



Project Officer (Emergency Health)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Host Entity:	IOM
Country of Assignment:	Bangladesh
Duty station:	Cox's Bazaar
Volunteer Category:	International UN Volunteer Specialist
Number of Assignment(s):	1
Expected Start Date:	01/10/2025
Duration:	18 month(s)
Possibility of Extension:	No
Sustainable Development Goal:	3. Good health and well-being
DoA ID:	1784888021261666

DETAILS

ORGANISATION MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

Bangladesh is amongst the most vulnerable worldwide to the impacts of climate change, both in terms of sudden onset hazards (cyclones, floods) and slower onset processes (droughts, heavy rainfall, coastal erosion, sea level rise). Different patterns of human mobility related to climate change have been reported across the region, including disaster risk management and evacuations, labour migration and urbanization in contexts of environmental degradation, and planned relocation processes. In 2018, IOM started Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities in the host communities of Cox's Bazar with the aim of providing multi-level DRR support for reducing disaster risks while achieving climate resilience and protection of vulnerable groups in times of disaster. Substantial structural and non-structural capacity building initiatives in disaster management, early warning and prevention have been implemented with different levels of Government authorities and local host communities in several districts and sub-districts of Cox's Bazar. IOM will be implementing an 18-month project within host communities, focusing also on enhancing DRR social protection and support the development of coherent approaches in the Cox's Bazar to address the challenges of Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, Environment Protection and Resilience in the context of sudden-onset and slow-onset disasters, including by taking into consideration relevant recommendations from international frameworks, such as the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), the Paris Agreement and the UNFCCC, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

ASSIGNMENT CONTEXT

In response to Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis in Cox's Bazar, IOM supports 38 health facilities in both the refugee camps and host communities. Skilled health workers and Community Health Workers are deployed to provide comprehensive primary and secondary health services. Delivery of essential health services, community-based health promotion, emergency preparedness and response, and integration of mental health and psychosocial support are among the key priorities of IOM health intervention.

The purpose of the assignment is to support strengthening implementation of IOM Cox Bazar's emergency health preparedness and response interventions and health information management system. The role involves contributing to the planning, implementation, and monitoring of IOM's preparedness and response to public health emergencies, coordinating and operating disease surveillance activities at various levels, assisting in the enhancement of the health information system, providing regular status reports on conducted activities, and supporting the implementation of IOM standards and guidelines, while also assisting in operational research on diverse health interventions.

TASK DESCRIPTION

Under the direct supervision of Migration Health Officer, overall guidance and supervision of the Programme Coordinator (Emergency Health), and in close support with the National Programme Officer (Health Coordination), the UN Volunteer will undertake the following tasks:

- (1) Support the Migration Health Officer and National Programme Officers in monitoring and quality improvement in health operation of 38 health facilities.
- (2) Support project development and reporting in relation to IOM health response in Cox's Bazar.
- (3) Contribute to the strategic planning, execution, and monitoring of IOM's preparedness and response to public health crises, encompassing challenges such as fire incidents, heavy monsoons, cyclones, and disease outbreaks.
- (4) Assist in the coordination and implementation of disease surveillance initiatives at the community level, health facilities, and infectious disease treatment centers.
- (5) Collaborate with the monitoring and evaluation team to strategize and implement improvements to the health information system, involving the upgrading of the system, development of data collection and analysis tools, as well as data cleaning and presentation.
- (6) Generate weekly and monthly status reports on conducted activities, detailing achievements and challenges through established communication channels within the IOM Health unit; ensure thorough documentation of all health and related activities.
- (7) Assist National Programme Officers and Health Coordinators in the application of various standards and guidelines developed or adopted by IOM, encompassing tri-age, emergency care, communicable and non-communicable disease guidelines, palliative care protocols, and more.

(8) Support the Migration Health Officer and National Programme Officers in conducting operational research on diverse health interventions, such as community health, palliative care, outbreak response, beneficiary satisfaction studies, and other relevant areas.

(9) Support National Programme Officers in planning and implementing emergency preparedness and response plan specially in relation to disasters (e.g. fire, cyclone and monsoon) and disease outbreaks.

(10) Support liaison with development partners, including JICA

Furthermore, UN Volunteers are required to:

- Strengthen their knowledge and understanding of the concept of volunteerism by reading relevant UNV and external publications and take active part in UNV activities (for in-stance in events that mark International Volunteer Day);
- Be acquainted with and build on traditional and/or local forms of volunteerism in the host country;
- Reflect on the type and quality of voluntary action that they are undertaking, including participation in ongoing reflection activities;
- Contribute articles/write-ups on field experiences and submit them for UNV publications/websites, newsletters, press releases, etc.;
- Assist with the UNV Buddy Programme for newly-arrived UN Volunteers;
- Promote or advise local groups in the use of online volunteering, or encourage relevant local individuals and organizations to use the UNV Online Volunteering service whenever technically possible.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Age:	18-80
Nationality:	Candidate must be a national of a country other than the country of assignment.
Required experience:	3 year(s)

ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

3 year(s)

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Public health research
- Health information system
- Surveillance
- Outbreak response
- Emergency preparedness

REQUIRED EDUCATION LEVEL

Bachelor's degree in Public health, global health, health information, medicine or relevant field

LANGUAGE

Language	Proficiency	Required
English	Fluent	Yes

COMPETENCIES AND VALUES

- Accountability
- Adaptability and Flexibility
- Building Trust
- Commitment and Motivation
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Communication
- Creativity
- Empowering Others
- Ethics and Values
- Integrity
- Managing Performance
- Professionalism
- Self-Management
- Working in Teams

OTHER INFORMATION

Volunteerism is understood as a wide range of activities undertaken of free will, for the general public good, for which monetary reward is not the principal motivating factor.

LIVING CONDITIONS AND OTHER REMARKS

Cox's Bazar lies on a coastal plain in the southeastern corner of Bangladesh. It is located 150 km (93 mi) south of the city of Chittagong. The city covers an area of 23.4 km² (9.0 sq mi). It is one of Bangladesh's main tourist spots with an unbroken coastline of 155 km, it is often termed the "longest natural unbroken sea beach" in the world.

The country security level for Bangladesh is moderate. Dhaka Duty station is categorized as C while Cox's Bazar Duty station is categorized as hardship category D due to the limited services and facilities. Security instructions from the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) need to be strictly complied with in all duty stations.

Supermarkets having a variety of food and consumer goods are available but limited choices. Fresh vegetables and fruits are available in the market. There is no IOM guesthouse in duty station Dhaka or Cox's Bazar. UN personnel in live on the local economy by renting apartments and houses from UNDSS compliant buildings.

There is a UN Physician in Dhaka and UN Clinic.

In Cox's Bazar, IQARUS clinic is the Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) and has been contracted to provide medical support to UN staff and dependents based in Cox's Bazar. Dhaka is a non-Rest & Recuperation duty station. Cox's Bazar is a Rest & Recuperation (R&R) duty station - 8 weeks.

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