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WASH Intern, Dakar

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Company: UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

Location: Dakar

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Staff Member / Affiliate TypeInternship

Target Start Date-09-01

Job Posting End DateAugust 6,

Terms of ReferenceTERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INTERNSHIP

Organizational Unit: Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Strategic Planning and Oversight Pillar, Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa.

Duty station: Dakar, Senegal

Duration of the internship: 6 months (September to February)

Expected start date: September 1,

Background information/Organizational Context

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Unit in the UNHCR Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa (RBWCA) is looking for a full-time intern for a period of 6 months.

The RBWCA WASH Unit provides oversights and expertise to 12 Countries of Operation (COs) showing recent or ongoing WASH assistance to displaced population, namely refugees.

Tchad, Niger, Cameroon and Nigeria are the most prominent Operations with significant

WASH programs, but Operations such as Ivory Coast, Togo or Central African Republic (CAR)

recently demonstrated a renewed interest for WASH due to the development on ongoing emergencies.

Beside its direct support to COs, the RBWCA WASH Unit liaises with HQ WASH Unit and Technical Support Section (TSS), other regional counterparts, and the whole UNHCR WASH Community of Practice. At regional level, the WASH Unit interacts with different WASH regional stakeholders such as UNICEF, ICRC or INGOs and contribute to the overall thinking and positioning of the regional WASH Community of Practice. Additionally, the RBWCA WASH Unit has developed some specific expertise and know-how mainly in the fields of geophysics, drilling, pumping test and solarization, and is promoting related-trainings. With the development of new refugee crisis in Chad, CAR or the coastal countries (Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo and Benin) and the increasing challenges related to climate change on displaced populations, the RBWCA WASH Unit intends to hire an intern to support its work.

Duties and Responsibilities

Support knowledge management by updating the UNHCR Borehole Database and building a repository of good practices, case studies, and resources to be disseminated internally and externally.

Assist with the analysis of monthly WASH indicators and reports.

Assist with the review of Country of Operations plans and reports.

Participate to regular meetings with RBWCA Programme Coordination Section (PCS) colleagues and WASH counterparts based in the Countries of Operation, draft notes, reports or presentations and participate to follow-up actions.

Participate to meetings with WASH stakeholders based in Dakar or anywhere else, draft notes, reports or presentation and participate to follow-up actions.

Draft background notes and do research in the field of WASH or WASH transversal issues with sectors such as LEI, CBI, Shelter, Environment/Climate change, Energy, Health, Development, Education, Protection, etc.

Support coordination of the WASH Units work by providing logistical support for events/meetings, trainings and/or missions, writing up minutes of meetings, following up on important action points to ensure their completion, and tracking engagement with partners.

Support the promotion of the RBWCA WASH strategy.

Assist in the various day-to-day tasks.

Develop other activities as needed.

The intern will

Gain understanding and practical experience in WASH programming and monitoring throughout the WCA Region.

Become familiar with and exposed to various areas of work of UNHCR and WASH transversal issues.

Be exposed to different partner organizations and WASH stakeholders.

Acquire knowledge and skills related to project management in the context of forced displacement.

Enhance knowledge in various areas related to refugee protection and solutions through participation in training and other learning opportunities.

Minimum qualifications required

Recently graduated (completed studies within one year) or pursuing a relevant advanced university degree (geology, hydrogeology, hydraulics, civil engineering, rural engineering, environmental sciences or related field of study).

Excellent multi-tasking, writing and analytical skills.

Demonstrated experience with project management would be an advantage.

Pro-active and excellent interpersonal and communication skills for a multi-cultural environment.

Interest and preferably some experience working with humanitarian and/or development actors.

Interest and preferably some knowledge of/experience with working in the area of water, sanitation, hygiene and environment.

Good written and spoken English and French required.

Demonstrated skills in relevant computer software; knowledge GIS, construction or hydraulics software an advantage.

Standard Job Description

Required Languages

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Desired Languages

Additional Qualifications

Skills

Education

Certifications

Work Experience

Other information This position doesn't require a functional clearance

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