

Terms of reference

Emergency WASH Specialist

DRC Refugee Crisis in Angola

1. Justification

Violence and ethnic tensions in the Kasai Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), has forced over 32,000 individuals to seek safety and protection in Angola (province of Lunda Norte), since refugees report indiscriminate mass killing of unarmed civilians, rape, burning of villages and people, and other grave human rights abuses together with the shortage of food, basic goods and services as reasons for fleeing.

While thousands of refugees from DRC have arrived to Angola since April 2017, the number of newly-arrived refugees has decreased significantly since early July 2017. According to interviews with recently arrived refugees, the reasons for the reduction in the number of refugee arrivals is due to people hiding in the bush fearful of being caught in the ongoing conflict and insecurity, attacks by government and militia forces as well as limited access to border points adjacent to Lunda Norte.

As the security situation in the Kasai region remains uncertain, humanitarian organizations in Angola stand ready to provide protection and assistance to a potential 50,000 Congolese refugees who may seek asylum in the country by the end of 2017. This will bring an expected total number of DRC refugees arriving in Lunda Norte in 2017 (worst case scenario) of 80,000 individuals.

The Government of Angola (GoA) has identified the new site of Lóvua, some 94 km West of Dundo city, to host these refugees. Humanitarian partners, supporting the GoA and particularly the Ministry of Welfare and Social Reintegration (MINARS), continue to develop the new site to ensure the establishment of an arrival/reception center and the installation of basic services prior to the relocation of refugees from August.

2. Objectives

Under the direction of the Chief of WASH, responsible for support the province of Lunda Norte in refining WASH needs assessment as well as improve the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) component of emergency response to the refugee crisis from DRC in Angola. She/he will work closely with staff of the WASH Section and in consultation with government authorities, external partners and stakeholders. She/he will need to co-ordinate with other WASH team members and UNICEF staff, especially logistics, Health, C4D and communication section, to ensure a rapid, proportionate and effective response. The specialist may need to take a very active role in technical co-ordination, support and advocacy with local government partners and other technical agencies relevant to the sector.

3. Activities

Under supervision of UNICEF WASH Chief, and in close collaboration with UNICEF Emergency Coordinator and UNICEF WASH Project Officer, and provincial and local WASH authorities:

- Provide sectorial leadership and expertise in the assessment of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene conditions among the affected areas.
- On the basis of the result of rapid assessment determine priorities and immediate activities and resources i.e. in order to finalize the response and make adjustment as necessary accordingly to the situation.

- In coordination with the Inter-Agency WASH Sector Coordination body w, select and design water systems including source selection (ground water, surface water), abstraction, storage, treatment and distribution for new systems and/or the rehabilitation of old systems.
- In coordination with the Inter-Agency WASH Sector Coordination body, select and design the most appropriate form of sanitation systems (to include excreta disposal, vector control, solid waste disposal, drainage) taking full account of priorities, local conditions, resources, customs and cultural norms.
- Select and design, with support of C4D Section, and in coordination with the WASH team, the Inter-Agency WASH Sector Coordination body and other actors, a suitable hygiene promotion strategy and its implementation, in order to address child and mother key practices in emergency.
- Ensure that issues of child protection, health/nutrition, gender, livelihoods, DRR and environmental impact, operation and maintenance and sustainability are taken into account in the program intervention.
- Ensure Sphere standards both qualitative and quantitative are considered and any departures documented.
- Develop concept papers, budgets and proposals in respect of the above.
- In coordination with UNICEF Emergency Coordinator/Specialist liaise with stakeholders and local Governmental and non-Governmental agencies for the purposes of the WASH aspects of the humanitarian operation.
- Provide regular updates to UNICEF Emergency Coordinator/Emergency Specialist, WASH Chief and WASH team on progress, priorities and constraints of WASH intervention.

4. Products/Deliverables

- Submission of brief weekly Situation Reports (SitRep) for WASH operations in the area of intervention.
- Submission of technical/financial proposals (based on recurrent needs assessment) to overcome the WASH challenges in the affected areas.
- Submission of monthly activity report, providing information and progress on each task mentioned above to supervisors as required and follow-up actions taken on gaps identified.
- Support local authorities and partners in organizing and implementing WASH activities in the field.
- Support local authorities and partners in organizing and conducting M&E activities related to the humanitarian response operation.
- Attend relevant coordination meetings for DRC refugee response operation in Lunda Norte, in coordination with relevant stakeholders, including UN system in the field, NGOs and civil society and provide minutes of meetings.

5. Estimated duration of the contract and cost of consultancy

Duration of this consultancy will be 6 months.

6. Working space and supervision

The Emergency WASH Specialist will be based in Dundo City (province of Lunda Norte), with regular travel to Lóvua refugee settlement, and will report to the WASH Chief and Emergency Coordinator/Specialist.

7. Qualifications required

Advanced university degree in any of the following: Water/Civil Engineering, Environmental Health Engineering, Public Health Project management or relevant WASH specializations.

Five years of progressively responsible professional work experience at national and international levels in Humanitarian WASH project management and coordination. 3 years humanitarian aid experience in the WASH sector applied in emergency response operations.

The successful candidate will have experience in developing programme strategies through a review of existing data and analysis and consultation with internal and external stakeholders. The candidate should also be familiar with UNICEF Humanitarian policies and procedures including the Core Commitments for Children as well as IASC policy and guidance on cluster coordination. Experience required in integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into WASH programme. Familiarity with the context of DRC refugee crisis would be an asset.

- High level of awareness of environmental health issues as applied to emergency settings, with special attention to the needs of women and children, and particularly in the context of refugee response operations.
- Communicates effectively to varied audiences, including during formal public speaking.
- Good writing skills and ability to speak fluently in French and English.
- Experience to liaise with Government authorities.
- Able to work effectively in a multi-cultural environment.
- Sets high standards for quality of work and consistently achieves project goals.
- Translates strategic direction into plans and objectives.
- Analyse and integrates diverse and complex quantitative and qualitative data from a wide range of sources.
- Quickly builds rapport with individuals and groups; maintains an effective network of individuals across organizational departments.
- Identifies urgent and potentially difficult decisions and acts on them promptly.

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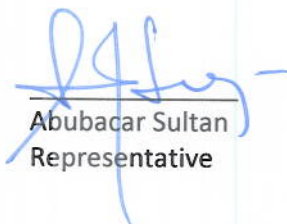


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