other duties as stipulated by the concerned supervisors.

Application deadline: 18 Mar 2024

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 Myitkyina Office : No.68, Street (1), Myae Myint Quarter, Myitkyina, 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.

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.