



NEW European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid Volunteer Role

Role Title:	European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid Volunteer
Location:	VC Uganda, Kampala, Uganda
Assignment Type	Volunteer Assignment
Project Dates:	Mid 2023
Duration	3 Months

<p>About</p> <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 in Kampala, Uganda.</p> <p>The assignments in Uganda are open to prospective volunteers from Ireland, under the age of 35.</p> <p>The assignment duration is 3 months.</p>
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Volunteer Duties

The ESC volunteers will engage in some of the following activities in Uganda:

- Train and mentor local staff and communities in graphics and digital marketing.
- Organise a VC open day for partners and other stakeholders
- Office systems support and capacity building of the VC hosting organization – preparation of various policies for the organisation, documentation, content writing, communication management etc.
- Participate in cultural exchange activities for cultural adaptation and cultural experience in schools (pre-school to third level)
- Participate in talks on personal and menstrual hygiene in schools during school visits.
- Participate in making sustainable reusable sanitary towels with school children during school visits.
- Help with the creation and design of information and educational signs for school campus areas.
- Participate in making briquettes from local materials for sustainable energy for cooking in households and schools.
- Participate in creating and designing kitchen gardens for the elderly.
- Participate in supervised home visits to households of the elderly with local social workers
- Participate in crafts making with vulnerable children and the **elderly in supervised settings**.

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**.
- School children will have an **improved learning environment**
- **In time local children and elderly will have access to fresh and nutritional produce from the kitchen gardens.**
- **Improved personal and menstrual hygiene adolescent girls in schools through access to sustainable sanitary towels – hopefully with the outcome of reduced absenteeism in school.**
- **In time locals will have access to an environmentally friendly source of energy for cooking.**

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
- Horticulture or agri skills or qualification
- Social care or social work qualification
- Experience and/or knowledge of international development.
- Teaching or facilitation skills
- 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 based at VC's regional office in Kampala, Uganda and will report to the local ESC coordinator.

Working as part of the ESC HAND volunteer team in Uganda, 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

