

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: PSYCHIATRIST

Project Location: Lesvos, Greece

Duration: 6 months

Summary of the position:

The main objective of the whole MHPSS intervention is to ensure a psychosocial approach in ERCI's intervention with migrants/refugees in Lesvos' camps -- to provide rigorous and professional clinical care integrated with community-based approaches to psychosocial support. The psychiatrist will serve primarily in ERCI's medical clinic in Moria and is responsible for analyzing refugee patients' mental health status; proposing, implementing and improving treatment for patients with psychiatric conditions using strategies and tools adapted to the context and culture. He/she will coordinate and closely collaborate with ERCI Medical Team, Social Worker and consult on cases with ERCI's MHPSS Advisor, and provide professional documentation for national governmental actors. The psychiatrist will also be providing capacity building actions (such as training in Psychological First Aid) for all ERCI's medical and PSS in the humanitarian refugee crisis in Greece.

Main Duties:

1. Diagnose mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders -- including severe PTSD, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, depression, anxiety disorders and addictions.

- Order and administer tests
- Liaise with social worker and ERCI MHPSS Advisor to ensure that diagnoses are culturally sensitive and contextually relevant

2. Prescribe and administer psychotropic medications for both new patients and psychiatric patients with already existing treatment plans of but are currently deprived of such provision psychotherapeutic treatments or medications

- Design individualized care plans, using a variety of treatments
- Develop medical treatment plans: prescribe medication, recommend therapy
- Admit patients to hospital when necessary

3. Gather and maintain patient information and records, including social or medical history obtained from patients, relatives, or other professionals

- Collect medical information from patients, family members, or other medical professionals.
- Record patient medical histories.

4. Liaise and collaborate with physicians and consult with ERCI's mental health and psychosocial advisor to discuss treatment plans and progress

- Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan or provide treatment
- Examine patients to assess general physical condition
- Integrate psychiatric patient care to be coherent with medical care (e.g. particularly in cases such as HIV/AIDS, TB, hemorrhagic fever, failed pregnancy, etc.)
- Share information with medical team to maintain complete patient records
- Maintain strict confidentiality of patients' information and ensure entire ERCI medical team, including volunteer interpreters, abide by these rules accordingly

5. Advise or inform patients and guardians, relatives, or significant others of patients' conditions or treatment

- Advise patients on effects of health conditions or treatments
- Explain medical procedures or test results to patients or family members

6. Prepare and submit case reports or summaries to government or mental health agencies.

- Prepare official health documents or records
- Prepare reports summarizing patient diagnostic or care activities

7. Establish Protocols and Procedures for Specialised Psychiatric Patient Care establishing clear referral pathways both internally and between NGOs, document assessment tools and referral procedures for psychiatric patients in each camp

- Write recommendations on assessment and management of psychiatric patients to offer national mental health services used by the field teams
- Ensure an S.O.P for assessment, referral and follow up of psychiatric patients living in the camps assisted by ERCI medical team
- Liaise with national mental health services in each area of intervention to ensure that a treatment plan and follow up of the patients is applied

- Provide recommendations and S.O.P for handling refugees with complex trauma and psychiatric disorders

Education/ Requirements for the post:

Required: M.D. specialized in clinical psychiatry, Licensed and Board Certified. Who demonstrates both successful clinical and humanitarian field experiences in international or emergency cooperation projects.

Experience:

- A minimum of 3-5 years post-qualification experience in clinical care to adults/ children
- Prior clinical experience with war victims/refugees and communities exposed to armed conflict and high levels of trauma, including victims of sexual violence, torture and shipwreck
- Prior work experience in holistic MHPSS programs
- Desirable experience in training/supervision + clinical practise in trauma, sexual violence, HIV/AIDS or any other chronic disease
- Experience working in humanitarian contexts / in developing countries or with patients from various cultures is preferred

Competencies / Job requirements:

Languages: **Fluent in Greek and English**, preferred French and/or Arabic

Computing: Microsoft Office, particularly Excel

Potential candidates are requested to send their CV and cover letter in English to the following email address: aid@ercintl.org with the Subject «Psychiatrist»