

LEGAL SOCIAL WORKER

Position: Legal Social Worker

Job family: Medical Country: Italy

Project: Medical Center Catania

Place of work: Catania
Closing application: 01/05/2017
Start of the contract: ASAP

Duration of the contract:

Type of contract: Fixed term work contract (CCNL ANPAS)

1 year

Hierarchical referent: Project Coordinator **Functional referent:** Medical Coordinator

Since 2016 MSF Italy Mission implements different projects:

- In Rome, is active a rehabilitation center for victims of torture;
- In Catania, MSF is opening a post-acute care center for migrants;
- In the Mediterranean Sea, search and rescue operations;
- In Trapani, psycho social support and transcultural psychotherapy for asylum seekers;
- in Italy, psychological first aid for traumatic boat landings;

In Catania the center will focus on people in need of medical post-acute care with a capacity of maximum 24 beds. A nursing care will be provided 24hrs/7 days week. A medical doctor will be present during day time, and on-call for the remaining hours. Daily ambulatory activities will be performed. A specific area for physiotherapy and rehabilitation will be identified within the structure. A psychosocial and socio/legal orientation service will be present. Hosts will be referred to specialized NGOs for legal/consultation. When needed, external expertise consultant will be used for specific health service (psychiatric, physiatrist etc...). The SAR support on shore project has a component of follow up of the patients on landing.

Main Purpose

Carry out all legal social-related activities, in order to ease the patient's situation, to facilitate the legal path in the Italian asylum seeker System, to maximize his/her adherence to treatment and to improve his/her psychosocial condition.

Accountabilities

- Identify legal-social needs of patients through a legal-social assessment. Respond to the patient's legal-social needs, according to the scope of the project, by giving direct social support (as transport, food, legal advice, contact with the administrative authorities, follow-up) and/or refer to other social actors, in order to actively contribute to the improvement of their quality of living.
- Contribute to the correct flow of patient in-out from the clinic taking care of the legal aspects and the reinsertion in the protection system
- Contact patients to follow up the evolution of their condition when needed (home visits, defaulter tracing, coordination with other projects).



- Participate in the creation of any material needed for the activities of legal social workers. Take care of legal-social services facilities, materials and equipment in order to ensure continuity.
- Mapping and regular update of social partners, local authorities, other NGOs, and governmental social services in order to improve social services scope and responsiveness.
- Keep records, statistic and files updated, reporting any legal social activity, in order to prioritize and develop appropriate programs or projects.

Requirements

Education

Degree in Law.

Habilitation to exercise as lawyer preferable.

Experience

Three years minimum in a similar work with migrants, in Sicily. Experience with MSF or other NGOs, desirable.

Languages

Italian and English essential French, Arabic will be a plus.

Competencies

- Results.
- Teamwork.
- Flexibility.
- Commitment.
- Service