

Vacancy

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre's mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

Due to a vacancy at the Climate Centre, we are immediately looking for a:

Junior Researcher, Malawi

Envisaged start date: 1st September 2020 for a period of 3 months (40 hrs per week).

Background

The Finnish Red Cross funded initiative aims to reduce health risks and vulnerabilities exacerbated or induced by climate change. This project will primarily look at these health impacts upon the most vulnerable, including marginalized groups based on gender, language, geography, culture and disabilities.

This is a preparation phase to enable scaling and enhancing preventative health programmes within the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement (and providing dedicated tools for National Societies to increase investment in climate-smart health programming). As an initial step, the year 2020 will be used to do proper assessments, development of plans and didactic tools that can inform future programming. Linkages with the Climate Fellowship Programme (also funded by the Finnish Red Cross) will be made.

Project description

The overall project aims to

- Assess the existing and projected health burden and the exacerbated vulnerabilities due to climate change in 3 countries; **Ethiopia, Kenya and Malawi**. Special focus will be on disaggregated impacts of climate change upon marginalized groups, and the indirect impacts on sexual and reproductive health, disabilities, which can all spiral additional barriers that lead to poor health outcomes.
- Assess the main currently active health and WASH programmes existing in the 3 countries (both Government and NS) and exploring gaps and potential opportunities to enhance action and climate-smart elements of the interventions. This includes examining the evidence for what are effective measures of interventions to include in climate-smart health and WASH programming.
- Compile a set of recommendations for future programming, including needs-based assessment on actions that need to be scaled from the development agenda that are addressing underlying root causes of risk and vulnerability, prevention, health promotion, increased need to access services, social protection, etc. It also examines the relevance of the use of climate information and forecasts that enable additional early action components relevant to health planning and implementation.

Learning Objective

The Junior Researcher will gain an understanding of the impacts of climate change on health systems in developing countries while enhancing their analytical skills.

Responsibilities

The Junior Researcher is expected to carry out the following responsibilities with regards to Malawi:

- Review secondary information available on health systems and climate risks including underlying vulnerabilities for the health systems;
- Conduct online interviews with relevant stakeholders to complement existing reports and literature: interviews with National Society, Government Health Department, National Hydro-Met Services, National association of WASH NGOs etc.;
- Draft synthesis report highlighting gaps and opportunities on climate and health programming including recommendations for future programming;
- Conduct selected city-level assessments to capture structural determinants of health due to high rate of urbanization and concentration of informal settlements.

Education

The Junior Researcher must be enrolled in a university programme in Malawi for the entire duration of the placement (September – November 2020, for three months).

Skills and Abilities

- Fluent in English
- Excellent analytical and writing skills
- Ability to work well in an inter-cultural team
- Ability to work well independently with a primarily remote-based team
- Have a background in health and ideally in climate change adaptation, resilience, or climate-risk management

Location

This is a home based assignment.

We offer

The Junior Researcher will receive compensation of € 450 per month on the basis of a 40 hour work week.

How to apply

We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Marije Taat, HR officer at the Climate Centre at application@climatecentre.org. Please use “Junior Researcher Malawi” in the subject line.

Deadline

Wednesday 12th August 2020.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please contact us at hr@climatecentre.org.