

GROUNDWATER RELIEF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



ABOUT GROUNDWATER RELIEF

Groundwater Relief (<https://groundwater-relief.org/>) is a UK registered charity (No. 1167458) that provides technical help to organisations developing and managing groundwater resources for people living in poverty.

We work with a growing team of international groundwater professionals and currently have over 370 registered members. Within the last 5 years Groundwater Relief has undertaken over 100 projects in 23 countries.

We are currently growing a small team of energetic, innovative, technical staff to increase our capacity as an organisation and to better utilize and engage our global membership of groundwater experts within humanitarian and development sectors.

We are seeking to recruit a WASH and Groundwater Specialist. The candidate should be willing to travel extensively in a demanding working environment, working with a variety of stakeholders.

THE ROLE

The role will commence in June 2021 with an initial fixed term contract of 12 months.

Ideally, the normal working location will be in our offices in Totnes, Devon, UK however alternate arrangements could be made for the right candidate. The candidate must be available to deploy at short notice and expect to travel up to 50% of their time outside of their normal working location.

Responsibilities would include, but are not limited to:

- Provide both remote and in-country field support to organisations as part of a specialist groundwater team; staff will be expected to work with technical specialist members to support groundwater resource assessments, groundwater engineering works, groundwater monitoring and management programmes and emergency response activities;
- Work with Groundwater Relief's membership to publish guidance documents, technical standards and deliver technical trainings;
- Support innovation that will help Groundwater Relief meet its objectives as a charity;
- Prepare proposals and develop connections and relationships with potential donors and organisations interested in Groundwater Relief's unique service provision;
- Support and oversee the Groundwater Relief's 'Rapid Response Unit';
- Promote Groundwater Relief's services within the humanitarian and development sectors.

Essential Experience

- Relevant university degree within Water and Sanitation, Civil/Environmental Engineering, Hydrogeology, or another relevant field;
- Minimum of 2 years experience working within groundwater projects and WASH-related humanitarian programmes overseas.
- Fluency in English.

Your Profile

We are looking for individuals who can demonstrate a long term passion and desire to improve the way groundwater is developed and managed, both within the humanitarian and development sector, for the benefit of the poor and marginalised.

Ability and enjoyment in interacting establishing and maintaining relationships with multiple different stakeholders on both a technical and social level including government officials, NGOs, local organizations, communities, donors and the Groundwater Relief members.

A desire to travel and work in difficult circumstances. Strong resilience and self-reliance and ability to work under stress in remote and isolated locations with basic living conditions.

Skills in delivering effective and timely outputs under pressure with a smile.

A willingness to take on responsibility and make decisions whilst simultaneously engaging experts to advise and direct those decisions.

Commitment to the support and development of interns and members through mentoring and leadership.

A creative and practical problem solver, who will get jobs completed without fuss, whilst demonstrating strong initiative

Other Requirements

- The ability to communicate in French would be advantageous but is not essential;
- Strong level of ICT skills e.g. Microsoft Office (including Excel) and GIS;
- Knowledge of writing and developing proposals;
- Demonstrable interest in the groundwater environment and its sustainable management and development;
- Groundwater Relief will not sponsor visas.

Benefits

- Salary of £26,000 to £30,000 per annum (depending on experience)

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a covering letter, CV and two references to help@groundwater-relief.org by the 20th May 2021. Interviews will be held shortly after this.

