



Job Vacancy

IDENTIFICATION	
JOB TITLE	Project Officer - Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT)
REPORTING TO	Care and Treatment Lead
PROGRAMME	USAID Imarisha Jamii
DURATION OF CONTRACT	Two (2) years
PHYSICAL LOCATION	Lodwar, Turkana County

Amref Health Africa was founded in 1957 and has since grown to become the largest African-based international health development organization, currently implementing more than 120 programs, directly reaching more than 12 million people across 35 African countries. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, Amref Health Africa has offices in ten countries in Africa and an additional eleven advocacy and fundraising offices in Europe and North America. In the spirit of Ubuntu, partnership and networking are key elements of our approach. Amref has a staff complement of over 1,500.

Amref Health Africa is driven by its vision of ***'Lasting health change in Africa'*** and its mission ***'To increase sustainable health access to communities in Africa through solutions in human resources for health, health service delivery, and investments in health'***.

Project Brief:

Amref Health Africa in Kenya is implementing the USAID Imarisha Jamii program that seeks to provide HIV care and treatment; services to orphans and vulnerable children and adolescents; and services in the area of Family Planning/Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (FP/RMNCAH) and nutrition. The purpose of the program is to increase the use of quality county-led health and social services in Turkana County, Kenya.

Job Purpose:

The Project Officer will focus on:

- Strengthening the provision of high quality and sustainable services for pregnant and breastfeeding women and their infants, client-focused health services including Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT), recommended HIV-exposed infants (HEI) follow up and HIV-infected children receive paediatric HIV services as per the Kenya national guidelines.
- Building the capacity of MOH staff for the sustainability of HIV/AIDS interventions.
- Improving the delivery of care and treatment services for Positive PBFW and HIV-infected Children in line with the 95-95-95 strategy.

Primary Responsibilities:

KEY AREA	KEY TASKS
HTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure 100% testing of All Pregnant women at 1st ANC, Post ANC1, L&D and PNC as per the national guidelines on HIV testing. • Ensure 100% linkage to ART for all newly identified HIV positive PBFW and HEIs who have seroconverted.



PMTCT Cascade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize and oversee capacity building activities for health providers and case managers working within MNCH clinics through training and continuous medical education.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing supportive supervision, mentorship and on the job training on PMTCT for all the clinical staff at supported health facilities. Oversee the rollout of HIS products to enable efficient services at all MCNH clinic in a manner that is sustainable .
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to improve patient management through identifying and improving client flow systems, data capture, clinical management, clinical recording, referral to laboratory and pharmacy and preventing loses to follow for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical support to HCWs to enable continuity on care for > 95% of children, adolescents, adults and pregnant women currently on ART in Imarisha Jamii supported sites and scale up of DSD models.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure 100% provision of Caxc Screening services for all WLHIV of reproductive age in Imarisha Jamii supported sites.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support in design and implementation of GBV interventions, mentorship, documentation and report writing.
CQI / HSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutionalize continuous quality improvement systems for continuity of care and patient care improvement Develop and strengthen adherence and retention innovations and evidence-based interventions through staff mentorship and follow-up and document best practices.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and distribute appropriate job aides, educational material, registers and reporting tools for PMTCT, HEI and paediatrics up to 2 years old. to supported health facility staff.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support collection, collation, and review of critical PMTCT data, indicators and activities on a monthly and quarterly basis detailing proposed objectives and activities for PMTCT/HEI and paediatrics 2years and below at supported facilities .
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide technical support for weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, and annual facility performance reviews, assessing progress in an objective manner in collaboration with S/CHM.

Required Qualifications and Experience

- At least a Bachelor’s degree in Medicine, Clinical Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, or other health-related courses, Master of Public Health is an added advantage.
- At least five (5) years of experience in HIV and AIDS prevention, Care and Treatment experience with a particular focus on PMTCT or Paediatric programming preferred.

Skills, Knowledge and Competencies

- Good knowledge of practical delivery of HIV/AIDS clinical care and ART including patient-centered management and family support.
- Training on Kenya EMR and the ability to use EMR for reporting.
- Advanced training in antiretroviral management is an added advantage.
- Excellent management abilities within a multi-disciplinary team, support, training and mentoring.



- Excellent interpersonal and supervisory skills, capable of directing and managing change, effective delegation, inspiring teamwork and motivating staff and partners to achieve results.
- Communication skills: Excellent written and oral presentation skills, able to write well and adapt report style to different target audiences.
- Technical knowledge of HIV Care and Treatment and PMTCT service delivery.
- Leadership: Able to maintain a broad perspective of project needs and priorities, and the results-based objectives and strategies being pursued.
- Interpersonal and Negotiation skills: Proven ability to work successfully within a team of professionals (including from external partner organizations) and with members of the public; wide exposure to people from different cultures and sections of society. Able to support new partnership development, both bilaterally and in complex consortia formation.
- Programme Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E): Knowledge in M&E systems, including results-based management.
- Organizational skills: Ability to manage time efficiently and meet deadlines, keep careful records.

How to apply

Interested? Please visit our website <https://amref.org/vacancies/> to make your application. You will be directed to our online portal where you will need to create an account in order for you to be able to submit your application. Your application should include a cover letter detailing why you are the best fit for this position and your CV with relevant skills and experience. The Closing date will be **Tuesday, June 6, 2023**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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