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Psychosocial Support Staff

Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe e.V. is looking for motivated **Psychosocial Support Staff** to join our Psychosocial Support Specialised Care Team for international disaster response missions on voluntary basis.

Overall Job Purpose:

The Psychosocial Support Staff in our Specialised Care Team (PSS-SCT) is dedicated to give psychological support to the staff of the rescEU units on the ground, including all Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) and Specialised Care Teams (SCT) being deployed for a disaster relief mission in the context of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). At the Emergency Medical Team (EMT) premises (which would be like a large field hospital) the team will also deliver psychological support to patients and their families (if not already provided by specialised members of the rescEU EMT itself). The PSS-SCT team will give counselling and supervision to existing Psychosocial Care Teams on the ground or, if those not already existing, they will train local community members in Psychological First Aid. Actual mission teams will be composed of 5 to 12 persons, depending on their specific tasks in the mission, com-piled out of a 50-person trained staff pool.

Position Summary:

- Provide Psychological First Aid and Psychosocial Support to staff of operating rescEU EMTs as well as to rescEU Specialised Care Teams (embedded, depending or stand-alone) sent out by

the EU in a disaster relief mission.

- If not foreseen by the original rescEU EMT staff, provide Psychological First Aid to patients, their families and other disaster victims in the EMT setting.
- Assist existing local Psychosocial Support Teams on the ground with counselling and supervision.
- Train local community members as multipliers in Psychological First Aid.

Required Qualifications:

We are looking for Psychological Support Persons having a degree in Mental Health or Psychology (BA/MA) presenting at least two years of field experience in (one of) the following areas focussing on Psychosocial Support (PSS):

- Mental Health for Staff
- Human Resource Counselling
- Employee Assistance Programs
- PSS in Law Enforcement & Public safety
- PSS in National Civil Protection Units
- PSS for disaster workers in missions abroad

On top of that all team members have to met the following further requirements:

- Citizen of an EU member state or Türkiye

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- Minimum age of 21 years
- Good knowledge of English; minimum level B1, preferred level C1
- Good computer skills in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Ability to work effectively as a team player
- High stress tolerance
- Willingness to work and live under basic conditions (e.g. sleeping on camp beds in tents) for a minimum of 14 days during a deployment
- Willingness to undergo all necessary vaccinations and medical check-ups
- Arrangement with the employer for a leave of absence on short-term basis for a minimum of 14 days in the event of a mission. A compensation for loss of earnings will be paid.

Compensation & Benefits:

- **Compensation for loss of earnings/Insurances:** Continued remuneration during mission, depending on your type of employment at home, insurance package (health, repatriation, indemnity, liability)
- **Training:** You will get a comprehensive training on Psychological First Aid under field conditions as well as deployment related courses as online- and in-person trainings.
- **Exercise:** Before getting out in mission our team will participate in a large-scale field exercise to train in a real mission setting and to enhance interoperability between the different medical capacities and the host nation support.
- **"Ready-to-deploy" status** is actually defined by the European Commission as for mid of 2026.

Application:

If you are interested, contact us via email stating your professional qualification:

 staff-application-de@resceu-emt.eu

Please indicate "rescEU Staff Application" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Applications possible at any time. Detailed application process information will be provided via email.

Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

Please note that Johanniter might require background and reference checks.

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Organisation Description:

Johanniter-Unfall-Hilfe is a German non-governmental organisation, dedicated to excellence in the field of first aid, ambulance service, social service programmes and other projects in the medical and social field. The Johanniter Competence Center EU Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance is based in Frankfurt, Germany. Our commitment is based on mutual learning, respect and trust. We prioritise accountability, inclusivity and safeguard-ing in our work.

Deployment Structure Description:

The rescEU EMT project is developed to strengthen the response capacity of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism with twenty-one medical capacities or specialised care teams, which will be established, trained, WHO-certified, and kept operational by Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania, and Türkiye under the lead of the rescEU desk of the European Commission. The project started in December 2022 and the capacities will be ready for deployment latest in September 2026.