



WASH Engineer (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) – Gaza

Candidate Information Pack

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Introduction



This is an exciting time to join UK-Med. We have expanded significantly over the last few years and have an ambitious strategy in place for growth.

The world is experiencing an unprecedented level of humanitarian need. Natural disasters, disease outbreaks and conflict can hit at any time. The people affected are often the poorest and most vulnerable and the health problems they experience post-disaster are long-lasting. We believe that they deserve the highest quality emergency medical aid. We seek to save lives, but also to build resilient health systems so that people can lead healthy lives in the future.

At UK-Med, we work together to:

- **Respond** rapidly to emergencies, delivering the expertise needed to support local health services and save people's lives.
- **Prepare** health staff through training and capacity building, enabling health services to be better prepared for emergencies.
- **Learn** and share learning worldwide through our academic partners, ensuring patients get the best care.

This is a pivotal time in our history to join UK-Med. At the end of February 2022, we received the first of many calls asking for help with the crisis in Ukraine. We now have programmes across Ukraine including surgical support, health clinics, and emergency preparedness training. More than 20,000 people have already received direct support or training from UK-Med as a result.

In June 2022, we were awarded EMT (Emergency Medical Team) status by the World Health Organization. A month later, we were formally appointed to provide EMT services for the UK government. As such we are at the front line of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's response to humanitarian crisis and can also respond to any crisis, anywhere in the world, under our own banner.

We are very excited about our plans and hope you will join us on this extraordinary journey.

David Wightwick

UK-Med Chief Executive Officer

Advert

Role:	WASH Engineer (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)
Hours:	Full time, with some weekend and evening working required to support the humanitarian programme delivery
Duration:	Till end of 31st of December 2024 (funding pipeline dependent), with potential extension
Pay:	£4200 - £4500 GBP gross per month (dependent on experience)
Location:	Gaza with travel to Cairo, Egypt and Amman, Jordan

Candidates must be able to travel quickly through Egypt and Jordan, securing visas on arrival with eligible documentation. If you do not meet this requirement, you can join our register of humanitarian and health professionals for other opportunities.

Are you an experienced WASH Engineer professional looking for a diverse and exciting role?

UK-Med is a frontline medical aid charity. Born of the NHS, we've been working for over 30 years towards a world where everyone has the healthcare they need when crises or disasters hit.

We are seeking for a WASH Engineer to be available to deploy to Gaza, you will be responsible for the identification, design, implementation, monitoring and reporting on the progress of community construction and rehabilitation projects in the assigned districts. S/he is Responsible for day-to-day field management, supervision, and provision of regular technical backstopping to WASH and Community projects.

Our ideal candidate will be experienced WASH Engineer who have demonstrable understanding of supporting in ensuring the quality and effectiveness of programming in accordance with grant proposal and guidelines.

You will have proven experience of ensuring implementation and successful completion of WASH related construction/rehabilitation projects or components as assigned by line manager.

You will be determined, high performing, compassionate and collaborative, as well as being committed to learning and supporting others to learn. Language skills will be an advantage.

We offer a competitive salary and benefits along with a friendly working environment and the opportunity to make a real difference.

How to apply

To apply, please complete the application questions and submit a current CV and a supporting letter (2 pages) as soon as possible. Please include a detailed explanation of your suitability for this post with specific reference to the essential criteria in the person specification.

Applications must be submitted through our [online jobs portal](#) no later than **12th July, 2024**. Please note that this is a **rolling recruitment process**. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and hiring manager will review applications as they are received, decisions may be made at any time if a suitable candidate is identified

UK-Med is committed to safeguarding of our personnel and beneficiaries and has a zero-tolerance approach to sexual exploitation and abuse. We conduct thorough vetting before any appointment is confirmed.

UK-Med is committed to the principles of diversity, equality, and inclusion. We strive to provide an inclusive and supportive environment where employees feel respected and supported to be able to fulfil their potential.

About UK-Med

UK-Med (www.uk-med.org)

We train and deploy medical teams and specialists to save lives when epidemics, conflict and natural disasters hit. As disasters grow more frequent, severe and complex there has never been a greater need to respond quickly and effectively. We believe in a world prepared to help.

It started in 1988 with a team of eight Manchester clinicians led by our founder Tony Redmond, when a huge earthquake ripped through Armenia. Teams continued to deploy throughout the 1990's and 2000s, and when Ebola struck West Africa in 2014 UK-Med stepped up. We recruited and trained the one hundred and fifty UK clinicians who worked alongside local medical teams, other NGOs and DFID to bring the outbreak under control.

UK-Med has deployed teams to a range of countries and crises including Cape Verde, China, Gaza, Haiti, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Indonesia, Jordan, Kosovo, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sierra Leone and Bangladesh. Our teams have undertaken a range of work on deployment including general medical care, trauma and surgical care, outbreak response and training of local healthcare staff.

The UK EMT

The UK Emergency Medical Team (UK EMT) provides high quality emergency health care solutions in a range of humanitarian contexts on behalf of the UK Government. The programme is led by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and works under the guidelines of the WHO Classification and Minimum Standards for Medical Teams in sudden onset disasters. We recruit and train teams of UK-based clinicians, normally released for three weeks at a time by NHS employers. At any time, we have a team of sixty clinicians on call who are ready to respond to disasters anywhere in the world within twenty four hours.

We can respond following earthquakes, cyclones, hurricanes, disease outbreaks or to other humanitarian contexts. Depending on the needs, we might deploy individual personnel, small clinical or advisory teams, self-sufficient primary care facilities or a field hospital including surgical team and inpatient facilities.

UK-Med Vision, Mission and Values

Our Vision

A world where everyone has the healthcare they need when crises or disasters hit.

Our Mission

We save lives in emergencies.

When health services are overwhelmed, we get expert health staff to where they're needed fast.

We help communities prepare for future crises.

We Value:

Excellence

We set high standards for ourselves and the organisation. We strive to be outstanding in everything we do.

Determination

We have a can-do attitude and thrive on problem solving. No matter what the challenge, we explore all options so if there's a way we'll find it. We don't give up easily.

Compassion

We care about people. The health and wellbeing of our patients and our people is central to everything we do.

Learning

We believe in knowledge-sharing and giving people the means to develop their capabilities. We value learning and continual growth.

Collaboration

Working in partnership with stakeholders, communities and colleagues is key to the success of our work.

We respect the skills, knowledge and experience of those we work with and take care to listen and adapt to changes in need.

Job Description

Job Title	WASH Engineer
Duration	Till end of 31st of December 2024 (funding pipeline dependent), with potential extension.
Hours	Full time, with some weekend and evening working required to support the humanitarian programme delivery.
Place of work	Gaza with travel to Cairo, Egypt and Amman, Jordan

Purpose of role

The WASH Engineer will play a crucial role in providing technical engineering support to UK-Med's operations in the Gaza Strip. This role involves contributing expertise to infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities in the region.

Key responsibilities

1	Coordinate WASH construction activities with local governmental and non-governmental organizations.
2	Supervise project implementation to ensure timely and accurate completion according to established standards.
3	Maintain accurate records of materials and ensure quality control at construction sites.
4	Monitor project indicators and report data regularly to track progress.
5	Develop and implement safety protocols to prioritize beneficiary safety.
6	Support procurement processes for data collection services.
7	Maintain awareness of security situations in project areas and adhere to safety protocols.
8	Submit weekly technical reports and field visit reports
9	Represent UK-Med in relevant WASH meetings and events.
10	Conduct technical assessments and feasibility surveys for water and sanitation infrastructure.
11	Assist in bid document preparation, manage bid processes, and evaluate contractor quotations for infrastructure projects.
12	Develop and implement work plans for field activities in consultation with project teams.
13	Coordinate and execute infrastructure projects throughout the Gaza Strip.
14	Prepare and submit detailed progress reports, including assessments of work quality and contractor performance.
15	Ensure WASH staff are capable to support the facility with appropriate care for all cases, including advice related to IPC and WASH.

Safeguarding	
16	Comply with and uphold UK-Med safeguarding policies (including child protection, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, bullying and harassment) and all Codes of Conduct
17	Report all possible breaches of policy or Codes of Conduct through the appropriate channels in a timely fashion
General duties	
18	To ensure and promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in line with UK-Med's EDI Policy
19	Comply with all financial and procurement policies and procedures, including those relating to anti-bribery, anti-terrorism and anti-slavery
20	Support UK-Med's environmental policies and procedures, taking personal responsibility for contributing to reducing negative environmental impacts
21	Work within the security framework and subsequent rules and procedures put in place for the deployment depending on the context
22	Undertake training and comply with vetting requirements (including CRB / police checks, referencing) appropriate to the role as specified by UK-Med
23	Treat all people including colleagues, patients and other beneficiaries, volunteers, partner staff and the general public with respect and ensure their dignity in interactions with you and UK-Med
24	Other tasks as might be required to ensure effective delivery of UK-Med / READY / projects and programmes of work

Person Specification

WASH Engineer

Qualifications / Professional Memberships		
Q1	Degree or master’s degree in water and sanitation engineering, civil engineering, public health or relevant technical WASH specialization	Essential
Q2	Two years field experience or extensive field experience with designing, implementing, and maintaining water and sanitation systems, hygiene promotion and vector control programs in health facilities and outbreak preparedness and/or response.	Essential
Knowledge, Skills and Experience		
S1	Experience of 2-3 years in field of civil construction and water infrastructure engineering, at least 1-2 years in WASH sector.	Essential
S2	Proven previous experience in construction and the rehabilitation of WASH systems in low resource settings	Essential
S3	Experience of providing WASH and related IPC support during an outbreak	Essential
S4	Is a patient and good communicator (oral/written), who can function well in a working environment that involves a lot of diversity of cultures, languages, and personal interests and agendas.	Essential
S5	Able to work independently and manage various tasks under tight deadlines	Essential
S6	Computer literate, knowledge and experience of working on Auto CAD, Ms. Excel, word, Power point and Strong organizational skills.	Essential
S7	Strong knowledge and skills as well as practical experience of using civil engineering tools such Surveying Tools and etc.	Essential
S8	The capacity and willingness to be extremely flexible and accommodating in difficult and sometimes insecure working circumstances.	Essential
S9	Good understanding of spoken and written language (equivalent to UN Level III) in English	Essential
S10	IT proficiency, including MS Word, MS Excel and Email	Essential
S11	Additional languages particularly in Arabic	Desirable
Personal Attributes		
A1	Personal integrity and the highest standards of personal conduct	Essential
A2	Commitment to high performance, striving for excellence in all aspects of work	Essential

A3	Determined; working hard to get the job done and finding solutions to problems	Essential
A4	Compassionate; putting the health and wellbeing of patients and colleagues at the heart of all actions	Essential
A5	Collaborative; inclusive and respectful in all interactions with others, and an active and skilled communicator	Essential
A6	Committed to learning; continuously developing own skills, supporting the development of others and contributing to continuous improvement	Essential
A7	Able to work independently with limited supervision	Essential
Practical requirements		
P1	Will be practically available frequently enough, for long enough periods to deploy to diverse contexts	Essential
P2	Willingness to commit time to and provide authorisation for vetting procedures, medical clearance, training and development and other readiness activities	Essential
UK-Med Core Humanitarian Competencies		
C1	Understands operating contexts, key stakeholders and practices affecting current and future humanitarian interventions	Essential
C2	Is accountable for own work and uses resources effectively to achieve lasting results	Essential
C3	Develops and maintains collaborative and coordinated relationships with colleagues, stakeholders and staff	Essential
C4	Operates safely and securely in pressured environments	Essential
C5	Adapts to pressure and change to operate effectively within humanitarian context	Essential
C6	Demonstrates humanitarian values and principles, and motivates others to achieve results in complex situations, independent of role, function or seniority	Essential

Key terms and benefits

Salary:	£4200 GBP - £4500 GBP gross as per calendar month.
Working hours:	Full time, with some weekend and evening working required to support the humanitarian programme delivery
Annual Leave:	33 days per year including public holidays (equivalent to 14.5% additional holiday pay if in contexts where holiday cannot be taken).
Safeguarding and sanctions:	<p>To ensure the suitability for the role's work with both adults and children, and/or work within regulated environments (CAA, MRHA) an assessment of suitability for this work will be completed which will include DBS / police checks. For work in some countries or funded by some donors we will also run a comprehensive sanctions / suitable person check.</p> <p>Suitability for this work is a condition of employment.</p>
Health and medical:	<p>Health clearance as 'fit to deploy' by our occupational health provider is an essential requirement for deployment in this role.</p> <p>You must complete course of all required vaccinations to be cleared for deployment.</p>
Professional requirements:	There are no required professional memberships although relevant memberships may be an advantage.
Visa requirements:	Candidates must be able to travel quickly through Egypt and Jordan, securing visas on arrival with eligible documentation. If you do not meet this requirement, you can join our register of humanitarian and health professionals for other opportunities.
Term of contract:	Till end of 31st of December 2024 (funding pipeline dependent), with potential extension

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