

Field Communications Officer

From visiting an impromptu settlement of displaced people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to documenting the conditions and collecting first-hand accounts from people on board one of the MSF rescue boats in the Mediterranean, MSF Communications Officers play a vital role in ensuring that MSF speaks out against human rights abuses and injustice.

Requirements

- Degree in journalism, communications, humanitarian affairs, political science or another related subject
- At least four years' previous international work experience in communications, journalism or public relations
- At least one year of working experience in in developing countries/unstable contexts
- Social media skills including community management and identification of networks
- Proficiency in audio-visual skills (creation and production of tools)
- IT skills (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Native English speaker or track record of English editing; fluency in any other language is an asset (French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian)
- Available for a minimum of six months
- Commitment to MSF's social mission and values
- Strong team player
- Strong negotiation skills and a diplomatic approach
- Willingness to work in all kinds of contexts worldwide, including unstable areas
- Adaptable and able to work in a multicultural team
- Flexible and able to manage high levels of stress
- Self-driven with a solution-oriented approach
- Ability to train others

Desirable skills

- People management experience
- Field experience with MSF or other NGO

This is an exciting and diverse role involving some or all of the following responsibilities :

- Handle local media requests and contact local media proactively to promote MSF
- Manage our in-country communications in local languages and local media outlets
- Maintain close contact and organise events with key local media (e.g. press conferences, press briefings)
- Monitor and report on local media, flag significant articles, trends, news or reports of importance for MSF
- Produce strategic reports on the local media landscape (key media, audience members, political affiliation, ownership, freedom of speech, use of social media, etc.)
- Act as a spokesperson during emergencies to alleviate high media pressure
- Supervise the production of and edit local communication tools and products (leaflets, brochures, posters, radio spots, articles, photos, videos)
- Raise the awareness of the field team about how to communicate externally and maintain the reputation of MSF in dealings with patients, staff and other key stakeholders

Depending on our activities and needs, your responsibilities may be adapted and evolve according to the specific projects. You will not face these challenges alone; other MSF team members (both international and locally hired staff) will provide technical support, including comprehensive guidelines and protocols.

Are you interested in applying ?

For more information on our recruitment criteria and working conditions, please visit www.msf.ch.

MSF recruits people from all over the world who want to use their skills to make a difference through effective, relevant humanitarian work.

To deliver our life-saving medical aid in the areas where it is needed most, we rely on a network of medical, paramedical, logistical and administrative professionals. MSF Switzerland is currently coordinating more than 60 projects in 25 countries. Each year more than 500 international staff join 6,000 locally hired staff to provide medical relief in countries around the world.

By joining MSF, you become part of a team made of extremely hard working, committed, skilled and adaptable individuals. You bear witness to situations you see in the field. MSF offers you opportunities to develop your skills, your career and to take on long-term responsibilities within the organization.