

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ECOWAS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER POST OF
NURSE ANAESTHETIST TUTOR IN SIERRA LEONE**

I. Position Information

Job Title: Nurse Anaesthetist Tutor

Duty Station: Republic of Sierra Leone

Category: ECOWAS International Volunteer

Type of Contract: ECOWAS Volunteers Programme. Non-Family Position

Expected start date: 1st February 2023

Duration: One (01) year, with possibility for renewal (depending on budget availability and satisfactory performance)

Deadline for Application: 31st December 2022

II. Preamble

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) was founded by the Treaty of Lagos, in May 1975 and is a regional group of fifteen countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo. The aim of the Community is to promote co-operation and integration, leading to the establishment of an economic union in West Africa in order to raise the living standards of its peoples, and to maintain and enhance economic stability, foster relations-among Member States and contribute to the progress and development of the African continent.

Through its departments and various agencies, ECOWAS is implementing critical and strategic programmes that will deepen cohesion and progressively eliminate identified barriers to full integration. In this way, the citizens of the community can ultimately take ownership for the realization of the new vision of moving from an ECOWAS of States to an “ECOWAS of the People: Peace and Prosperity for All” by 2050.

Toward the achievement of this vision, the ECOWAS Youth and Sports Development Centre (EYSDC), which was created by the Decision A/DEC.13/01/05 of 19th January 2005 at Accra, Ghana as a specialized Agency, is implementing policies, activities and strategic action plans, as well as the ECOWAS vision in the areas of youth and sports, including the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP).

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The EYSDC's objective is to initiate, develop, coordinate and implement youth and sports programmes within the Community. To this end, it works to:

- mobilise the different segments of the population to ensure their integration and effective participation in the social development of the region, as well as the promotion of youth organisations and professional associations to ensure maximum participation in the activities of the Community;
- provide a permanent institutional framework within ECOWAS through which issues related to Youth and Sports activities in the sub-region can be developed and promoted.

One of the flagship areas of commitment of the EYSDC is the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP). As part of a regional mechanism for promoting peace and development within the region and supporting member countries in crisis, especially post-conflict countries, the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP) was set up in 2004. In line with the vision of the Founding Fathers of the Community and their dream of a truly integrated West Africa, based on the foundational principles of community and solidarity, the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP) was launched in Monrovia, Liberia on March 26, 2010, with the initial aims to facilitate the engagement and participation of young Community citizens in support of the efforts of Member States in post-conflict International reconstruction, peace-building, development, and general economic growth.

Contrasting sharply with the traditional forms of volunteering, where volunteers generally work outside of their professional areas of competence, the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme is a skills-based volunteering model that leverages the professional and specialised skills and talents of the individual volunteers to respond to demands, fill gaps and generally provide support to member States in areas of identified need and developmental deficits.

III. Organizational Framework of the Centre

The Youth and Sports Development Centre (EYSDC) is one of the Directorates under the Human Development and Social Affairs Department of the ECOWAS Commission. It is based in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) under the headquarters agreement signed between the Burkina Faso authorities and the ECOWAS Commission.

Decision N° A/DEC 13/01/2005 of 19th January 2005 had adopted the organizational structure comprising of four Divisions (Youth, Sports, Administration and Finance, and TIC). However, since 2008, the Centre has undergone some structural modifications following the transfer of the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme (EVP) from the Political Affairs, Peace and Security Department of the Commission (CPAPS) to the EYSDC, under the Human Development and Social Affairs Department.

The EVP is centralized in organisation, but decentralized in its application to allow for flexibility and adaptation to the current realities of each country. The strategic directions, including the formulation of the overall vision, goals and objectives of the Programme, is the responsibility of the Regional Coordination Council (RCC), whose role, among others, is to ensure that the EVP becomes a genuine voluntary arm of ECOWAS.

Being a cross-cutting programme, the ECOWAS Volunteers Programme Regional Coordination Council (RCC) includes representatives of relevant departments of the ECOWAS Commission as well as other

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relevant stakeholders from beneficiary member States and partners. The EVP-RCC is chaired by the Commissioner for Human Development and Social Affairs of the ECOWAS Commission. She is assisted by the Director of the Directorate of Education, Science and Culture (DESC) of the ECOWAS Commission and the Director of the ECOWAS Youth and Sports Development Centre (EYSDC), as Alternate Chairs of the EVP-RCC.

The executive arm of the RCC is the EYSDC in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), which serves as the Regional Office of the Programme. The programme's regional coordination activities are managed by a Programme Officer under the Youth Division of the EYSDC. This role is currently played by an EVP Regional Coordinator under the direct supervision of the EYSDC Director, for effectiveness.

At the National level, the National Coordination Council (NCC) serves as the body through which national support and orientation are provided to Programme. It is the "mechanism through which general advice and policy guidance as well as national administrative and institutional support are provided to the Programme and an understanding of volunteerism in the specific local or national context is attained." This Council works towards the understanding and entrenchment of the Volunteer Programme in the member States where the Programme is implemented. It also serves as advisor to the country office, which is responsible for the administrative implementation of the Programme at the national level. The NCC is chaired by the Head of the ECOWAS National Office in the country. It is made up of Focal Points/Representatives of the various user ministries, Civil Society Organisations, United Nations Agencies and local youth associations involved in the implementation of the Programme in-country.

IV. Duties and Responsibilities

At the end of 2019 the training for the Diploma of Nurse Anaesthetists was stopped in Sierra Leone. Since then the number of practicing Nurse Anaesthetists has continued to decrease to the point that anaesthesia service provision in Sierra Leone is at breaking point. It has therefore been decided to restart Diploma training of Nurse Anaesthetists as soon as possible. However, Sierra Leone currently does not have enough experienced faculty to effectively restart the Diploma in Nurse Anaesthesia. It is therefore necessary to engage international assistance to further develop training and faculty.

The ECOWAS Volunteer Nurse Anaesthetist Tutor will work directly with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation of Sierra Leone. His/her mission aims at (i) ensuring that training of Nurse Anaesthesia providers of all levels is sustainably established, (ii) developing the necessary teaching materials, and (iii) training national faculty.

The Nurse Anaesthetist Tutor shall carry out the key activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Classroom teaching of students on the Diploma and BSc courses
- Train, coach and mentor Sierra Leonean to become faculty
- Review of curricula for the Diploma and BSc courses
- Clinical supervision of students especially when on outside rotations
- Prepare and conduct examinations



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- Develop teaching materials
- Travel to the districts is required
- Any other activities that the National Coordinator of Anaesthesia deems necessary

The incumbent will be working in the provinces or as assigned by the Ministry. The incumbent may also be required to attend workshops, seminars, meetings, conferences, etc and perform any other duty assigned by the supervisor. There is also a frequent requirement to make an early start or late finish as well as work on weekends.

Required Qualifications and Experience:

We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic person who is dedicated to develop anaesthesia training in Sierra Leone. The following is minimally required:

- Qualified nurse anaesthetist
- BSc in Nurse Anaesthesia or nursing education
- Minimal 5 years clinical practice post BSc
- Demonstrated ability in developing faculty
- Demonstrated ability and experience in teaching student nurse anaesthetists
- Demonstrated interest in developing anaesthesia workforce
- Fluent in spoken and written English
- Word, Excel and PowerPoint literate.

Additional skills must include:

- Ability to work within a multidisciplinary team
- Interpersonal skills
- People management skills
- Analytical skills
- Leadership skills
- Detail orientation
- Ability to work with little supervision
- Being proactive and enterprising (taking initiative)

Knowledge of volunteerism will be an asset.

Language Requirements:

- Perfect command of the English language (written and oral) is mandatory.
- Knowledge of any other official language of ECOWAS (French or Portuguese) will be considered an asset / advantage

Composition of Application:

Applications must include:



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- A signed letter of application/motivation addressed to the Director, EYSDC, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso;
- A detailed Curriculum Vitae highlighting specific skills and experiences of the candidate;
- Copies of certificates, diplomas and work certificates (originals or certified true copies will be required for sighting before deployment);
- Copy of international passport or National Identity Card
- A police clearance certificate of less than three months (will be required before assumption of duty).

Submission of Applications:

Applications must be submitted no later than 31st December 2022, via email to the address: sl.eivtutornurse@ecowasvolunteers.com (and CC: cdjs@ecowas.int) with the title: **Application for the Post of Nurse Anaesthetist Tutor in Sierra Leone** on the subject line.

**All applications without this subject title are automatically disqualified.
Applications received after the deadline will be disqualified.**

V. Conditions of Service

An initial contract for 12 months will be offered with a basic Monthly Living Allowance of 412.5 USD or its equivalent in local currency. Other allowances as provided for in the Conditions of Service of ECOWAS Volunteers, will also be paid.

At the beginning of the assignment, and only where applicable, a settling-in grant will be paid, and a resettlement grant will be provided at the end of the assignment. Where applicable, Air transport from home country to the country of duty station and return at end of mission is also provided.

A life and health insurance cover for the incumbent of the position will be provided.

Other conditions of service as stipulated in the EVP Management and Administration Procedures Manual and Handbook of Conditions of Service shall apply.

VI. Other Conditions

The position is open to citizens of all ECOWAS Member States (EXCEPT THOSE FROM SIERRA LEONE), aged not more than 38 years by the date of recruitment.

This position is considered a non-family ECOWAS International Volunteer position.

International ECOWAS Volunteers generally, cannot serve in their own country of origin.

ECOWAS is committed to promoting gender equality and equity. To this end, female candidates are strongly encouraged.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



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ECOWAS reserves the right to terminate the recruitment process without notice.