Vacancy

The Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is the expertise centre of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent in the field of climate change and climate disasters. The Climate Centre’s mission is to help the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its partners reduce the impacts of climate change and extreme-weather events on vulnerable people.

Due to a vacancy at the Climate Centre, we are immediately looking for a:

**Intern, CoCHAP – Coastal City Hazards and Resilience**

**Envisaged start date:** 15 January 2024 for a period of 3 months (40 hrs per week)

**Project title:** Coastal City Resilience and Extreme Heat Action Project (CoCHAP)

**Supported by:** USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)

**Project Goals and Objectives:**
To build climate resilience of urban communities, particularly to extreme heat and coastal threats through expanding risk knowledge and strengthening local action in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and East Africa regions in 14 secondary cities. Additionally, the purpose of the Project is to build a foundation of practice and knowledge which can be learned from and scaled.

**Objective 1:** Build climate resilience of urban communities in coastal zones. The project will work with local governments and underserved urban communities in coastal zones to reduce their vulnerabilities to current and future disaster risks related to hydro-meteorological hazards and compounding risks.

**Objective 2:** The project will work with local governments, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and communities to reduce the impact of extreme heat in cities.

**Implementing Partners:** IFRC Regional and Cluster Offices, American Red Cross International Services (AmCross ISD), Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC) and Red Cross/Red Crescent National Societies of Bangladesh, Honduras, Indonesia, and Tanzania.

**Target cities:**
ASIA-PACIFIC: Bangladesh (Bagherhat and Sathkira), Indonesia (Medan and Surabaya)
LAC: Honduras (San Lorenzo, Nacaome, Choluteca)
AFRICA: Tanzania (Tanga and Unguja in Zanzibar).

**Learning Objective:** The Junior Researcher will gain an understanding of the coastal hazards, climate risks, vulnerabilities and resilience-building while enhancing their literature review, research, documentation, training modules development skills.

**Responsibilities:** The intern is expected to carry out the following responsibilities with regard to the coastal city hazards and resilience for the overall projects:

- Review secondary information available on coastal hazards, climate risks, vulnerabilities and adaptation measures.
- Updating the existing coastal hazards fact sheets and developing new ones, if required.
- Identify different community-based and municipal-level adaptation measures and Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for coastal city resilience.
- Developing training modules on the coastal hazards for the Red Cross/Red Crescent National Societies and its branches and municipality officials.
- Designing capacity building/training workshops on the coastal hazards.
- Review municipal plans and policies of the targeted cities in Bangladesh and highlight potential gaps in the resilience-building process.
- Providing overall support in the city-wide risk assessment and resilience building process in the targeted project cities.
- Coordinating with the different stakeholders involved in the project.
- Participate in the regular coordination calls with the different team members and support the project core team based on the project requirements.
- Contribute to developing different reports and knowledge products development.

**Education:**
The intern must be enrolled in a university programme for the entire duration of the placement (15 September 2023 – 14 December 2023, for three months full time) or (15 January 2024 – 14 April 2024), have a background in Urban Planning or development or resilience/Urban design/Environment Science or planning/ Climate Science or climate-risk management/ Geography/Disaster Management.

**Skills and Abilities:**
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.
- Excellent literature review, research, analytical and writing skills.
- Excellent PPT making/designing skills.
- Command in basic graphic designing skills will be preferred.
- Command on GIS application will be advantage.
- Ability to coordinate with different stakeholders.
- Ability to work well in an inter-cultural team.
- Ability to work well independently with a primarily remote-based team.
- Have a background in Urban Planning or development or resilience/Urban design/Environment Science or planning/ Climate Science or climate-risk management/ Geography/Disaster Management.

**Location:**
This is a home-based assignment.

**We offer:**
The Junior Researcher will receive compensation of Euros 450 per month on the basis of a 40 hour work week (20 days’ work per month).

**How to apply**
We would like to receive your application, CV and cover letter (in English) addressed to Olette Manhoudt, HR officer at the Climate Centre at application@climatecentre.org. Please use “Intern, CoCHAP - Coastal City Hazards and Resilience” in the subject line.

**Deadline**
Thursday 4 January 2024
Please note that due to the expected number of applications we will only contact you if you have been successful in your application.

If you have any questions about this vacancy, please contact us at hr@climatecentre.org.