

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:

Intern – Urban adaptation report, Asia Pacific

Envisaged start date: 15 July 2024 for a period of 3 months (40 hrs per week)

Project title: Urban adaptation report for Asia Pacific

Supported by: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Asia Pacific Regional Office

Purpose: Climate Change poses unprecedented risks and vulnerability to heatwave and floods. The auxiliary role of the National Societies should be strengthened at the local level to influence urban planning and investment processes to promote risk informed, inclusive and sustainable urban development where the needs of the most vulnerable are prioritized. This report aims for collecting and analyzing successful climate adaptation experiences in urban settings across Asia Pacific with particular emphasis to heatwaves and flooding hazards and providing critical information to the NSs and local government officials in the region to inspire them to engage in urban adaptation measures fruitfully.

Specific Objectives:

1. Understanding the present and future climate change risks in the urban areas
2. To understand how climate change risks posing adverse impacts on the different urban system
3. To identify and learn about the key types of measures for climate change adaptation that have been undertaken by the different cities in the region based on the given categories
4. To discuss the role of IFRC and the NS to accelerate urban adaptation by making use their auxiliary role by among others
5. To outline a conclusion and recommendations on expanding urban adaptation measures

Target audience:

1. Urban practitioners and technical staff at the municipal, regional, and national levels;
2. Red Cross Red Crescent partners – National Societies and Partner National Societies
3. Humanitarian and development partners – local and regional.

Learning Objective: The intern will gain an understanding of climate risks, vulnerabilities, urban adaptation, and heat risk management while enhancing their literature review, research, documentation, and stakeholders' coordination skills.

Responsibilities: The intern is expected to carry out the following responsibilities to draft the urban adaptation report for Asia Pacific:

- Carry out a thorough desk research to find out:
 - Secondary information on climate change risk in the different urban systems, risk of heatwave in the cities, understanding gaps and need for climate change adaptation measures in the cities in the AP region.
 - Identify the successful case examples of urban adaptation measures in the AP region and analyze the success factors based on the following aspects:
 - Policy and governance measures
 - Economic instruments and finance
 - Nature-based solutions
 - Knowledge and behavioural change
- Key Informant Interviews (KII) with the key stakeholders to substantiate the information collected from the desk research and also to dive deep to analyze the successful climate change adaptation measures in the cities in the AP region.
- Coordinate with the IFRC APRO office and regional NSs to understand their role in accelerating urban adaptation.
- Support in synthesizing a report on urban adaptation in the Asia Pacific region
- Support in the heat action and climate-smart programming work in Dhangadhi, Nepal (as required)
- Coordinating with the different stakeholders
- Participate in regular coordination calls with different team members and support the project core team based on the project requirements.
- Contribute to developing different reports and knowledge of product development.

Education:

The intern must be enrolled in a university programme for the entire duration of the placement (15 July 2024 – 14 October 2024, for three months full time), have a background in Urban Planning or development or resilience/Environment Science or planning/ Climate Science or climate-risk management/ Geography/Disaster Management

Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English
- Excellent literature review, research, analytical and writing skills
- Ability to coordinate with different stakeholders
- Ability to work well in an inter-cultural team
- Ability to work well independently with a primarily remote-based team
- Have a background in Urban Planning or development or resilience/Urban design/Environment Science or planning/ Climate Science or climate-risk management/ Geography/Disaster Management
- Command in basic graphic designing skills will be preferred
- Command on GIS application will be advantage

Location:

This is a home-based assignment.

We offer:

The Junior Researcher will receive compensation of Euros 450 per month on the basis of a 40 hour work week (20 days' work per month)

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 at application@climatecentre.org. Please use “Intern, Urban adaptation report, Asia Pacific” in the subject line.

Deadline

Thursday, 04 July 2024

Please note that due to the expected number of applications we will only contact you if you have been successful in your application.

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