



ICAP

Global. Health. Action.
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Mailman School of Public Health

S.H. 3
Approved
Alm-0725477
13/9/2017



POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Viral Load Focal Person

INSTITUTION: Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health – ICAP

LOCATION: Yambio Hospital

DIRECT REPORT: Adherence Counselor

ICAP IN SOUTH SUDAN

ICAP at Columbia University is an international NGO funded by PEPFAR through CDC. ICAP in South Sudan has partnered with the Ministry of Health-RSS to increase uptake and improve quality of HIV prevention, care and treatment services through technical assistance and capacity building.

OVERALL JOB FUNCTION:

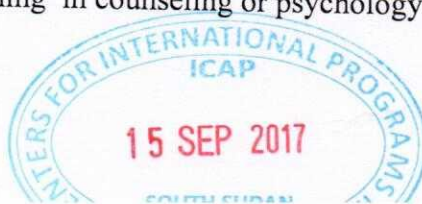
The overall job function of the viral load focal person is to provide enhanced adherence and psychosocial support to patients with high viral load and suboptimal adherence through the continuum of HIV care cascade

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Monitor and coordinate viral load program in Yambio State Hospital
2. Together with adherence team participate in morning health education sessions to create demand for viral load monitoring and pass key messages on viral load
3. Work as part of HIV multi-disciplinary team to lead the updating and verification of clients contacts at the sample collection
4. Receive HIV viral load result from laboratory focal person
5. Ensure all the high viral load results are recorded in High viral load register and insert in the patients chart.
6. Initiate calling back of patients with high viral results for timely action
7. Provide enhanced adherence counseling to patients with high viral and those with suboptimal adherence to treatment.
8. Ensure high viral load register is updated all the time

EDUCATION

- **Nurse with** formal training in counseling or psychology



Desirable Qualification

- Demonstrated knowledge and skills in adherence counseling and psychosocial support
- Demonstrates effective oral, written and non-verbal communication skills appropriate for the specific work setting
- Upholds patient & facility confidentiality
- Willing to work in the facility for all working days of the week.
- **This position is for South Sudanese nationals only and applicants from the area are highly encouraged to apply.**

How to apply:

Note: This a local hire position and the successful candidate will be an employee of ICAP in South Sudan subject to the local terms and conditions of employment which includes a competitive salary and benefits package

Please forward your Cover letter and CV to icap-jobs-southsudan@cloumbia.edu .Indicate the Position you are applying for as “Viral Load Focal Person” in the subject line of your email.

Or Deliver hard copies of your cover letter and CV to the Adherence Counselor or ART in charge in Yambio State Hospital.

Application Deadline is on Friday October 13, 2017

NB: Only those who are shortlisted will be contacted

Columbia University is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. It does not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, religion, creed, national and ethnic origin, age, and citizenship, status as a perceived or actual victim of domestic violence, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, status as a Vietnam era or disabled veteran, or any other legally protected status.

