



**MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES is a non-governmental organization for humanitarian aid. Today we work in more than 60 countries where our volunteers bring their aid to populations in distress, to victims of aggression and war, regardless of religion, beliefs or politics. MSF Operational Centre of Brussels is looking for a:**

## **PHYSIOTHERAPIST – PART TIME**

### ***Operational Context***

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.

Currently MSF Italy Mission implements different projects:

- In Rome, a rehabilitation center for victims of torture (SoT);
- In Catania, MSF is opening a post-acute care center for migrants;
- In Trapani, psycho social support and transcultural psychotherapy for asylum seekers;
- In Italy, psychological first aid (PFA) for traumatic boat landings;

### **The SoT Project**

The MSF Center for rehabilitation for survivors to the torture and inhuman and degrading (SoT) treatments in Rome has been inaugurated in October 2015. Here, we offer medical, physiotherapist, psychotherapeutic, social and legal services to migrants/asylum seekers/refugees (independently from the legal status) victim of torture and other inhuman treatment, in partnership with "Physicians Against the Torture"(Medici Contro La Tortura) and ASGI (Association Studies Juridical on the immigration). Our approach is based on the principle of ethno-psychiatry and transcultural and we adopt a multidisciplinary model in which all disciplines are strictly linked to the each other and often work as a group with the patient and the Intercultural mediator

### ***Purpose of the post***

Plan and carry out individual treatment programmes, by assessing patients' physical state, in order to maintain, improve or rehabilitate the physical well-being of the patient and prevent physical handicaps.

### ***Main objectives***

- Assess patient physical capacities, using different procedures (e.g. functional capacity tests) in order to set up treatment objectives with the patient and therefore improve patient's health and wellbeing.
- Elaborate and implement physiotherapy programs, including physiotherapy exercises, manipulations, massages, education, utilization of physiotherapy devices and orthopedic equipment, educating and advising patients and their careers on how to prevent and/or improve conditions, in order to accelerate and improve activity results.
- Train patients and care-takers on how to avoid injuries and to create preventive behaviors.
- Actively monitor and report physiotherapy activities (correctly filling in patient files, forms, statistics, and reports) and analyze these statistics in order to improve quality service, preserving patient's data traceability.
- Take care of physiotherapy equipment, managing the stock, making orders according to activity and cleaning up the equipment, in order to ensure its continuous availability and quality of service.

- Report to the technical referent any problem arising in the service, especially the loss/ robbery/damage of medical equipment or medicines in order to implement the appropriate measures

### **Context Specific Accountabilities**

- Definition and implementation of the Physiotherapeutic component of the project for the rehabilitation of Survivors of Torture, according to the international procedures/guidelines and the patients' needs evaluation done together with the other Physiotherapist in the project
- Collaborating with the rest of the professionals (MDs, Psychologists, Social workers, intercultural mediators and legal worker) in the co-management of patients in charge.
- Sharing with the rest of the team the performance of the Triage sessions for self-referred patients in order to evaluate the pertinence of the first group assessment
- Participating, together with the other professionals of the Clinic, in the First Group Assessment of new cases, in the joint sessions and in the cases clinical discussions in team
- Follow up of the patients in charge, including the proposal to PMR for eventual diagnostic procedures and/or specialist consultations to be done in the reference structures
- Regular update of the clinical dossier of each patient after each session (first and follow ups)
- Organization and implementation of the Body Laboratory Group in order to stimulate the patients for relaxing exercises and to reacquire self-perception and awareness of their own bodies
- In collaboration with the MDs in charge of the patient and with the forensic medical specialist, to define the need for a Medical- legal certificate.
- Participating actively in the team discussions about the management of the patients, including, but not only, for the discharge
- Participating together with the other consultants of the team to the Joint and/or group sessions, to the session of external supervision and to the trainings organized in and outside the Clinic, upon request from Field Co and PMR
- In collaboration with the other physiotherapist and the PMR, networking with external specialists (orthopedists, psychiatrists, neurologist, orthopedic workshops etc ) who could be involved in the management of the patients
- In collaboration with the other physiotherapist to stimulate and promote an active exchange of information and sharing of experience with the other physiotherapist colleagues from other MSF VoT Projects (Egypt, Greece)
- Regularly and timely updating the FieldCo and the PMR on the activities, issues and problems linked to the Physiotherapist service or the patients.

The person may be asked to perform further activities not mentioned in the present job description.

The physiotherapist, as all other staff in the team, is bound by professional secrecy and confidentiality

### **Requirements:**

#### **Education**

Essential: Physiotherapist official degree.

Desirable: Specific professional trainings (postural therapy, osteopathy, Kinesiotaping etc.)

#### **Experience**

- Essential: Clinical working Experience of 2 years minimum
- Desirable: Previous work experience with Survivors of Torture
- Desirable: Previous work experience with MSF or other International NGO

- Competencies**
- Working knowledge of the Italian National Health System
  - Teamwork skills
  - Flexibility
  - Capacity of working in a multicultural environment
  - Capacity of working under stress and high workload
  - Computer literacy (word, excel, mail packages)

**Languages**      Essential English and Italian

***Conditions***

- 1 year fixed-term contract – Part time 50%
- Salary according to MSF-OCB Field salary scale.
- Expected starting date: **April 2018**
- Place of work: Rome
- Project: Sot project

***How to apply?***

Application (CV and cover letter in english) to be sent to

[msfocb-rome-vot-slaf@brussels.msf.org](mailto:msfocb-rome-vot-slaf@brussels.msf.org)

**Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**