



## EU Aid Volunteers Pilot Projects 2013/2014

Save the Children

### Facts & Figures

- **Project Leader:**  
Save the Children
- **Project Start:**  
July 2013 (16 months total duration)
- **Contingent:**  
10 EU Aid Volunteers
- **Deployment Period:**  
up to 6 months missions from April to September 2014
- **Deployment is preceded by 2 months training placements in Europe**
- **Deployment Countries:**  
Ethiopia, Mozambique, Somalia, Niger, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Palestine and Lebanon
- **Focus of the Project:**  
Disaster risk reduction; preparedness and preventing; post crisis recovery; and linking relief, rehabilitation and development



## The Project

Save the Children UK is the lead coordinator of the project 'Adding value to humanitarian action through engaging expert volunteers and strengthening local capacity' <http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>.

Participating partner organisations are:

- Network on Humanitarian Assistance NOHA (Belgium), <http://nohanet.org/>
- Institut Bioforce Développement (France), <http://www.bioforce.asso.fr/>

The aims of this project are on the one hand to add value to humanitarian action through engaging expert volunteers and strengthening local capacity, respectively to test possible modules of the future EU Aid Volunteers initiative and to contribute to the European Commission's work.

## The Volunteers

- 10 technical expert volunteers
- Deployments: up to 6 months missions in East Africa, Middle East & Asia

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# The Project Cycle

## Step 1

### Identification of Missions

- Save the Children's Country Offices will identify technical areas for deployment
- Identification will be guided by lessons learnt from the two previous pilot projects
- The criteria for selecting volunteers will be established

## Step 2

### Recruitment and Selection

- Potential volunteers should demonstrate commitment to the humanitarian sector, and possess the right attitude and behaviour to work in humanitarian contexts
- Selection and recruitment process will ensure access from a pan-European audience, particularly from new Member States
- 10 volunteers will be selected for deployment in East Africa, Middle East and Asia

## Step 3

### Preparation and Training

- The training curricula will take skills areas of Programme Managers, Logistics Officers and Child Protection Officers into account
- The programme will contain one face-to face training element, which will take place in the EU, and distance learning modules via a workshop platform
- A 2 month pre-deployment placement at the HQ of associate partners and other reputable humanitarian agencies in the EU will provide an understanding of the humanitarian environment

## Step 4

### Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers

- Volunteers will be deployed for 6 months to the field in third countries via the agency that has offered the HQ pre-deployment placements
- The list of possible deployment countries will include including Ethiopia, Mozambique, Somalia, Niger, Myanmar, Tajikistan, Palestine and Lebanon

## Step 6

### Evaluation & Follow-up

- To ensure that the project's objectives are met, compilation of findings from post-training evaluations, volunteer debriefs & support visits will take place
- After deployment, volunteers and NGO staff will receive a medical check, personal and operational debrief