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Volresdrr: Nurturing Humanitarian Aid Corps Volunteers solidarity and competences by empowering Resilient Communities: A Multisectoral Approach to Disaster Risk Reduction and Gender-Responsive Actions.

ESC HUMANITARIAN VOLUNTEER IN SURVEILLANCE AND DATA ANALYSIS, Action Against Hunger Regional Office for West and Central Africa

1 position

Deployment dates: January 2025-October 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. 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.

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.

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>

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HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT

The key drivers for humanitarian interventions in the region of west and central Africa are civil insecurity and conflicts, droughts and other climatic extremes, governance crises, lack of public and private investment in infrastructures. The context is also characterised 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

In Dakar, the security conditions remain good. However, mobility in the region for European staff is strongly limited due to the deteriorating situations particularly in the central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali) and the Lake Tchad Basin (Cameroun, Nigeria, Niger and Tchad). In the named countries, travels are limited to the capital city with prior authorisation from the mission and security officer and are strictly regulated once in country.

In Senegal and Mauritania, travels and movements are easy but requires previous information and authorisation.

SECTORS

- **Disaster prevention and recovery**
 - **Disaster risk reduction**
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TASKS

Objective 1: Project management for surveillance activities and deadlines monitoring

- Budget monitoring
- Partner relations
- Reporting and liaison with donors

Objective 2: Analysis and dissemination of surveillance indicators, proposing activities

- Drafting analysis and alert reports
- Maintenance of internet visualization and dissemination platforms:
- GeoSahel.info, SigSahel.info, DashBoard Power BI
- Participation in forums and workshops in the sub-region and internationally

Objective 3: Promoting surveillance activities in sub-regional countries

- Support in fundraising efforts
- Promotion of DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) and surveillance activities and presentation to stakeholders
- Contribution to the drafting of project proposals

Objective 4: Participation in surveillance activities

- Preparation for and participation in training sessions
- Preparation for and participation in field missions

Objective 5: Analysis of the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on the food security of pastoral populations

- Literature review and secondary data collection
- Analysis of available data (remote sensing and field data) for quantifying the impact of recent climate change on biomass production and Livestock conditions over the western Sahelian region (Senegal and Mauritania)
- Writing scientific articles.

Objective 6: Communication and Awareness on ESC Volunteers Initiative

- Write and publish articles describing the experience of volunteers in the field.
- Collect audiovisual materials for use in public awareness activities on voluntarism.

REQUIRED COMPETENCES

Studies: Master's degree in environmental sciences or agricultural engineering or agronomy, or a master's degree in Geography. Training in Geographic Information Systems and database management would be an asset.

Languages: Fluent in French, professional proficiency in English

Skills: Project Management. Excellent written and verbal communication skills in French and English. Desired knowledge of early warning, surveillance, and monitoring systems. Familiarity with Microsoft Office tools for office automation. Good writing and editing skills. Ability to find solutions, deliver quality results on time. **No** previous experience

required. Experience in project management is an asset. Experience in a developing country is an asset.

Required competencies: Motivation, Teamwork, Effective Communication, Organization and Planning, Goal-Oriented Work, Analytical Skills.

CONDITONS AND BENEFITS FOR THE VOLUNTEER

The volunteer will be deployed to the Regional Office for West and Central Africa.

Duty station: Dakar, Senegal

Length of Deployment: 10 months, 38 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 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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