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Position Title: Clinical Director, Care and Treatment Program, EQUIP-Malawi
UCLA Division of Infectious Diseases, Global Health
Partners in Hope Medical Center; Lilongwe, Malawi

QUALIFICATIONS

- A degree in medicine (MD or DO) in a primary care field (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Medicine/ Pediatrics)
- Clinical experience/training in African or similar context
- Experience in clinical or operational research in an African or similar context preferred
- Specialty training in HIV Medicine and/or Infectious Diseases is preferred but not required.
- Qualifications for an appointment in the UCLA Department of Medicine

OVERVIEW

EQUIP (Extending Quality Improvement for HIV/AIDS in Malawi) is a USAID/PEPFAR Care and Treatment program implemented by the primary grant recipient, Partners in Hope Medical Center, UCLA. The project is designed to improve the quality of HIV care in Malawi by increasing the capacity of hospitals and health centers to deliver essential health services related to HIV and AIDS care. A significant tenant of the project is to train and equip Malawian national staff who will serve as leaders and mentors for the next generation of health providers. The primary organization, PIH Medical Center in Lilongwe, has a strong track record in HIV care and treatment services in Malawi, as well as experience providing technical support to the national care and treatment project. PIH serves as the base-of-operations for PIH-EQUIP. The goals of EQUIP are to advanced the UNAIDS 90/90/90 goals through working directly in health facilities providing mentorship and systems strengthening. EQUIP initiatives range from HIV testing to linkage to care, ART initiation, and activities that support retention and virologic suppression. PIH-EQUIP also focuses on innovations to improve gaps in the continuum of care. PIH-EQUIP supports activities throughout the country with most intensive activities in the Central and Southern regions of the country.

PIH-EQUIP also performs operational research designed to measure the success of its interventions and provide information that may inform Malawi's National HIV/ART program. PIH-EQUIP, now in its 7th year, has been implemented in partnership with the University of California, Los Angeles Department of Medicine and the Division of Infectious Diseases. This proposed position will report to Dr. Alan Schooley (Country Director of the Programs in Malawi) and Vanessa van Schoor (Deputy Country Director in Malawi) and will report to Los Angeles-based faculty, Dr. Judith Currier, UCLA Infectious Diseases Division Chief and Co-PI of the UCLA EQUIP sub-award and Dr. Risa Hoffman, who serves as Co-PI alongside Dr. Currier.

RESPONSIBILITIES

(1) Oversight, technical assistance, and implementation support for USAID Care and Treatment

Provide in-country oversight for implementing components of the USAID EQUIP Care and Treatment grant based out of Partners in Hope. This includes the provision of clinical mentoring and training to MoH and PIH-EQUIP staff; development of a training curriculum and other training materials; managing mentoring schedules for inpatient and outpatient care; supporting interventions at EQUIP-supported sites to advance the UNAIDS 90/90/90 goals including support of HIV testing initiatives, linkage programs, ART initiation, and activities that improve retention and virologic suppression. Support viral load scale up including lab systems, results reporting, and second line ART initiation and monitoring. This



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position will be based at PIH in Lilongwe but will spend significant time in the field visiting EQUIP sites and supporting activities at these sites which are located throughout Malawi, but predominately in the Central and Southern regions. This position will supervise a large number of Malawian clinicians (clinical officers and nurses) who work in mentorship teams and will work closely with the Care and Treatment Chief of Party, Deputy Chief of Party and UCLA-EQUIP Country Director and Deputy Country Director. This individual will liaise with USAID and MOH and will be responsible for supporting Quarterly and annual reporting, workplan development, and other ad hoc data requests that come from the funder and umbrella organization supporting USAID programs in Malawi (Right to Care, South Africa).

(2) Monitoring and Evaluation and Accountability to Donor(s)

With senior leadership, participate in strategic planning, work plan development and donor communications for the project. Participate in the development of strategies for M&E of the Care and Treatment program.

(3) Research Development and Implementation

To work with UCLA, PIH, the Malawi Ministry of Health, and other partners to implement operational research that aligns with the goals of the PIH clinical training program and EQUIP.

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- Clinical experience working in HIV care and treatment in Africa or a similar context;
- Experience in clinical training and teaching and a commitment to building personal and organizational capacity;
- Demonstrated ability to facilitate communication between professionals with a variety of cultural backgrounds in a respectful and diplomatic manner, and enhance effective partnerships;
- Initiative and ability to develop and carry out work plans and solve problems independently;
- Strong writing and public presentation skills;
- Strong organizational and computer skills including MS Office, Power Point, Excel and Access;
- Ability to live in Malawi, Africa, for a minimum of two years;
- Ability to travel within Malawi as part of the program support;
- Ability to participate in research projects in Malawi and/or facilitate research collaborations between Malawi and UCLA-based investigators;
- Ability to meet qualifications for a staff appointment in the UCLA Department of Medicine.



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SALARY AND BENEFITS

This position is a full-time contract appointment in the UCLA Division of Infectious Diseases. A package of University of California benefits will be provided. Salary will be determined based on level of training, experience and qualifications. To apply for this position and for more information, please visit: <http://www.uclahealthcareers.org/all-jobs/Associate-Physician-Diplomate/H89496> or contact Else Henry at ehenry@mednet.ucla.edu