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Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities to the effects of climate change impact and environmental shocks through the deployment of European Solidarity Corps volunteers fostering the innovation in Humanitarian context.

ESC Aid Volunteer in Advocacy, Regional Office for Central and Western Africa (ROWCA), SENEGAL

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Deployment dates: 01/03/2024 to 28/02/2025

The European Solidarity Corps in Humanitarian Aid is an EU funding program for young people wishing to support, as volunteers, humanitarian aid operations in third countries outside of the EU that have faced humanitarian disasters or need to increase their preparedness to possible disasters in the future.

Volunteers will support humanitarian aid operations while learning new skills, improving, and properly validating their competences.

The program is open to 18-35 years old individuals, EU citizens or legally residing in an EU Member State or in a third country associated to the Program (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, and Republic of North Macedonia), who have registered in the European Solidarity Corps Portal.

Action Against Hunger

Action Against Hunger is an international non-governmental private organization that is politically and religiously neutral and non-profit. Established in 1979 in France to implement interventions worldwide, its vocation is to fight against hunger, physical suffering and situations of distress that threaten the lives.

In line with its Inclusion and Diversity Strategy, the program aims at including young people with fewer opportunities.

HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT

Western and Central Africa humanitarian contexts are very diverse. However, the key drivers for humanitarian interventions in the region are civil insecurity and conflicts, droughts and other climatic extremes, governance crises, lack of public and private investment in infrastructures. The context is also characterized by the multiplicity of stakeholders and the challenges related to coordination and coherence of actions. The priorities are numerous, resources are limited, and the diversity of agencies and institutional agendas hampers the definition of realistic and clear common objectives and actions plans. More importantly their implementation, monitoring and evaluation or the level of accountability (towards partners, communities, government, and donors) are deficient and important efforts are necessary to answer to these challenges.

“Do no harm” principles are, as always, a key component of the humanitarian response. In Western and Central Africa, the recent deterioration of the security context obliges the humanitarian actors to adapt their interventions and negotiate with a diversity of actors in a rapidly evolving context.

SECURITY CONDITIONS

The volunteer will be based in Dakar, which has the security constraints of other large cities in the region. However, it is a generally safe environment and is deemed a family-friendly posting by other NGOs, UN Agencies, and embassies. Action Against Hunger regularly monitors the security situation and follows closely the most recent events in reaction to the postponement of the elections.

The volunteer could be involved punctually in field work and workshop in different countries covered by the advocacy projects. The volunteer will need to comply with Action Against Hunger’s security plan of each visited country.

COVID SITUATION AND PROTOCOLS

All health restrictions linked to COVID-19 have been lifted. However, it is necessary to follow any instructions and/or information from the health and nutrition department concerning the general health situation in the country.

AAH VALUES

We are an international non-governmental private organization that is politically and religiously neutral and non-profit, which was established in 1979 in France to implement interventions worldwide. Our vocation is to fight against hunger, physical suffering and situations of distress that threaten the lives of men, women, and children.

We uphold the Humanitarian Principles: Independence, Neutrality, Non-Discrimination, Free and direct access to people in need, professionalism, and transparency.

More information is available here:

<https://www.accioncontraelhambre.org/en/our-principles>.

TASKS

Objective 1: Support the implementation of food security and nutrition advocacy strategies and projects.

- Participate in the compilation of "evidence" and the production of recommendations resulting from ACF's programmes in the countries (results of actions implemented to feed into advocacy), depending on the opportunities of influence identified.
- Actively participate in the development of advocacy messages/arguments in line with regional working groups and the regional advocacy strategy.
- Contribute to the development of position papers and reports on FNS advocacy issues.
- Support in compiling information for regional analysis and studies

Objective 2: Support joint advocacy with partners and civil society organizations (CSOs) as key agents of change.

- Participate in the development and implementation of action plans with regional partners and CSOs.
- Participate in the organization of regional workshops with partners and CSOs.
- Participate in building capacity of local CSOs on FNS.

Objective 3: Support communication and visibility of regional and country activities.

- Contribute to the conception and dissemination of regional advocacy papers (in line with ACF's positions) and capitalizing on lessons learnt.
- Identify key international advocacy opportunities and formulate messages in line with them for the organization's social platforms.
- Contribute to the production of a regional newsletter.
- Contribute to the capitalization of activities through the production of a documentary/video.

Objective 4: Communication and Awareness on ESC Aid Volunteers Initiative

- Write and publish articles describing the experience of volunteers in the field.
- Collect audiovisual materials for use in a public awareness activity in the local volunteer community in Europe.
- In coordination with the project's NGO partners, organize, and implement public awareness activities.

REQUIRED COMPETENCES

Studies: International relations, international development, political sciences, humanitarian action, Communications.

Languages: English and French

Skills: Writing and communication, Analysis, networking, Conception and drafting of documents, IT knowledge (Pack Office).

Experience: a minimum of 2 years.

Required competences: Minimum knowledge of advocacy techniques, mobilization and/or lobbying methods. Understand development and humanitarian aid advocacy/and or the humanitarian context. Ability to diplomatically handle sensitive situations with target audiences and cultivate

productive relationships. Informed and transparent decision making. Prioritizing activities and meeting commitments. Promoting new ideas. Willing to learn and improve. Creativity. Time management

BENEFITS FOR THE VOLUNTEER AND CONDITONS

The volunteer will be deployed to Action Against Hunger Senegal.

Duty station: Dakar, Senegal

Length of Deployment:

This position offers the opportunity to volunteer in the context of the ESC Humanitarian Aid Volunteers initiative.

The volunteer will have a standard of living similar to the standard in the country. The working calendar will correspond 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.

A monthly Subsistence Lump Sum will be provided to cover basic needs such as food and personal hygiene items.

Accommodation, travel costs, visa, pre-deployment medical check + vaccinations (if mandatory for the country), allowance will be covered. In case of need, a Fewer Opportunities Support will also be covered.

Learning Opportunities: the ESC Humanitarian Aid Volunteer will attend online before and on-site induction at the arrival to her/his deployment Mission.

Training during deployment will also be offered to improve the volunteer's skills and competences.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are made exclusively through the European Youth Portal.

All persons interested in submitting their candidatures **MUST** first:

- Register for the [European Solidarity Corps](#) program.
 - In their European Solidarity Corps profile, indicate their interest in [Volunteering in Humanitarian Aid](#).
 - Pass the free and compulsory free online course.
 - Be available for, and pass, a 5 day in-presence training course of the EU Academy already open and available.
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must be between 18 and 35 years old, have citizenship or long-term residence in Europe, or be from countries associated with the program (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, and the Republic of North Macedonia).

Action Against Hunger is an equal opportunity employer.

Young people from disadvantaged communities such as racialized groups, refugees, migrants with long term residency in EU, members of minority gender identities and sexual orientations, people with disabilities, minimum income, long term unemployment and remote geographical areas, are strongly encouraged to apply.