



## Asian Harm Reduction Network (AHRN)

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### JOB VACANCY AHRN/YGN/25/022

**Date: 16 May 2025**

**Position : Nurse-Counsellor (1) post**

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

- The position is full-time, based in **Hpakant, 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**

##### **Primary Health Care related tasks**

- To assist Medical Coordinator in providing medical interventions in IDP camps;
- To promote hygiene practices in IDP camps;

- To participate in finding missing TB cases in IDP camps;
- To collect sputum samples as necessary or indicated and provide proper instruction of sputum collection;
- To provide nursing care, dispense medicines and instruct proper information to the clients;
- To administer injections, infusion and follow universal precautions;
- To perform rapid tests such as HIV, syphilis, malaria, blood sugar, UCG etc.
- To provide family planning services and SRHR services;
- To perform proper cleaning, sterilization and autoclaving of all instruments, as related to the overall hygiene of the medical facilities;
- To keep good communication with other team members;
- To make appropriate referrals for the clients who need medical care and other services;

### **MMT related tasks**

- Facilitate the referral process for clients wanting to enter Methadone Maintenance Program/one-stop service;
- Play as a focal contact person in MMT clinic for clients wanting to take methadone;
- Arrange necessary procedures in MMT enrolling process;
- Make necessary procedures for MMT clients and assist medical coordinator in MMT consultation for clients at the methadone clinic;
- Provide MMT dispensing in MMT clinic;

### **Mental Health and Psycho-social support related tasks**

- To provide mental health and psychosocial support through case management approach to protect or promote psychosocial well-being and/or prevent or treat mental health disorders;
- To provide awareness raising sessions on drugs, primary prevention of drug use and harm reduction;
- To organize and facilitate self-help group sessions by using young peers from IDP camps;

### **Counselling tasks**

- To get counselling related technical support from Counselling officer;
- To encourage clients to express their feelings and discuss what is happening in their lives, and help them to develop insight into themselves;
- To gather information about their backgrounds, needs, or progress;
- To assess clients for mental disorders like depression, etc;
- To counsel clients, individually and in group sessions, to assist in overcoming dependencies, adjusting to life, and making changes;
- To guide clients in the development of skills and strategies for dealing with their problems;
- To meet with families, camp leaders, and other interested parties in order to exchange necessary information during the treatment process;
- To assess patients for risk of suicide attempts;
- To evaluate clients' physical or mental condition, based on review of client information.

- To raise awareness and possible behaviour change on drug use, drug addiction and risk behaviours (HIV, TB, Hep B, vein care, overdose....);
- 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 (and family members/caretakers) on MMT, HIV, ART, TB, Hep B, Family Planning and palliative care as required;
- To assist in educating staff and community in AHRN services;
- To participate in sensitization and community awareness programs;
- To participate proactively in internal and external meetings, case discussions and training whenever required;
- To ensure client confidentiality is respected;

### **Record keeping and Medical Supplies**

- To record the daily consumption of medical stock and check all the received items and proper documentation;
- To inform Medical Coordinator for nearly expiry or overstock or shortage or stock out medicines or any other related issues;
- To assist Medical Coordinator in monthly/quarterly requisitions for all medical items;
- To assist Medical Coordinator in monthly/quarterly medical stock reports;
- To conduct the physical stock count of medical items periodically;
- To keep the medical store is adhered to the storage guidelines;
- To keep the cold chain items such as blood samples, vaccines, test kits according to their storage temperature and to store TB drugs, ARV drugs and others according to their special storage conditions;

**Application deadline: 30 May 2025**

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.125 (B5+B6)), Bo Saw Aung Street, 8 Mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon.

**AHRN Hpakant Office** : No.(A), Hospital Street, Maw Wan Quarter, Hpakant Township, Kachin State

Or e-mail to [jobs@ahrnmyanmar.org](mailto: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.**