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Job Summary

Position: Laboratory Technologist – 1 post
Reports To: Laboratory Manager/Project Leader
Work Station: Ifakara
Apply By: 20th March, 2025

Institute Overview

Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) is a leading research organization in Africa with a strong track record in developing, testing and validating innovations for health. Driven by a core strategic mandate for research, training and services, the Institute's work now spans a wide spectrum, covering biomedical and ecological sciences, intervention studies, health-systems research, service delivery and policy translation.

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Ifakara Health Institute seeks a qualified **Lab Technologist** to perform laboratory testing required for the management of patients with HIV and or TB including co-morbidities. The candidate will be required to deliver improved services in collaboration with the hospital, governmental authorities, and within the existing research platform of the Kilombero and Ulanga Antiretroviral Cohort (KIULARCO).

Duties and Responsibilities

- Perform laboratory testing on blood samples, biological fluids and other materials (e.g. Full blood picture, chemistry, CD4, viral load, resistance testing, Crag screening, culture, and others according to KIULARCO protocol and additional tests according to study protocols.
- Perform maintenance and quality control to the laboratory equipment.
- Prepare a checklist for laboratory consumables and reagents.
- Perform quality control measures and quality assurance of laboratory tests.
- Entering data into the computer.
- Freezing of samples for biobank, organization of biobank.
- Share knowledge and/or train team members as needed.
- Participate in relevant national and international networks, meetings and conferences.
- Develop research projects, perform research and write manuscripts.
- Contribute to studies within KIULARCO and other IHI projects initiated through the Chronic Diseases Clinic of Ifakara (CDCI).
- Write SOPs for the handling of lab testing and quality assurance.
- Attend all compulsory meetings such every Tuesday at CDCI and other IHI/hospital meetings according to their profession.
- Assist to plan, coordinate, and support research activities organized by IHI and other partners.
- Perform any additional task assigned by the PL and/or Director of SFRRH when necessary.

Qualification and Experience

- Diploma in Medical Laboratory, Zoology or related field.
- Experience in HIV/TB patients, or a certificate with relevant experience.

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Skills and Competencies

- Fluent in both Swahili and English language.
- Interest in TB/HIV.
- High motivation for research activities.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a collaborative management style.
- Capable of building and sustaining relationships with senior professionals.
- Professional attitude to work and clear work ethics.
- Result oriented.
- Adhere to IHI core values (Integrity, Initiative, Equity, Excellence, Accountability).

Remuneration

An attractive and competitive remuneration package will be offered to successful candidates as per IHI salary scales.

Equal Opportunity

IHI is an equal opportunity employer. We prohibit intentional biases or discrimination and harassment of any kind at the work place and during recruitment. All employment decisions are based solely on job requirements and individual qualifications, and our recruitment process is governed by the labour laws of Tanzania.

Mode of Application

All candidates who meet the above job requirements should send their application letters together with their detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) showing contact addresses including email, telephone/cell phone numbers and copies of academic and professional certificates to the email address below.

The **deadline** for this application is **12:00hrs (EAT) on Thursday, March 20th 2025**. All e-mail application subject lines should include: **LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST – CDCI. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interview.**

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