



## HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Position Title:** Emergency Nutrition Officer

**Department:** Field Operations

**Reports To:** Humanitarian Response Team Leader or respective Country Director

**Time Commitment:** 2-5 weeks - Volunteers can expect to deploy for a minimum of between two and five weeks, although the ability to deploy for longer is warmly welcomed.

**Position Summary:** The purpose of the Emergency Nutrition Officer is to assist in delivering life-saving programs in emergencies in a holistic and sustainable way, keeping in mind how the humanitarian response will set the ground for transitions and development programming.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Conduct initial nutrition sector-specific assessments and make technical recommendations for appropriate activities, both for initial humanitarian response phase and for longer-term disaster risk reduction and transition phase.
- At the field level, provide assessments of the nutrition situation as it relates to food security, WASH, and Health. Be able to assess health sector's ability to respond to the nutritional needs of acutely malnourished children and make recommendations to the MTI HRT and to headquarters on how to best respond to those needs programmatically.
- Be able to determine the cause of the malnutrition in the emergency response and formulate appropriate responses that will address the cause.
- Be able to assess the immediate lifesaving nutrition interventions needed (such as CMAM) in addition to the prevention activities (ENA, IFE, etc) that need to be implemented at the same time.
- Assist in coordinating MTIs nutrition response and recovery activities across a wide range of actors including donors, host governments, UN and NGO partners to ensure consistency of programming.
- Actively participate and represent MTI in country-based nutrition Cluster meetings.
- Develop the nutrition program strategies, with support from NFS, for the specific humanitarian response.
- Assist in development of, or provide technical review for, emergency response proposals to be submitted by MTI to ensure that proposed activities and programs align with best practice in the nutrition sector. As appropriate, apply new developments in the nutrition sector to MTI.

- If appropriate during the response, provide technical support to assist in the development of disaster risk reduction programs that mitigate the effects of emergencies on populations and communities; identify disaster mitigation measures, where appropriate, that could be linked to humanitarian response activities.
- Other duties as assigned. The duties and responsibilities listed are representative of the nature and level of work assigned and are not necessarily all inclusive.
- Committed to the values and principles of MTI.

**Experience:**

- BS in Nutrition required with 2 years of field experience or Master’s Degree required in Nutrition or other relevant field, 1 year of international experience in nutrition response, including experience in emergency response and recovery following emergencies an advantage. Experience in assessment, program design and evaluation and technical training and support.
- An up-to date understanding of nutrition, risk reduction, emergency response, and sustainable development concepts.
- Knowledge in designing and implementing appropriate and effective holistic nutrition programs including ensuring that beneficiaries have access to health care, WASH, and FS programming.
- Familiarity with design and programming processes of different donors and a general familiarity with recent initiatives such as the Global Health Initiative and Feed the Future.
- Proficient analytical skills that demonstrate an understanding of the current concepts, priorities, and issues in program monitoring, data collection and evaluation.
- Skills in technical proposal writing, designing and implementing nutrition programs.
- Ability to exhibit tact, diplomacy, and resourcefulness in dealing with high level officials from donor agencies, international organizations, and other foreign and domestic government officials and partners.
- Must have excellent English written and oral communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with other departments within MTI, donors, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.