EU Aid Volunteers strengthening the resilience and response capacity of vulnerable and disaster-affected communities in Middle East, Africa, Southern and Central America

Junior EU Aid Volunteer, Advocacy/Communications, Palestine

Junior
— 1 positions

Deployment dates:
01/07/2018 - 30/06/2019
Middle East
Western Asia
Palestine

Lead organisation:
GVC
GVC (Italy), Alianza por la Solidaridad (Spain) and Action Against Hunger (Spain) are international non-governmental organizations having joined their expertise in management of humanitarian action worldwide and now implementing the “EU Aid Volunteers strengthening the resilience and response capacity of vulnerable and disaster-affected communities in Middle East, Africa, Southern and Central America” project.

Closing date:
08/04/2018

DESCRIPTION

The objective is adding value to the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO) and other Humanitarian Operations with the support of 33 trained EU Aid Volunteers working within 19 hosting organizations in 12 Countries.

17 seniors (more than 5 years of professional experience) and 16 junior (less than 5 years of professional experience) EU Aid Volunteers will be deployed in 12 countries (Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Guatemala, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Palestine, Peru, Tunisia).

The project aims also at building the capacities of local organizations in hosting volunteers, preventing emergencies and being prepared in case of disaster.
Moreover, Europeans and locals will work together to strengthen the resilience capacity of vulnerable communities in least developed and fragile countries.

More info about this project available here:

**Operational details & security context:**
Operational and security context:

Action Against Hunger has been working in Palestine since 2002, aiming to reduce vulnerabilities and respond to humanitarian needs, in addition to protecting and strengthening the resilience of Palestinian communities.

In the West Bank (the area on which the EU Aid Volunteer will be working while being based in Jerusalem) Palestinians can have difficulties accessing water, adequate housing, land and livelihoods, which in turn can severely hamper the socioeconomic growth of communities.

In Area C of the West Bank, there are alarming protection concerns. Our programming aims to protect vulnerable communities by adopting an integrated protection approach delivering a systematic emergency, recovery and resilience-oriented response.

**Protection Sector**

Action Against Hunger contributes to the protection of Palestinians from individual and mass forcible transfer, by providing essential services and material assistance, including the provision of WASH assets and infrastructure, and the construction and rehabilitation of private shelters, roads, schools and clinics to ensure dignified living conditions.

**WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Sector**

Our WASH programming in the West Bank aims to provide, improve and protect access to safe, sufficient and affordable water and sanitation for the most vulnerable communities.

**FSL (Food Security and Livelihoods) Sector**

Our FSL programming in the West Bank aims at improving the socioeconomic status of vulnerable Palestinians through increased access to sustainable livelihood opportunities.

-The hosting and sending organisation (Action Against Hunger) is not faith-based Background
The humanitarian context of Palestine is unique amongst today’s crises and is affected by a protracted protection crisis. At least 1.9 million Palestinians experience, or are at risk of, conflict and violence, displacement and denial of access to livelihoods, among other threats. The most vulnerable Palestinians are currently denied or restricted in their access to essential services such as water and health care. A recurrent cycle of shocks, natural and manmade, has eroded the resilience of vulnerable households to cope with the prolonged nature of the humanitarian crisis (OCHA, HNO 2018).

Main operational risks for staff working in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem:

(Please note that mitigation measures are described in detail in the security plan that the EU Aid Volunteer will receive as part of the induction training)

1. Being involved in a traffic incident: Staff is often driving between bases and to projects sites and different areas in West Bank.
2. Incidents may occur without warning and in any area of the West Bank in case of violence between IF and Palestinian groups.
3. To reach project sites staff often have to travel through check points or pass close to settlements where there is a risk of violence (risks include stone throwing, shooting and tear gas).

TASKS

Building relationships

The volunteer deployed will complement the humanitarian action of Action Against Hunger in the country through building relationships with:

• Environmental and development NGOs (partner agencies in the West Bank Protection Consortium (WBPC) and the Coordination System (Advocacy Working Group of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and relevant Clusters (Food Security Sector, WASH) > Work on linkages with different fora
• Government Departments (relevant Palestinian line ministries (Ministry of Agriculture, Palestinian Water Authority) > Support capacity-building & ‘technical advocacy’
• The scientific community and donors related to resilience of vulnerable communities (donor representatives e.g. ECHO, AECID) > develop tailored advocacy messages & materials (see ‘Task 2’)

Communication and advocacy

The volunteer deployed will complement the humanitarian action of Action Against Hunger in the country through developing communication and advocacy products in view of:
(1) capitalising on the mission’s work in the field and (2) raising awareness on the needs of vulnerable communities targeted through our projects and programs (3) visualising the protection concerns of communities in Area C of the West Bank
Apprenticeship: n/a

Required competences:

Transversal competences:

- Result-oriented, collaborative, self-accountable, ambitious, positive, values highly creativity and integrity.

Specific competences:

- Understanding the humanitarian context of the EU Aid Volunteers initiative and applying humanitarian principles.
- Managing projects in humanitarian contexts.

Technical competences:

- Awareness-raising and education (humanitarian aid / development context).
- Communications- including visibility, public relations and advocacy (humanitarian aid / third-country context).
- Comprehensive understanding of the humanitarian coordination architecture and its potentially strategic communication role.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are made directly within the sending organisation, please check out the how to apply section.

Eligibility and exception criteria:

The candidate for EU Aid Volunteers must be a citizen of the EU or a third country national who is a long-term resident in an EU Member State, and must have a minimum age of 18 years.

All applicants will receive equal opportunities and be treated equally with no regards to age, gender and religion or belief. The applicant should be willing to accept local culture, tradition and way of living as a sign of respect and to be accepted well by villagers while participating in the program.

Minimum Requirements:

Studies:

- University degree in communication sciences (e.g. journalism), conflict and development, political and social sciences or related field.

Languages:

- Fluency in English
- Arabic is an asset

Skills:

- graphic design skills (experience with Photoshop, Illustration or InDesign)
- experience in audio-visual production
Experience:
• At least 2 years of experience of programming or research work within development/humanitarian programs/projects;
• Demonstrated research experience;

CONDITION OF SERVICE

Learning Opportunities:
The volunteer will be integrated into the organisation of recognised international prestige, run through more than 40 countries with the possibility of gaining a deeper knowledge about the humanitarian and social work of the organisation in 5 international headquarters. In addition, he/she will attend:

• An online course (30h).
• The face to face sessions in Italy for 9 days.
• Host training, welcome briefing in Madrid for 2 days.
• Corporative mandatory courses of Action Against Hunger (12 hours on line)
• Briefing in the mission.

Working and Living Conditions:
This position offers the opportunity to volunteer in the context of the EU Aid Volunteers initiative. The volunteer will have a standard of living similar to the standard in the country.

• 35 to 40 hours per week, having weekends off.
• The working calendar will be corresponding to the agenda and system established in the field.
• For each month of voluntary activity two days of rest are earned, in addition to public holidays. It is highly recommended not to use the rest of the days during the first and the last month of deployment.
• A monthly Subsistence Lump Sum (€377.10 per month) intends to cover basic needs such as food.

In addition, for each month of deployment 100 Euros of post-deployment resettlement allowance is foreseen.
• Accommodation, Visa fees, insurance and airfares will be covered.

Please note that more than one candidate per position will attend the training, to create an additional pool to cover drop-outs and unforeseen needs.

SELECTION PROCESS

Shortlisting and Interviews:
From 09/04/2018 to 30/04/2018

Interview Process:
From 09/04/2018 to 30/04/2018
**Expected date decision on outcome:**
30/04/2018

**TIMETABLE**

**Date of training:**
4th to 16th of June 2018 in Italy

**Pre-deployment preparation and induction:**
June 2018 in Madrid

**Deployment:**
Start 01/07/2018 - Finish 30/06/2019

**Post-deployment activities:**
Debriefing in mission, debriefing in Madrid

**Sectors:**
- Livelihoods
- Protection
- Resilience
- Wash

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