



Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)

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Position : Nurse-Counsellor (1) post

Location : Waikha, 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 “**Nurse-Counsellor (MMT-ART)**” for its ongoing Harm Reduction activities in Myanmar.

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

Personal and Professional Requirements

- Diploma in Nursing or Nursing Degree;
- 1-2 years working experience in related field;
- Fluent in Myanmar and local language, both written and spoken;
- Excellent communication and networking (interpersonal) skills;
- Willingness to work with drug users and their families;
- Some understanding of drug and HIV situation in Myanmar/Kachin area;
- Keen interest in contributing to HIV/AIDS responses in Myanmar;
- Computer skill in office applications;

Main Responsibilities

Counselling Tasks

- To get counselling related technical support from Counselling officer;

- To raise awareness and possible behaviour change on drug use, drug addiction and risk behaviours (HIV, TB, Hep B, Hep C, overdose, vein care, family planning, Sexual reproductive health and Rights, GBV....);
- To prepare clients for HIV testing so as to ensure proper informed consent;
- To give the result of the test to the client while systematically providing him/her with post-test counselling;
- To refer actively all clients of the HIV Testing and Counselling (HTC) that have tested positive to appropriate referral services;
- To prepare and carry out counselling sessions for PHA clients awaiting HAART and/or TB treatment;
- To conduct initial psychosocial assessment/counselling for clients to start ART, MMT or/and TB treatment;
- To explain the treatment, potential side effects, benefits and complications of ART, MMT and/or TB treatment before initiating;
- To promote adherence of the clients to their MMT, ART and TB treatments and to explore and help with any evident adherence problems in follow up counselling/visits;
- To identify and alert the Medical Coordinator responsible of any medical complications faced by the clients;
- To give therapeutic education, mental health, supportive and/or follow up counselling to clients, regular partners and family members/caretakers on MMT, HIV, TB, Hep B, Hep C, Family Planning, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), GBV and palliative care as required;
- To execute of all types of counselling sessions in close cooperation with Medical Unit, Treatment Facilitators and DOTs supervisors and the concerned Outreach Workers;
- To assist in educating staff and community in AHRN services;
- To participate in sensitization and community awareness programs;
- To participate in regular case management meeting, MMT clients meeting, PHA, ART and TB clients meeting and counselling group discussion and also to propose solutions and improvements;
- To participate in ART self-support group activities whenever need it;
- To participate proactively in internal and external meetings, case discussions and training whenever required;
- To ensure client confidentiality is respected;

Nursing tasks

- To get blood testing related technical support from Nurse-in-charge or Lab technician;
- Maintain the high quality of the mobile HTC service;
- To perform laboratory HIV testing as written in the AHRN laboratory protocols manual at mobile setting;
- To maintain laboratory equipment in a clean and operable condition;
- Ensure there are sufficient HIV Test kits and consumable materials to enable to function efficiently;
- To follow universal precaution, sensible health and safety procedures, including the use of appropriate protective materials, the safe handling of specimens, and the safe disposal of specimens and laboratory waste;

