



NURSE REFUGEE/IDP CAMP HEALTH CENTRE

Country: IRAQ

Projects: Arbat camp (Sulaimaniya), Qoratu and Tazade Camps (Kalar)

Type of contract: paid - 6 months

Language required: English

This role requires experience in basic nursing, the ability to care for acutely ill patients - including children - and good organisational skills.

BACKGROUND AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

The conflicts taking place in the region have led to a serious humanitarian crisis which has affected many people including Syrian refugees and the internally displaced.

The specialist will work with the international doctor to manage the clinic offering basic medical care and the other health and social care activities in aid of the population of the camps. As well as nursing and organisational duties, the nurse will work alongside, supervise and oversee the professional training of national staff colleagues. The international nurse is responsible to the Medical Coordinator, who is in charge of the management and organisation of the project.

The departments in which you will be required to work:

WAITING ROOM AND TRIAGE AREA: nursing triage in accordance with the protocols in use on the project;

OUT PATIENTS DEPARTMENT: 2-3 examination rooms for follow-up;

OBSERVATION WARD: 4 beds for the stabilisation of patients (only in Arbat Camp)

DUTIES AND REPONSIBILITIES

All EMERGENCY international personnel are expected to know and follow the hospital admissions criteria, guide lines, protocols, and the diagnosis and treatment standards in use in the centre, and to ensure the correct compilation of clinical records and statistics in both computer and paper formats.

The main duties and responsibilities of the International Nurse:

- Management of nursing triage, in collaboration with the doctors and national colleagues;
- Care of patients in the observation bay and management of emergencies;
- Correct compilation and maintenance of nursing notes, clinical files and patient records;
- Correct application and supervision of the nursing protocols, including those regarding hygiene;
- Supervision of management of the pharmacy and orders of consumables;
- To assist with clinical research and record keeping as required by the scientific programmes of the specialist sector of the Medical Division of EMERGENCY.

MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING OF LOCAL PERSONNEL

Clinical activities and patient care are always carried out alongside and in collaboration with local personnel, who thus benefit from training in the field.

CASELOAD AND EQUIPMENT

The technological level of the equipment present in the Centres is suited to the clinical and managerial protocols in use, and the level of professional autonomy of the national staff, with the aim of achieving - and sustaining - high standards of care.

Basic laboratory tests are available.

HEALTH CENTRES - Arbat Refugee Camp and IDP Camp (Sulaimaniya, Iraq)

EMERGENCY, in collaboration with the local health authorities and international agencies present in the region, has built and is managing two health centres in the Arbat region, approximately 30 kilometres south of the capital of the province of Sulaimaniya where the organisation has been running other projects since 1996.

The first facility in the Camp was opened in the summer of 2013, since when around 3000 refugees have arrived, fleeing the war in Syria. Around 50% of the population are children.

The most common illnesses are infections, especially upper respiratory tract infections (URTI), but also infections of the eyes and urinary tract. At times patients include very young babies, born in the camps. Patients whose condition needs to be stabilised are treated in the small observation ward, which is equipped with an emergency trolley; patients in a critical condition may be transferred to hospital by ambulance. Local workers manage the pharmacy and carry out laboratory analyses.

The local Department of Health (DOH) supplies personnel for the management of prenatal care programmes, vaccinations, growth checks (up to five years of age) and health and hygiene education; all this activity takes place in the centre under the supervision of the international EMERGENCY staff.

Due to the worsening crisis and the growing number of internally displaced people in the camps, EMERGENCY has since opened another small clinic in Arbat - the designated IDP

Camp - a few minutes' drive from the first Camp.

For various clinical and organisational needs, the international team are supported by the staff of the EMERGENCY Sulaimaniya Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration Centre, who also provide logistical support.

HEALTH CENTRE - Qoratu and Tazade IDP Camps (Kalar, Iraq)

In Qoratu and in Tazade, in the Kalar area, our staff is at work to open and start the activities of two new Health Centres, to offer free basic healthcare to the inhabitants of the Idp camps.

The Health Centre in the Qoratu Idp camp started activities in May 2015, to offer basic healthcare to the people living in the camp.

While we were waiting to open the Qoratu Health Centre, our staff worked on a mobile clinic to offer free basic healthcare to the Iraqi refugees living in the Salah-Aga area and in the village of Qoratu, now hosted in the Qoratu Idp camp.

GUIDELINES, PROTOCOLS AND EQUIPMENT

Further information on the guidelines, protocols and clinical services relevant to the post along with details of the instruments and equipment available will be provided at interview and during the period of preparation for the mission.

The general requirements and conditions are the same as for other international personnel roles.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Nursing Degree (or equivalent Diploma) and current registration on the professional nursing register of your country of residence;
- At least three years' continuous professional experience, preferably in medical or paediatric wards;
- Good working knowledge of the English language (B1/B2, Europass).

REQUIRED AVAILABILITY

6 months overseas stay including a period of leave to be taken at the end of the mission in agreement with the coordinator.

TO APPLY

If you are interested in working with EMERGENCY in a medical capacity and you fulfil the general and specific requirements set out on the website please send your CV and cover letter (specifying in the subject which position you are applying for) to:

RECRUITMENT@EMERGENCYUK.ORG

During the selection process you will be evaluated on the basis of your CV, cover letter questionnaire, references and individual interview.