



Title: AHD Community Engagement Country Lead

Station: Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe

Afrocab Overview: Afrocab Treatment Access Partnership (Afrocab) is an African network of HIV community leaders and advocates working to accelerate access to optimal HIV and co-morbidity treatments and prevention products. Afrocab primarily operates in sub-Saharan Africa, with a secretariat in Zambia and a network of people in twenty countries. Afrocab was established in 2011 to facilitate community treatment access dialogue with multinational and generic drug manufacturing companies, policymakers, UN agencies, civil society organizations, and others working on anti-HIV drugs and clinical research of new molecules and diagnostics. Currently, Afrocab is focused on three key areas: global advocacy, building global national and regional networks, and building country responses and coordination, all to move toward creating an ecosystem approach to addressing the complexity of delivering the highest quality and most cost-effective treatment of HIV and co-morbidities in Africa.

About the THRIVE Project: CHAI, Afrocab (community and civil society engagement - CCE - lead), Penta and operational research partners Zvitambo, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, and Mildmay Uganda have received an Advanced HIV Disease (AHD) grant to implement **THRIVE** (Transforming Advanced HIV Disease CaRe in LMICs through Comprehensive and Equitable Access) to reduce HIV related mortality among adults and Children Living with HIV (CLHIV) by enabling global access to critical prevention, screening, and treatment commodities, and centring local leadership and community-owned solutions to find and serve people living with AHD where they are. The consortium will build on existing and direct partnerships with national governments and global partners like WHO, PEPFAR, Global Fund, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Aurum to ensure that country efforts are not siloed, complement other Unitaid investments and solutions are scaled and sustained beyond the life of this project.

Position Overview: Afrocab is seeking passionate and experienced **Country Leads (CL), one (1) per country**, to provide national leadership and coordination for the **THRIVE Project** CCE in the following countries Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe. This fixed contract role (2 years) will play a crucial role in driving advocacy and engagement for **Advanced HIV Disease (AHD)** at the country and regional levels. The CL must be resident in the capital cities of each country with extensive networks and knowledge of local national HIV/AHD networks and service delivery mechanisms including differentiated service delivery (DSD) models in their country.

Responsibilities:

- **Leadership:**
 - Provide strategic direction and guidance for AHD advocacy and engagement activities.
 - Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, including government officials, community networks civil society organizations and healthcare providers.
 - Oversee the implementation of the THRIVE project community engagement activities within their country.
- **Coordination:**
 - Work closely with the THRIVE CAB members to ensure their voices are heard and their insights inform project activities.
 - Establish, supervise and support selected facility and sub-national community engagement teams.
 - Collaborate and work alongside the national AHD hub(s), national CHAI teams, regional Afrocab teams, and Ministry of Health, to ensure alignment with the overall project strategy and operational plan.
 - Facilitate communication and information sharing between the CAB, regional hub, especially national community networks and leaders, and facilitate engagement and partnership working with all other stakeholders.
- **Engagement:**
 - Develop and implement strategies to increase awareness and understanding of AHD among various national systems and processes.
 - Lead advocacy efforts to influence policies and programs that improve access to AHD national services.
 - Organize and participate in meetings, workshops, and other events to engage stakeholders and share knowledge about AHD.
 - Participate in national AHD processes such as guidelines development and technical working groups, Global Fund and PEPFAR coordinating and country support mechanisms.
- **Reporting:**

The role will report to the THRIVE Programme Manager and will be expected to:

 - Prepare regular reports on project progress, activities, and achievements.
 - Contribute to the development of advocacy materials and communication strategies.
 - Provide regular updates to the various team members' national networks and relevant CSOs.

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Qualifications:

- Minimum of 3-5 years of experience working on HIV/AIDS issues, preferably with a focus on AHD.
- Demonstrated experience in advocacy, community mobilization, and stakeholder engagement.
- Strong leadership, communication, and people skills.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Fluency in a key local language and English is required.

Benefits:

- Competitive compensation package (contractual)
- Opportunity to contribute to a meaningful and impactful project.
- Collaboration with a diverse network of stakeholders across Africa

Interested applicants must demonstrate a clear understanding of the national HIV treatment, care and support programme. An understanding of AHD risk mitigation, therapeutics and diagnostics is desirable

How To Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and CV to afrocab.recruitment@gmail.com

Application deadline: **17th May 2024.**

Please note: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

NOTE: *PLHIV are especially encouraged to apply.*