



European
Commission

Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

EU Aid Volunteers Pilot Projects 2012/2013

Save the Children UK

Facts & Figures

- Project Leader
Save the Children UK
- Project Start
July 2012 (15 months)
- 29 Volunteers
(20 Europeans and 9
East Africans)
- Pre-Deployment
Period
For EU volunteers 4.5
months in the
headquarters of a
humanitarian agency
- Deployment Period
1 to 5 months
Minimum 5 weeks for
East Africans and 5.5
months for Europeans
- Deployment countries
India, Pakistan, Kenya,
Mozambique,
Democratic Republic
of Congo, Haiti, Laos,
China, Liberia,
Tajikistan among
others
- Focus of the Project:
Disaster Risk
Reduction and
strengthen resilience
building talent,
capacity and solidarity
and contributing to
humanitarian action

More info on:

http://ec.europa.eu/echo/eauid/volunteers/index_en.htm

European Commission –
Humanitarian Aid and Civil
Protection

B-1049 Brussels, Belgium

Tel.: (+32 2) 295 44 00

Fax: (+32 2) 295 45 72

email:

echo-info@ec.europa.eu

Website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo>



The Project

The project 'Strengthening Resilience - Building humanitarian talent, capacity and solidarity' is co-Ordinated by Save the Children UK, <http://www.savethechildren.org.uk>. The partners are:

- Network on Humanitarian Assistance, NOHA, <http://www.nohanet.org/>
- Institut Bioforce Développement, <http://www.bioforce.asso.fr/>
- Caritas Czech Republic, <http://www.caritasczech.org>
- Save the Children Denmark, <http://www.savethechildren.org.uk>
- International Medical Corps (IMC) UK, <http://www.InternationalMedicalCorps.org.uk>

The main objective of the project is to qualify a group of volunteers to be able to help local communities to recover from crisis situations.

The Volunteers

- 29 Volunteers: 20 EU Volunteers and 9 East African NGO staff members
- Target group: graduated applicants from existing humanitarian development training programmes such as NOHA and Bioforce - in the case of program and experienced technical officers like nutritionists and medics.
- Deployment: humanitarian contexts in third countries during pre- and post- crisis situations

TheProject Cycle

Step 1

Selection of volunteers

- 20 EU volunteers will be selected as:
 - project and logistic officers having humanitarian development educational background like NOHA
 - Technical officers with proved qualifications like nutritionists and medics
- Candidates from new member states will be particularly considered.
- Criteria for selection will be: limited overseas experience, demonstrated commitment to the humanitarian sector and potential personal characteristics to develop carrier in the sector.
- Volunteers from at least 7 EU Member States will be selected.
- A detailed handbook for selection and recruitment will be produced.

Step 2

Pre-Deployment Training

- 20 EU Volunteers will be trained in the UK and East
- African Staff will be trained in Kenya.
- 3 week training will be provided by a humanitarian agency with headquarters at the EU for the European volunteers and in Kenya for the others.
- Subjects: Introduction to humanitarian response, security in emergencies, telecommunications, needs assessment and others.
- 20 distance learning modules will be provided on: health, nutrition, food security, water and sanitation, shelter, emergency education, monitoring, evaluation, proposal writing among others.

Step 4

Deployment

- EU volunteers will be deployed to a third country for a minimum of 5 months and East African staff for a period of 5 weeks to 5 months.
- EU volunteers will only be deployed to pre and post-crisis situations in third countries particularly focussing preparedness and recovery.
- Coaches will receive training and support in coaching skills.
- Deployed volunteers will have access to an online volunteer exchange platform to share experiences.
- Volunteers will be deployed to a range of different countries: India, Pakistan, Kenya, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Laos, China, Liberia, Tajikistan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Niger, Vietnam and Jordan. Those countries with projects supported by DG ECHO will be given priority.
- Volunteers complete assignments as for instance develop a proposal, conduct research, writing donor reports, conduct evaluations, supporting distributions and others.

Step 3

Deployment Training

- The pre-deployment training will take place in Kenya and will bring European volunteers as well as East African NGO staff together.
- The training will be on following subjects:
 - Hostile environment security
 - First aid training
 - Humanitarian context understanding
 - Programme and logistics management
 - Technical skills
- Additional language training will be provided for East African staff, if necessary.
- A pool of humanitarian volunteers able to act as coaches will also be trained. These will be humanitarian professionals with experience. The learning modules will be done online.

Step 5

Evaluation

- Debriefing, evaluation and feedback involving beneficiaries, partners and the programme team will take place at the end of the programme.
- An online volunteer exchange platform of EU volunteers that have completed the programme will be created to build support for humanitarian aid.