



NEW European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid Volunteer Role

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| Role Title: | European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid Volunteer |
| Location: | Odisha, India |
| Assignment Type | Volunteer Assignment |
| Project Dates: | Mid 2023 |
| Duration | 9 Months |

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| About |
| <p>Viatores Christi (VC) is a Dublin-based development organisation working within faith-based international development. VC works with over 30 partners across a range of sectors and countries. VC addresses needs through development and humanitarian assistance interventions and recruits, trains and places skilled personnel. In 2018, over 158,000 individuals directly benefited from the work of VC across partners in the areas of health, education, human rights, income generation and livelihoods. VC is a partner in a European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid consortium project called Humanitarian Aid for the Needs of Development (HAND) with the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egitim Programlari ve Evrensel ve Kulturel Aktiviteler Dernegi (EPEKA) - Turkey (lead partner) • Orissa State Volunteers and Social Workers Association (OSVSWA) – India • Bosnian Representative Association for Valuable Opportunities (BRAVO) - Bosnia and Herzegovina <p>HAND is now recruiting volunteers through the European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid online portal for deployment with Orissa State Volunteers and Social Workers Association (OSVSWA) in Odisha, India.</p> <p>India has the largest youth population in the world; around 66% of the total population (more than 808 million) is below the age of 35. Nearly 40% of the Indian population is aged 13 to 35 years (defined as a youth in the National Youth Policy)</p> |

Youth unemployment in urban areas across India rose sharply to 25.5% in the April-June quarter of 2021 and remained in double digits thereafter as the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic battered economic activities and dealt a severe impact on jobs.

Among women in the 15-29 years' category, the unemployment rate was higher at 31% in the April-June quarter compared with 24% for men during the same period, indicating that women bore the bigger brunt of joblessness during the Covid-19 curbs.

Unequal access to opportunity remains a persistent problem with youth while lack of formal vocational education, high school dropout rates, inadequate skill training capacity, negative perception towards skilling, and lack of industry-ready skills even in professional courses are the major causes of poor skill levels of India.

The assignments in India are open to prospective volunteers from Ireland, under the age of 35.

The assignments will last 9 months.

Volunteer Duties

The ESC volunteers will engage in some of the following activities in Odisha, India:

- Emergency Response (Disaster Management) – working with local teams in preparation of village contingency plan, taking part in training with local volunteers on safety and evacuation, health and hygiene management during natural disasters, Train the Trainers on rescue and rehabilitation

Youth Capacity Building – assisting a local team with capacity building of local youths through non-formal education on various issues like Innovative education, adventures education, sports for better health, environment management, community tourism, peace for development, computer literacy, financial literacy, active citizenship, skills training, etc.

Community Health - working with qualified local healthcare professionals to deliver yoga, physiotherapy training, health management, and food and nutrition management.

Climate Change – helping local team to deliver community plantation, forestation, awareness among local population on climate change and its impacts.

Women Empowerment – working with local community teams to deliver women empowerment initiatives through various activities like finance literacy to women's groups, hygiene management, training on various income generating activities.

WASH – accompanying local team to support hygiene management training to local population, supply of safe drinking water and water for irrigation, water management, awareness on sanitation management.

Capacity building of the hosting organisation – working with local team to on preparation of monitoring and evaluation tool kits and manuals, various policies for the organisation, documentation, content writing, communication management, etc.

Activities for children – working under direction of the local team in supervised settings on delivery of fun learning class activities.

Research and Development – assisting local team on development of manuals and toolkits required for the organisation, development of concept notes, fundraising, etc.

Communication management – assisting local team with donor contact, preparation of project reports, strategic planning for project operation, preparation of quarterly and annual reports, organizing webinars / seminars / online and offline meetings and workshops.

Expected benefits to the local community

- Sharing of relevant skills, knowledge and experience between community and volunteers, complementing each other in the process.
- Improved systems support for improved reporting and management in office settings.
- Opportunity to participate in solidarity activities in real development situations/perspectives when volunteers interact with communities allowing learning and sharing.

Volunteer Specification

Ideally the ESC volunteers will have one of more of the following skills or qualifications:

- Marketing, PR/Communications degree or other equivalent qualification or experience.
- High degree of IT, Social Media and data literacy skills
- Experience of establishing and maintaining online communication platforms for sharing tools and information.
- Art / design skills or qualification
- Social care or social work qualification
- Experience and/or knowledge of international development, MEAL & WASH
- Climate and sustainability knowledge
- Teaching or facilitation skills with children, youth and adults
- Fluent English (verbal and written)
- Strong networking and influencing skills
- Experienced with photo and video-editing software

Essential Competencies

- A creative and strategic thinker
- Ability to work on own initiative, while also being part of team
- An ability to confidently represent the European Solidarity Corps, HAND and VC and effectively convey its key messages.
- Outgoing with an ability to interact with different, diverse groups of people

Reporting & Relationships Structures

The successful volunteers will be managed and deployed by Orissa State Volunteers and Social Workers Association (OSVSWA) in Odisha and surrounding areas and will report to the local ESC coordinator.

Working as part of the ESC HAND volunteer team in India, he or she will also support and collaborate with other volunteers and local staff.

How to apply

- Please apply directly to the European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid team by registering on [the ESC portal](#)
- Once a candidate has registered on the portal and indicated his/her interest for the Humanitarian Aid Volunteering, the online training courses on EU Academy will be

accessible via the “Online training” tab in their European Solidarity Corps account. They should select the option “Humanitarian aid training” (not General Online Training).

- Once redirected to the EU Academy platform, these will be the next steps:
 - Candidates will first be invited to make a self-assessment and will then be able to go through the online training and try to pass the test.
 - Those who pass the test can express their interest for the face-to-face training via a scheduling solution on EU Academy.
 - After having completed the face-to-face training, the candidates will become part of the pool of candidates eligible for being selected by Humanitarian Aid Volunteering projects on the European Youth Portal
- Volunteering in Humanitarian aid is open to all young people who:
 - registered for the European Solidarity Corps programme,
 - indicated in their European Solidarity Corps profile their interest to take part in Humanitarian aid volunteering,
 - are not older than 35 years old,
 - and reside in an EU Member State or a country associated to the programme (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of North Macedonia, Türkiye).
- Once an assignment has been confirmed, volunteers may then avail of the following:
 - 3 month volunteer service agreement
 - Funding for flights, insurance, vaccinations.
 - Local accommodation and transport provided.
 - European Solidarity Corps Personal Development Plan leading to EU Youth Pass