

SAR DEPUTY MEDCO

Position:	Deputy Medical Coordinator – SAR Project - Onshore
Country:	Italy
Area:	Catania
Closing application:	30/06/2017
Start of the contract:	ASAP
End of the contract:	30/09/2017
Type of contract:	Fixed term work contract (CCNL ANPAS)
Level:	13
Reports to (Hierarchical):	Medical Coordinator
Reports to (Functional):	Deputy HOM

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has started its activities in Italy in 1999 when realized that the same persons cured and assisted in countries at thousands of kilometers of distance were the same encountered in precarious conditions and needs once in Italy. The activities developed during these last years have aimed to give medical and psychological assistance to migrant people, even undocumented, present in Italy.

At the beginning of 2017, MSF is running a project of assistance for the Victims of Torture in Rome, a mental health program in Trapani, a post-hospitalization activities in Catania and a project in Como and Ventimiglia called Migrant on the move.

Given the unprecedented number of people dying in their attempt to reach Italy coast and the lack of Search and Rescue assets, MSF took the decision, in April 2015, to conduct Search and Rescue Operations in the Central Mediterranean Sea. MSF has been carrying out SAR operation with three vessels, prepositioned in international waters north of Libya and actively searching for boats in distress. On 2017, due to the increasing of arrivals, MSF has decided to resume SAR operations. This year Msf B will operate with a new Boat – VOS Prudence. To support the project a sub coordination is based in Sicily.

Main Purpose

Coach and coordinate the implementation of the overall medical content, strategies, activities in the SAR project, in order to facilitate the delivery of quality medical care for patients as well as to improve population health condition, its humanitarian living conditions and disease prevention. Guarantee the appropriate implementation and management of medical aspects in the project, ensuring the achievement of the objective set. This will be done in close collaboration with the Deputy HoM, the mission coordination other local authorities

Accountabilities

- Ensuring continuity of medical care for referral or special cases and providing feedback to the Medical Team onboard
- Plan and implement with the rest of the team a follow up of identified of vulnerable cases (medical and social)



- Establishing, nurturing and linking relationships with counterparts in relevant Government Institutions especially at Local level
- To manage the Medical Ware House in Catania (off-shore)
- To manage the Medical Order (Internal Request) from the Vessel in cooperation with the Log/Supply Dept. Prepare International Medical Order (IMO) to submit to Medco
- To liaise/advise with the Log/Supply Dept on local purchase in matter of medical items
- To arrange and follow up any medical care needed by the MSF/Expat Team To liaise with Vessel PMR in matter of medical needs onshore (e.g. referral or any case that requires special attention)
- To facilitate and follow up the patient's medical referral from the vessel and eventually the others MSF boats (OCA-) to MoH facilities.
- To take part in the disembarkation phase, offering support to the onshore Health personnel with translation, technical support, etc.
- To follow up the Survivors care in case of traumatic rescue with fatalities, corpses findings in the distress boat in coordination with the PFA Team
- To liaise with the Forensic Authority as required (e.g. cause of death) and to provide feedback to the Medical Team on board
- To ensure privacy, confidentiality and protection of special cases in cooperation with the PFA Officer as appropriate and as started on board
- To liaise with the other MSF section present in the mediterranean area

Requirements

- **Indispensable:** Medical doctor /nurse Italian speaker register to Italian board (“albo”)
- Good knowledge of Italian National Health System and Health Legislation
- Good management skills
- Good diplomacy skills when dealing with Institutional actors at various level
- Basic knowledge of the International Health Regulation 2005 (IHR)
- Desirable: Previous experience with MSF (better as deputy Medco). Public health study
- Language required: English and Italian