EPIDEMIOLOGIST

With MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES you will be working in crisis zones that might be threatened by epidemics. For example, in the wake of an outbreak of cholera or measles. As an epidemiologist, you will work with the team to develop medical aid projects, which it will be your role to evaluate. You will also be supporting the establishment of early warning systems in potential epidemic zones and training, or providing guidance to, local staff in the monitoring of diseases.

Take the challenge – work with MSF

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 basic tools, share amenities with your colleagues, including computers, showers and refrigerators. Improvisational skills and independence will be essential, as will the ability to remain calm and capable of working constructively in a team even under strained circumstances. 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 an epidemiologist with MSF you will need ...

- a successfully completed degree-level course in epidemiology or a Master's degree in Public Health (MPH) with a focus on epidemiology, ideally with a (bio-)medical background
- at least two years of practical experience as an epidemiologist designing research programmes, collecting and evaluating medical data and in quantitative and qualitative research methods
- the ability to develop and implement epidemiological control and monitoring programmes
- the ability to use epidemiological databases, statistical programs and Microsoft Excel
- knowledge of tropical medicine and infectiology
- experience in the training and supervision of staff desirable
- experience travelling or working in a 'developing' country
- willingness to work in conditions of social and/or political instability
- fluency in English; knowledge of French, Arabic and/or Russian an advantage
- six to twelve months availability

INTERESTED? Then please go to www.aerzte-ohne-grenzen.de/mitarbeiten to find out more.

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