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Registered Nurse (2 Positions) at The Center for International Health, Education and Biosecurity (CIHEB)

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Job Description

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Ciheb is an international health, education, and research center founded by the Institute of Human Virology within the University of Maryland, Baltimore's School of Medicine. The center is comprised of a network of international experts who work with local stakeholders to combat infectious and non-communicable diseases in resource-limited regions of the world. Clheb currently implements programs in seven countries. Our expertise is in technical assistance for health service delivery (with a particularly strong history of improving service delivery for HIV/TB prevention, care, and treatment; and for associated infectious and non-communicable diseases), training and equipping human resources for health, quality improvement, health information and research, and outbreak surveillance and biosecurity. Ciheb works at all health system levels, and all our programs incorporate facility and community-based programming.

Primary Function:

Reporting to the facility in-charge, the nurse will oversee the implementation of HIV care activities in the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) services integration in the health facility assigned.

Key Responsibilities:

Support ANC, PNC, and Maternity HIV testing services.

Ensure ART uptake among HIV infected pregnant/lactating women.

Ensure viral suppression among PMTCT women.

Oversee the provision of early infant diagnosis, care and follow-up of HIV-exposed infants.

Ensure follow-up and retention of HIV-infected pregnant/lactating women and HIV-exposed infants (HEI) by use of the case management model.

Strengthen linkages between PMTCT and HEI services and Comprehensive Care Clinics.

Strengthen facility-community/community-facility linkages with the help of CHVs and case managers.

Supervise eMTCT services provided by the maternal case managers.

Work hand in hand with the clinical officers to implement patients Plan of Care.

Perform TB intensified case finding for PLHIV on every clinical encounter.

Initiate TB Preventive Therapy (TPT) for the eligible PLHIV

Ensure 12 month/24 month HEI Cohort Analysis (HCA), PCR positive validation, and audits and PMTCT reports are done each month.

Participate in MNCH Working Improvement Teams (WITS) and initiate CQI projects on gaps identified.

Participate in MNCH in generation, compilation, and utilization of PMTCT data.

Participate in Continous Professional development as required by nursing council.

Perform any other duty as maybe assigned by the organization.

Qualifications:

Diploma in any of the following disciplines: Kenya Registered Community Health Nursing, Kenya Registered Nursing, Kenya Registered Midwifery, Kenya Registered Nursing/Midwifery or Kenya Registered Nursing/Mental Health and Psychiatry from a recognized institution

Registration Certificate issued by the Nursing Council of Kenya

Valid practicing license from Nursing Council of Kenya

Certificate in computer application skills from a recognized institution.

NASCOP Certification in Provision of both adult and pediatric ART, and PMCT is an added advantage

Two years' experience, 1 year of which should be within a busy HIV Comprehensive Care Centre and/or in the provision of PMTCT services.

Demonstrable knowledge of HIV/ART management, diagnosis and treatment procedures of conditions associated with HIV, adherence support and PMTCT service delivery.

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