

## 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.

The Climate Centre consists of an enthusiastic team that guides a growing network of consultants from all over the world in integrating climate risks into their work. The Climate Centre works closely with the Netherlands Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

We are looking for a technical adviser on climate and health to support the growing health portfolio.

### Technical Adviser– Health and Climate

Envisaged start date: September 2024

#### Job description

You are part of the health team and responsible for the technical support to humanitarian and development cooperation projects worldwide with components of health. The role will focus on mental health, non-communicable diseases, anticipatory action, heat and air pollution risks, conflict and health, but will engage in all activities of the health team. This position is for full-time work. However, institutional partnerships, such as part-time secondments may be possible.

#### Responsibilities

- Provide technical advice and support to health projects based on request and needs of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies.
- Further develop health approaches and methodologies with a particular focus on air pollution, heat risks, and challenges to mental health and wellbeing.
- With health as a sectoral topic of relevance in all phases of the disaster continuum (incl. DRR/preparedness, anticipatory action and response) ensure good coordination and proactively collaborate with different teams/units/functions across the Climate Centre.
- Document best practices in humanitarian health interventions and approaches and contribute to scientific work on relevant topics.
- Support the design and delivery of trainings, workshops and other capacity building initiatives with regards to health.
- In all these efforts ensure a bottom-up, collaborative and integrated approach to knowledge transfer and innovation.
- Organize and/or participate in relevant events, webinars, expert meetings, trainings, and workshops on health topics.
- Contribute to networking and coordination with relevant stakeholders in and outside the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- Assist with communication as well as contribute to policy and advocacy activities on health in and outside of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- Contribute to all relevant monitoring and reporting activities and requirements of the health team.

### **Competence, experience and skills**

The health team is a small team with an ambitious work plan and works in a fast-paced, results-driven environment. The ideal candidate is highly-motivated, a fast learner, resourceful, flexible, independent, with excellent communications skills, cultural sensitivity and experience working with community-based groups, academics, as well as national and international NGOs.

Candidates should demonstrate the experience and competencies outlined below:

#### **Education**

- Minimum Masters (MPH or MSc) in a health related field (public health, environmental health, environmental epidemiology, global health) with a strong focus on climate change.
- Medical background is a strong asset.

#### **Experience**

- At least 5 years of research experience in the humanitarian or development sector, or in a think tank focusing on humanitarian issues. Equivalent academic experience will also be considered.
- Demonstrable climate change and health research which has been published in reports or articles.

#### **Competencies**

- Excellent knowledge of climate change risks and impacts on health.
- Excellent research, writing, and editing skills. Experience in the development, contextualization or roll-out of methodologies or guidelines for humanitarian health programming is a strong asset.
- Excellent analytical skills as well as the ability to express facts and ideas in a clear, convincing and organized manner.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills in English. Additional languages are an asset.
- GIS skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills working with cross-cultural and multi-diverse teams. Strong ability to work in a remote team and a strong will to cooperate.
- Ability to set priorities and handle multiple competing time and resource demands, highly organized.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office products at intermediate level.

#### **Desirable**

- Spanish, Arabic or another second language.
- Experience of working within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a strong asset.

#### **Travel and location**

The Climate Centre team works entirely remotely (home-based) with limited international travel. This position would be virtual and home-based.

#### **Contracting modality**

This is a position initially for one year with possibility to be renewed to a longer term position subject to performance and funding. The remaining months of 2024 will be as a consultancy contract after which the appointed person will transfer to a local employment contract as per wider contractual changes happening within the organization. For a consultancy contract you must be officially registered as freelance or self-employed person in your home/work location.

**We offer**

We offer a home-based assignment with limited international travel, flexible work hours and a global virtual working environment with room for initiative and personal development.

We offer forty (40) hours per week at a competitive level depending on the experience and qualifications of the candidate.

We value diversity — in backgrounds and experiences. We need people from all cultural backgrounds, religions, gender identities, sexual orientations and age groups. We strongly encourage candidates from and based in Africa, Middle East, Asia and Latin America to apply. The Climate Centre is an inclusive employer.

**How to apply**

We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Olette Manhoudt, HR officer at the Climate Centre sent to [application@climatecentre.org](mailto:application@climatecentre.org) with “Technical Adviser – Health and Climate” in the subject please.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please send an email to [hr@climatecentre.org](mailto:hr@climatecentre.org).