

mothers2mothers

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JOB VACANCIES – MENTOR MOTHERS

Programme Background:

mothers2mothers (m2m) is an international non-governmental organization based in Cape Town, South Africa, dedicated to providing education and support to pregnant women and mothers living with HIV, and preventing mother-to-child transmission. **m2m** empowers HIV-positive pregnant women and new mothers to become role models in their communities by promoting AIDS awareness, testing and services. **m2m** currently operates in 7 countries in Africa and receives funding from a diverse set of funders.

Purpose:

The role of a Mentor Mother is to provide peer education and psychosocial support to pregnant women, mothers and their families to prevent HIV transmission to babies. A Mentor Mother provides these services to PMTCT program clients by drawing on her personal experience as an HIV-positive woman and her **mothers2mothers** program training, with guidance from her supervisors and the health care team.

Major Duties:

- Lead and/or participate in group education sessions to educate pregnant women, mothers and companions on PMTCT and related subjects
- Provide post-test support and education following post-test counselling for HIV-positive women and their families during pregnancy and after delivery
- Invite HIV-positive clients and their partners to participate in group support sessions, and refer to other services as indicated
- Promote uptake of and adherence to prescribed antiretroviral medications and other PMTCT recommendations for the mother and her baby
- Promote uptake of HIV testing for pregnant women
- Collect and document data on a daily basis and submit to the **m2m** Site Coordinator

General Requirements:

- HIV + status
- At least one pregnancy carried to term
- Firsthand experience of PMTCT (prevention of mother-to-child transmission) programme
- Disclosure to at least one person
- Ability to listen and empathise
- Passion for this kind of work
- Education level: _____ (*insert as appropriate for local context*)

In addition to the general requirements given above, a Mentor Mother must be able to read and write in _____ (*insert local language*). Literacy in English will be an advantage, but is not required (except if it is the primarily spoken language). The position of Mentor Mother is for a 12 month period and may be part-time or full-time, depending on programme needs.

All applications must be forwarded to: _____

Closing Date: _____