



## European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps Pilot Projects 2012/2013

## France Volontaires

### Facts & Figures

- Project Leader  
France Volontaires
- Project Start  
June 2012 (15 months  
total duration)
- 26 Volunteers  
18 European and 8  
from Burundi, Chad,  
Central African  
Republic and Kenya
- Deployment Period  
6 months
- Deployment Countries  
Burundi, Central  
African Republic,  
Chad and Kenya
- Focus of the Project  
Resilience, Disaster  
Risk Reduction and  
Post-Crisis Recovery

### More info on:

[http://ec.europa.eu/echo/ajd/voluntarycorps\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/ajd/voluntarycorps_en.htm)

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## The Project

The project is coordinated by **France Volontaires**, <http://www.france-volontaires.org>

The partners are:

- Associazione di Cooperazione Rurale in Africa, **ACRA**, (Italy) <http://www.acra.it>
- Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontariato, **FOCSIV** (Italy) <http://www.focsiv.it>
- Groupe **URD** (France) <http://www.urd.org>
- Open Street Map France, **OSM-Fr** <http://www.openstreetmap.fr>
- People in Peril, **PIPA** (Slovakia) <http://www.peopleinperil.sk>
- **Sloga** (Slovenia) <http://www.sloga-platform.org>
- Service de Coopération au Développement, **SCD** (France) <http://www.scd.asso.fr>
- **Diaconia ECCB**, Center of Humanitarian and Development Aid, (Czech Republic) <http://www.diakonie.cz>

The main objective of the project is to develop a framework guaranteeing the added value and the security of European citizens' commitment to international humanitarian aid through volunteering, in order to increase the effectiveness and inclusiveness of humanitarian aid.

## The Volunteers

- 26 volunteers: 18 European and 8 African
- Target group: Europeans and Africans from different backgrounds and ages
- Deployments: 6 months for groups of 4 to 5 European volunteers and 2 African volunteers

# The Project Cycle

## Step 1

### Preparation (June – October 2012)

- Preparation of selection, training and deployment standards, procedures and support materials.
- Identification of:
  - local civil society/community based organisations
  - local/national authorities
  - international NGOs and organisations
- Logistics will be prepared for arrival of volunteers in the field.

## Step 2

### Selection (June – September 2012)

- European volunteers as well as African volunteers will be selected.
- Volunteers will be selected according to their motivation, commitment to solidarity and citizenship, educational background and thematic knowledge in disciplines such as geography, computer sciences, social sciences, project management.
- EU volunteers will be given a 9 month French Civic Service status covering social security.
- Online volunteers with experience will be selected in order to mentor volunteers in the field.

## Step 3

### Training (September – October 2012)

- All the volunteers will be trained in Plaisians, France during 3 weeks.
- Generalist modules will be provided on:
  - Humanitarian aid and coordination
  - European citizenship
  - Security in the field
  - Work on behavioural and intercultural skills
- Thematic modules will be provided on:
  - Disaster risk reduction and preparedness
  - Humanitarian Information management
  - Humanitarian surveying and mapping
  - Inter-actor mediation
- Simulation exercises, tests, and delivery of training certificate are also included in the training.

## Step 4

### Deployment (October 2012 – April 2013)

- Groups of 4 to 6 EU volunteers and 2 African volunteers will be deployed to 4 deployment countries during 6 months.
- The EU host organisations will provide logistical and technical support to the volunteers.
- There will be 3 main areas of activities:
  - Humanitarian data collection and management through field study, interviews with locally-based actors, and open-source information management and sharing
  - Connect international and local actors
  - Presentations and workshops to improve local capacities
- Special attention will be paid to avoiding duplication and to coordinating with existing humanitarian projects and information-sharing initiatives.

## Step 5

### Evaluation, Capitalisation and Valorisation (June 2012 – August 2013)

- Over the last few weeks of deployment an internal project evaluation will be conducted.
- For each project activity, internal reports and assessments will be considered in order to create a final best practice report.
- The project communication consists on a web page with written and video materials on each project activity, blogs and social media updates.