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LOGISTICIAN

As a logistician you will have a vital role to play in the projects of **ÄRZTE OHNE GRENZEN / MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES**. You will support the medical team and be responsible for the supply and maintenance of clinics and feeding centres; your work will also include managing the warehouse and organising the supply of necessary drugs and all other materials. You will install and maintain the technical systems, look after the water and sanitary facilities, take responsibility for managing the vehicle fleet and work with national staff in the various task areas.

Take the challenge – work with **ÄRZTE OHNE GRENZEN**

During your mission you will experience challenging working situations and living conditions that will connect you with the team and the local people. You will work with the simplest of tools, share amenities with your colleagues including computers, showers and refrigerators. Improvisational skills and independence will be essential, as will the ability to remain relaxed and capable of working in a team. This is because you will be working on the ground with a small international multidisciplinary team and in close collaboration with your local colleagues. You will learn a lot: about the people in your project and about yourself.

To become a logistician in the project you will need ...

- professional training and at least two years of relevant experience
- abilities in at least three of the following fields: Vehicle mechanics, materials management, energy and electricity, water and sanitary facilities, construction, information technology
- a valid driving licence
- experience of travelling or working in a developing country
- fluency in English; if possible, knowledge of French (or another foreign language)
- nine to twelve months free time for your mission abroad



Project work opens up whole new vistas of experience: both professional and personal.

"I worked in Afghanistan and in northern Sudan, both of which are Islamic cultures.

Before I went on the missions I wasn't sure whether I would be accepted as a woman in the male preserve of logistics in these male-dominated societies. But my local colleagues very quickly laid these fears to rest. I always felt very welcome. It was a lot of fun to place my own knowledge and experience at the service of the people and to pass them on. And, of course, to learn from them as well."

Anja Engel, missions in Afghanistan and northern Sudan, among other places

"The day in Haiti began at 6.15 am: Our security officer from the national staff would describe the security situation over the phone. Then our driver would take the midwives, doctors, nurses and administrators to their respective workplaces. Accompanied by my Haitian colleagues I would make my first tour of the hospital and the store, then the day would begin in earnest: my work included carrying out repair work in the hospital, maintaining the fleet, drawing up duty rosters for drivers, mechanics and radio operators, allocating vehicles to transport patients and a lot more besides. This would often be supplemented by urgent work, in particular on the electrical system and the air conditioning. Curfew set in at 6.30 pm. We would spend the evenings in the international staff hostel having dinner together, doing computer work and winding down after a busy day, either on our own or chilling out with one another."

Niko Wiesner, Haiti

"The reason I'm still working for ÄRZTE OHNE GRENZEN has a lot to do with the diversity of jobs of all-round logistician. Hardly a single day goes as I planned, yet, at the same time, I have a level of freedom to make my own decisions that I've never known anywhere else. But this also goes with a great deal of responsibility. Last but not least, the fact that my daily work helps people in need in a direct and unmediated way is an important reason for my commitment to ÄRZTE OHNE GRENZEN."

Frank Terhorst, Darfur, Central African Republic, Haiti, Chad

Are you interested? Then please go to www.aerzte-ohne-grenzen.de/mitarbeiten to find out more. There you can also find a downloadable application form.

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