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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 Food Security and Livelihood, SENEGAL

1 position

Deployment dates: 01/09/2024 - 30/08/2025

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.

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

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 of men, women and children. <https://www.accioncontraelhambre.org/>

Action against Hunger upholds the Humanitarian Principles of Independence, Neutrality, Non- Discrimination, Free and direct access to people in need, professionalism, and transparency. <https://www.accioncontraelhambre.org/en/our-principles>

To know more about other Action against Hunger- Spain European Solidarity Corps opportunities in this and other countries, please consult our webpage: <https://www.accioncontraelhambre.org/es/euaidvolunteers>

HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT

According to the projected situation of the Cadre Harmonisé of November 2023, it is estimated that 725 781 persons will be in phase 3, 4 or 5, meaning “under pressure” in terms of food insecurity, next leaning season.

The causes of food and nutrition insecurity are described in the ENSAN summary note as follows: "The results of the analysis show that the main causes of food and nutritional insecurity in Senegal are directly linked to low agricultural productivity, and consequently low household cereal stocks, poverty, non-diversification of the diet, high dependence on markets, low incomes, low diversification of income-generating activities especially in rural areas, recurrent shocks and low resilience capacity of households and communities. "

The country is also bearing the full brunt of the consequences of global warming, with the multiplication of natural disasters: erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, bush fires, pest invasions, etc., which constitute the determinants of food insecurity, affecting availability and access to a diversified diet.

By altering food security and people's means of subsistence, these factors contribute to an increase in undernutrition. Households have to adapt to these shocks, and in the absence of knowledge (or choice), survival mechanisms are sometimes implemented to the detriment of the nutrition of the most vulnerable: women and children.

Addressing food and nutrition insecurity in Senegal requires comprehensive efforts. These may include improving agricultural practices and productivity, diversifying income sources, enhancing resilience to shocks, promoting sustainable environmental practices, strengthening social safety nets, and providing education and support on nutrition and dietary diversity. Collaboration between the government, international organizations, NGOs, and local communities is crucial in implementing effective interventions to alleviate food insecurity and improve the well-being of the population, especially the most vulnerable groups.

SECURITY CONDITIONS

Senegal is globally a peaceful country with no serious security threats.

The country hasn't recorded any terrorist attacks during last years. However, in a regional insecurity context, terrorist attacks can happen anytime mostly in the capital Dakar or touristic stations like Saly, Cap-skirring, etc.

Foreigners but also Senegalese people are sometimes victims of robberies (bags with personal objects, phone calls, etc.) perpetrated by young men using motorcycles in Dakar. In a tense socio-political context related to the next presidential election planned for February 2024, Dakar and major cities can face strikes and demonstrations organized by opposition political parties or labor unions.

TASKS

The assistant to the FSL department will assist the department with all its responsibilities and tasks, according to the needs. More specifically, she/he will:

Objective 1: Conduct research, analysis, and project development.

- Collect and analyze data on food security trends, including global, regional, and national levels.
- Assist in the preparation of research briefs, reports, and presentations on food security issues.
- Support the development of project proposals and concept notes by doing research, writing, or translating.

Objective 2: Support the implementation and monitoring of Spanish donor projects (GENVAL et AECID)

- Provide assistance in implementing food security projects, including data collection and monitoring.
- Specifically focus on Spanish donor project and assist in the compliance of the project with the donor guidelines, write the intermediary and final report, liaise with HQ focal point
- Assist in maintaining a network of partners and stakeholders involved in food security.

Objective 3: Administrative task

- Provide general administrative support to the food security department, including filing, documentation, and record-keeping.
- Assist in organizing and maintaining the department's database and information systems.

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: At least 3 years of university level education or equivalent in a relevant field such as food security, agriculture and agronomy, nutrition, applied statistics, geography, economics, or political science.

Languages: Spanish native and proficient French are mandatory. English is an asset.

Skills: Familiarity with food security concepts, sustainable agriculture, nutrition, and related issues. Ability to collect, analyze, and interpret

data from various sources. Proficient in conducting literature reviews, summarizing information, and synthesizing research findings. Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Ability to prepare clear and concise reports, presentations, and briefs. Willingness to learn. Excellent organizational skills, attention to detail.

Experiences: Experience in project management is an asset. Experience in a developing country is an asset. Familiarity with project management is an asset. Familiarity with data is an asset.

BENEFITS FOR THE VOLUNTEER AND CONDITIONS

The volunteer will be deployed to Action Against Hunger Senegal.

Duty station: Dakar, with missions in the field in Matam, Louga, Ndioum.

Length of Deployment: 12 months, 35 to 40 hours per week, with weekends off.

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 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.

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

Travel costs, visa, pre-deployment medical check + vaccinations (if mandatory for the country), allowance and accommodation will be covered. Accommodation at Action Against Hunger guesthouse (individual room, shared bathroom, and shared facilities). 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.

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.
