

URDU SPEAKING VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED IN PAKISTAN

WHO and UNICEF

Following a powerful earthquake which struck Pakistani Kashmir, near the Indian border, the WHO emergency teams have been mobilised and donations are still being made to cover some costs of supply (health kits), logistics, coordination and assessment needs.

The WHO and the UNICEF are now collaborating to provide training for local volunteers and personnel in a number of camps set up in Balakot and other areas most affected by the disaster.

Specific requirements:

- Fluent in Urdu and Pushto (specially for those working in NWFP)
- Minimum availability - 3 weeks
- Team player
- Able to adapt to harsh conditions in the field
- Aware of and sensitive to local customs, culture, religion

Professional competencies and skills:

- Service delivery:
 - (i) Trauma counselling for adults
 - (ii) Trauma counselling for children
- Experience in setting up emergency services following disasters
- Experience in training frontline workers following disasters:
 - (i) PHC Physicians
 - (ii) PHC Personnel
 - (iii) Specialist relief workers (nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, etc.)
 - (iv) social welfare officers and workers
 - (v) Teachers
- Experience in interagency working
- Developing mental health services
- Competent in developing curricula in mental health for:
 - PHC Physicians
 - PHC Personnel
 - Specialist relief workers (nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, etc.)
 - social welfare officers and workers
 - Teachers

Volunteers will have a dedicated mentor in the UK and on the ground in Pakistan who will be able to assist with any day to day queries they may have. The Royal College of Psychiatrists will be able to assist by writing to UK employers requesting a paid leave for volunteers. A small grant may also be available on written request. The project organisers in Pakistan will be able to provide basic survival support. Volunteers will be required to cover their own flights.

If you are interested in offering your time and expertise please complete the volunteers questionnaire (available at <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/college/inter/SVP-VolunteerQuest.doc>) and send it together with your up to date CV to Simone Callender at scallender@rcpsych.ac.uk or call Joanna Carroll, International Manager at the College, on 020 7235 2351 ext. 123.