



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Position:** WASH Specialist

**Contract type:** Service Provider/ Paid

**Location:** Puerto Rico (with travel)

**Starting date:** October 2018

**Duration:** 3 months contract (with option to extend)

## **SUMMARY**

IsraAID is looking for a water specialist to join the mission in Puerto Rico. This is a chance to be part of a humanitarian aid organization with 16 years of experience in the field of emergency and trauma. The position will include working with local professionals and communities from Puerto Rico, who lost their homes and lack basic needs due to hurricane Maria.

## **CONTEXT**

IsraAID is a non-profit, non-governmental and apolitical humanitarian aid agency dedicated to supporting populations in crises around the world. Founded in 2001, the organization has responded to crises in 42 countries, reaching over 753,000 people in 2015 alone. Today, its operations span across 17 countries and a wide number of different sectors of expertise from both the humanitarian aid and international development arenas.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Hurricane Maria - the most powerful storm to hit the US territory in nearly a century - hit the island of Puerto Rico, devastating the island over the following 24 hours. Approximately 2,975 people died, almost 700 people were rescued from the resulting floods, and much of the island's infrastructure and buildings was damaged. Much of the island's electricity and telecommunications systems was destroyed, and there are growing fears for the elderly and other vulnerable groups.

IsraAID's emergency response team arrived in Puerto Rico one week after Hurricane Maria, providing critical relief to communities around the island. Programs include providing long-term, sustainable solutions for clean water in remote communities in the Patillas municipality, and building capacity through education on disaster risk reduction in regard to water, environmental health, hygiene, and sanitation.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

IsraAID's WASH specialist is under the full supervision of IsraAID's Head of Mission

1. Conduct needs assessment with communities and relevant stakeholders in the field to develop potential projects, according to IsraAID's framework and guidelines.
2. Manage and supervise project implementation alongside with the community, relevant partners and HoM.
3. Manage procurement logistics; coordination and supervision over equipment transport and adjustments to field.
4. Represent IsraAID in meetings when needed (from HoM) at all levels: local community, other organizations government etc.



5. Facilitate and monitor systems operation and water management trainings to local community, schools.
6. Work in collaboration with the IsraAID international and national team on ground under the supervision of IsraAID's HoM.
7. Document progress, prepare weekly reports, and maintain communication with IsraAID's WASH adviser at HQ.
8. Conduct assessments, prepare training materials and facilitate creative methodology to search and fit the diverse needs on ground.

## **ESSENTIAL SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND COMPETENCIES**

- Professional water-related background (Water/environmental engineer, water treatment experience water/environmental sciences/ chemical engineer, bio-chemist, public health, etc.).
- Spanish language: Speaking, reading, writing
- English language: Speaking, reading, writing, technical
- Immediate availability for 3 months
- Strong interpersonal skills and teamwork
- Willing to work and function in rough field conditions
- Experience in Spanish-speaking countries – advantage
- Experience working in humanitarian aid – advantage
- Experience working in international sphere – advantage

## **CONDITIONS**

- Based in Puerto Rico
- Paid position
- Must have a US passport/ valid work permit
- IsraAID fully covers the expenses of team members, including flights, insurance, accommodation, transportation, food etc.

**To apply for this position, please send a resume and cover letter [hr@israaid.org](mailto:hr@israaid.org)**

*We regret to inform that only shortlisted candidates will be notified.*