



Danish Refugee Council Non-Governmental Organization is seeking water and sanitation expert with degree in engineering and experience in Lebanon. Applicants are requested to send a CV with a cover letter stating their interest in the position no later than June 30, 2006 by email to [drcmaha@cyberia.net.lb](mailto:drcmaha@cyberia.net.lb) or by fax to +961-1-738-293.

## **National Water and sanitation expert**

### **Background**

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has been operational in Lebanon since June 2004. Our office in Beirut is presently staffed by 7 national staff members and 1 international Programme Manager with a main focus on supporting the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. DRC is funded by ECHO and private funds.

The Palestinian refugee population in Lebanon is estimated to 400,000 of whom most are registered with UNRWA. 15.000 are registered with Lebanese authorities only, while about 3000-4000 has not registration at all. With a focus on the undocumented and most vulnerable Palestinian refugees, DRC main activities consist of 1) NFI Distribution and health awareness, 2) Improvement of household sanitation, 3) Advocacy and awareness raising and 4) Legal assistance.

### **The mission**

DRC see a need to extend activities within water and sanitation. Guided by a survey of the refugee gatherings in Lebanon conducted by DRC in 2005, water and sanitation remains a concern among the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. DRC has identified a number of relevant interventions (e.g. sewerage systems need to be rehabilitated, purification unit working improperly, surface water mixes with dirking water), and would like to initiate a more thorough assessment and baseline study to identify precise intervention necessary. The assessment will form the basis of a large proposal.

The assessment team will be composed of:

- an expatriate Water and Sanitation expert (team leader),
- a national Water and Sanitation expert,
- a field officer.

The team refers to International programme manager.

The purpose of this advertising is to identify a qualified national water and sanitation expert.

### **Main tasks**

Conduct under the coordination of the expatriate expert and with the support of field officer:

- field visits to refugee gatherings,
- meetings with NGOs, experts, popular committees, municipalities,
- water testing,
- technical analysis.

Conduct tests with laboratories, share results with the team.

Propose interventions:

- based on tests and field visits,
- by identifying materials to purchase, providers and costs,



- in respect of local culture and in coordination with local partner,
- contribute to the identification of various needs within training and awareness raising.

Other tasks as assigned by team leader.

The duration of the assessment is expected to be two-three month.

### **Qualifications**

With reference to the tasks listed above, DRC is looking for applicants with the following qualifications and characteristics:

- Relevant university degree / Engineer or other relevant education
- Proven experience in Lebanon within water and sanitation (e.g. repair and installation of water treatment plants and network, knowledge within water contamination, pit latrines, handling of waste water, dealing with labs and providers),
- Experience with humanitarian organisation preferred,
- Good communication skills
- Full proficiency in Arabic, fluent in English
- Knowledge of NGOs and water issues in Lebanon and especially in refugee camps and gatherings.

### **Conditions**

Applications must be in English. It must consist of a CV and a letter describing your motivation for applying and more importantly a description of your qualifications and experiences in relation to the tasks and type of work listed.

Submission Application by 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2006

Availability: July 2006

Duty station: Lebanon, Beirut with extensive field visits

Contract: 2 months with possibility of extension if a water and sanitation project is implemented.

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