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Post Title	Mental Health Consultant
Post Level	Individual Consultant
Duty Station	Santiago de Chile
Closing Date	March 9 th , 2018
Type of contract	6-month contract – from 01 April 2018 to 30 September 2018

General background of Project or Assignment:

During the year 2015, Chile's President announced before the United Nations General Assembly, the commitment of the country to resettle 120 Syrian refugees. In April 2017, the government announced that it would initiate the resettlement program with a first group of 15 families (60/70 people). Finally 14 families arrived in October 2017.

The current Chilean resettlement programme is coordinated by a Tripartite Working Group, which is led by the Refugees and Resettlement Section of the Ministry of Interior and Public Safety, with the financial and technical support of UNHCR, and the implementation of integration projects by the Arzobispado de Santiago Vicaría de la Pastoral Social.

Within this framework, during the course of 2017, UNHCR has initiated the implementation of the ERCM (Emerging Resettlement Countries Joint Support Mechanism) to support resettlement and legal pathways in the region, as well as to encourage the development of sustainable resettlement models through alternative schemes.

In order to enhance the incorporation of local governments as key stakeholders in the local integration of the Syrian refugees in their host communities, a cooperation agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Interior and Public Safety and the municipalities of Villa Alemana and Macul, setting out the responsibilities of each stakeholder within the resettlement process.

In this context, and so as to ensure a long-term sustainable resettlement program in the country, it is necessary to strengthen the capacities of local governments, implementing

partners and other relevant stakeholders – such as community based organizations – to mainstream a mental health approach within the services delivered. Moreover, it is necessary to strengthen the capacities of public and/or private officers providing mental health services in order to adjust the services delivered to the resettled refugee's needs.

Overall purpose and Scope of Assignment:

With the aforementioned background in mind, the Consultant for Mental Health will be based in Chile, under the supervision of the Head of Chile National Office, in close coordination with the National Resettlement Officer and the Regional Resettlement Officer based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As part of the Tripartite Working Group, UNHCR will ensure consistency of this Consultancy with the decisions/guidelines of the working group.

The activities done by the consultant will contribute to the following overall goals:

- To support the Tripartite Working Group in designing and implementing a proper mental health scheme for survivors of trauma, with an age, gender, diversity and multicultural approach.
- To strengthen the capacities of public and/or private mental health practitioners in order to deliver adequate services suitable to the resettled refugees' needs

The consultant shall be **responsible** for the following specific tasks:

- A. Map out the existing public and private resources that can effectively provide mental health services to resettled refugees.
- B. Develop a protocol for identification and therapeutic treatment of critical cases with specific mental health needs with an age, gender, diversity and multicultural approach.
- C. Provide expert advice to the members of the Tripartite Resettlement Working Group (Ministry of Interior, UNHCR, Vicaría de la Pastoral Social-CARITAS) on mainstreaming a mental health approach within the Syria Resettlement Program.
- D. Provide regular guidance and assistance to the case workers and interpreters of the implementing partner on the identification and referral of critical cases.
- E. Conduct training sessions for public and private mental health practitioners who are identified to provide services for refugees.
- F. Conduct other related activities as required.

Essential minimum qualifications:

- Candidates must be Chilean, naturalized or have a valid work visa.
- University degree in Psychology, Psychiatry or other related fields.
- Post Degree studies in trauma, intercultural approach and other areas related to the Consultancy will be considered an asset.
- At least 5 years of professional work experience relevant to the Consultancy.
- Excellent communications and conflict resolution skills and good command of Microsoft Office Suit are required.
- Fluency in English and Spanish with excellent reporting and writing skills in both languages.

Professional experience required

- Know-how on working with public programmes or humanitarian actions.
- Professional work experience in therapeutic settings using foreign language translator will be considered an asset.
- Minimal of 1 year of verifiable experience in working with social and/or public programmes for victims of trauma, refugees, asylum seekers and/or migrants will be an asset.

Submission of Applications:

Candidates shall submit their application including a letter of interest, complete Curriculum Vitae, copy of relevant degrees and an updated United Nations Personal History Form (P.11 form – download by clicking on the following link: <http://www.unhcr.org/recruit/p11new.doc>), all documents must be in PDF format.

All candidates should submit their application via e-mail to **chlsa@unhcr.org** Kindly indicate: “**Mental Health Consultant - Chile**” in the subject line.

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews and tests will be contacted.