



Forests

Senior Volunteer for to a study on sustainable forests financial models.

Senior

– 1 positions

Deployment dates:

01/11/2020 - 01/11/2021

Asia And Oceania
South-Eastern Asia
Viet Nam

Lead organisation:



France Volontaires (France)

Closing date:

28/08/2020

The EU Aid Volunteers is an initiative of the European Union. It brings together volunteers and organisations from different countries, providing practical support to humanitarian aid projects and contributing to strengthening the local capacity and resilience of disaster-affected communities. Participants in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative must be over 18 years of age and be a citizen of an EU Member State or a long-term resident in the EU.

DESCRIPTION

EUAV FORESTS focuses on building the resilience of the communities living in these territories, through the civic engagement of European volunteers and local communities in Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Congo and Vietnam. The action that mobilises EUAV volunteers is divided into 5 strategic axes:

èA comprehensive approach to resilience, by carrying out a mapping study aimed at identifying, at all levels with the active participation of each of the communities concerned, the various factors of vulnerability to disasters and crises.

èSupport provided by volunteers to vulnerable populations, which will allow the direct development of human capital so that they can reduce the impact of climate change and human induced pollutions cope and install an adaptation process.èActivities to mobilize future generations, to help to develop the social capital of their communities, to limit future risks and, in return, to promote community development activities that will strengthen individual resilience.

èDissemination of information, strengthening of social ties and support for local populations to set up projects that complement awareness-raising activities.

èA last workstream is ensuring sustainability, awareness raising and fundamental change of attitudes through the involvement of young people in projects and advocacy campaigns around the rights of communities living in forest areas.

After a rigorous selection procedure, the 27 EU volunteers selected for FORESTS will have the opportunity to travel to these countries to carry out junior or senior (=more than five years of experience) expert roles in climate change adaptation, forest resource management, awareness raising, communication and advocacy and project management. The working languages will be English and French.

Operational details & security context:

Humanitarian context

Vietnam has a population of 97 million people, making it the third most populous country in Southeast Asia and the most populous of the mainland countries. After many years of conflict, the economic reform instituted in 1986 brought significant economic growth to Vietnam. With this new surge of export-oriented manufacturing and foreign direct investment, 46 million people were lifted out of poverty; the country saw dramatic increases in access to infrastructure, education, and clean water.

Additionally, the location and topography of Viet Nam make it one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, suffering from typhoons, tropical storms, floods, drought, seawater intrusions, landslides and forest fires. Of these, the most damaging and frequent are typhoons, tropical storms and floods. The northern and central regions experience an annual average of 6-8 typhoons or tropical storms from the South China Sea; these extreme weather events also occur less frequently in the southern areas of the country. Local community is directly affected and are the most vulnerable to extreme weather events. The worst sufferers of the disaster impacts are the communities and people in the rural areas.

The Vietnamese Government is working to ensure Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) remains a top priority. The Government has developed a number of important legal documents, strategies, and plans to assess its risk and response to disaster management. Additionally, the Government has prioritized its partnerships with neighbouring nations as well as the international humanitarian community to help Vietnam prepare for, respond to and minimize the effects of disasters.

Security context

Public Health Measures to combat COVID-19 have been implemented very early (i.e. 30/01/2020 schools are closed; 01/02/2020 flights from China are banned etc.) and social distancing rules implemented strictly until 22/04/2020. Religious gatherings, festivals, sporting events, bars, pubs, beauty salons remained banned after this date. As of 20/07/2020, Ministry of Health's confirmed 383 cases of COVID-19 (the majority having recovered). Vietnam today is seen as an exception (0 death declared), a country having applied particularly efficient public health measures.

As of 16/04/2020, the government announced the end of the lockdown in all the districts of the country. All activities have since gradually restarted but all borders are still closed.

Since that date, all new cases are persons coming back from abroad. These patients are directly registered in one of the official treatment centers (whatever his/her nationality).

Vietnam has no known terrorist groups and no recent history of terrorist attacks. Although storms typically hit central and northern Vietnam from June to October/November, with coastal central provinces being the most-affected, Hanoi feels less of an impact, often experiencing only heavy rainfall.

Vietnam's roads are congested and chaotic. City roads are crowded with cars, bicycles, trucks, buses and pedestrians, while roads outside of city centres often experience livestock crossings. A rise in vehicle ownership has exacerbated congestion; motorcycles are particularly numerous and are often driven erratically, and at times, against the flow of traffic.

Road accidents are a major cause of injury. Be alert at all times on the roads. All necessary instructions, security manuals and rules will be given to the EU Aid Volunteer prior to his/her arrival.

The EU Aid Volunteer will be hosted by SRD, responsible of coordination and implementation of activities at national level.

Organisational context

SRD is a Vietnamese non-profit, non-governmental organisation that is dedicated to working with disadvantaged communities and assisting them to improve their quality of life and manage their resources sustainably. SRD staff are highly experienced, with a depth of expertise in the fields of agriculture, climate change, forest governance, economics, sociology, psychology, gender, environment, communications. Child protection policy has been integrated into SRD's projects since 200. In addition, "Gender Equality" is among the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and is one of the cross-cutting themes within SRD's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. SRD works to promote the value of gender equality and strives to ensure that the topic is integrated into its projects from design to implementation.

Along with our full-time staff, SRD also hosts a number of international volunteers and local interns. They bring to the team expertise from their home countries and a fresh perspective on our operations. All of SRD's volunteers have worked on many projects in various departments: Sustainable Agriculture, Climate Change, Human Resources, Communications, Forest Governance, etc. Their diverse backgrounds and experience have provided important inputs to our works. More information is available here: www.srd.org.vn

TASKS

Contribute to the assessment of funding and financial products for local communities

- Conduct literature review, research and pertinent stakeholders interviews (financial institutions, forestry SMEs, smallholders and groups responsible for community forest management) on financial products available for planting and restoring forests activities with focus on loans and insurance;
- Actively contribute to the elaboration of a study report;

- Help facilitate a participatory workshop bringing together SMEs and smallholders on funding available;
- Participate to projects drafting.

Take part to SRD daily activities

- Participate in all relevant meetings with local stakeholders;
- Participate in all SRD team coordination meetings and missions' coordination meetings upon discussion with Line Manager;
- Participate, when possible, to in-field visits to communities supported by SRD;
- Participate to SRD advocacy activities or material;
- Support and provide Training and Capacity Building to SRD staff;
- Provide support in the elaboration of technical and financial reports (internal and for the donor).

Participation to the visibility of EU Aid Volunteers Initiative and EUAV FORESTS project

- Promote the role of EUAV international volunteering in disaster risk reduction, prevention and response in association with EACEA;
- Promote partnerships and collaboration between local and European organisations on climate change adaptation issues;
- Contribute to the publication of articles or other contents (videos, podcasts, etc.) on the experience of EUAV volunteers in the field and on their activities, in cooperation with the project partners' teams and local stakeholders;
- Collect audio and visual material during the activities for promotion and capitalisation purposes;
- In coordination with SRD's project partners, participate in public awareness activities during deployment and once back in Europe.

Apprenticeship:

N/A

Required competences:

Studies:

Master degree in environmental/forestry/climate sciences, international development, political sciences or related field.

Skills and Knowledge:

- Strong analytical and diagnostic skills;
- Strong writing, and synthesis skills;
- Good knowledge of sustainable governance and management of natural resources, preferably in forestry;
- Good knowledge on research and/or knowledge management technique;
- **ADD TECHNICAL SKILLS REGARDING FINANCIAL PRODUCT AND SUSTAINABLE FOREST FINANCE**
- Good knowledge of international corpus related to climate crisis;

- Knowledge related to humanitarian issues and specifically related to climate crisis;
- Interest in stakeholders engagement, particularly local partners and community groups;
- Interest in gender issues mainstreaming in project activities;
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- Knowledge on / interest in stakeholders engagement, particularly local partners and community groups;
- Interest in gender issues mainstreaming in project activities;
- Knowledge of EU funding procedures would be an asset;
- Mastery of Office Suite is essential.

General skills:

- Strong organizational capacity to meet deadlines;
- Leadership;
- Good Intercultural communication skills;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Team working and facilitator mindset;
- Humility and willingness to learn from others;
- Autonomy;
- Dynamic and proactive attitude;
- Adaptability to changing contexts.

Languages:

Strong command of English mandatory, French command a strong asset, Vietnamese knowledge, an asset

Experience:

- Minimum of 5 years' experience in relevant fields;
- Demonstrated experience in research or data processing and communication and information technologies;
- Previous working or volunteer experience in developing countries and/or NGO strongly encouraged;
- Previous experience in research or knowledge management an asset;
- Previous experience in Vietnam or Southeast Asia would be an asset.
- Willingness to commit to safeguarding sensitive ecosystems and improving community adaptation to climate change and its attendant humanitarian risks.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are made directly within the sending organisation, please check out the how to apply section.

Eligibility and exception criteria:

The candidate for EU Aid Volunteers must be a citizen of the EU or a third country national who is a long-term resident in an EU Member State, and must have a minimum age of 18 years.

- You must be an EU citizen or long-term resident in an EU Member State;
- You must be at least 18 years old. Online volunteering is open to volunteers of any nationality;
- Being available full-time is an important commitment. You must be available

for the duration indicated in the vacancy notice, which can range from 6 months to 12 months.

- You do not necessarily need to have experience in the field of humanitarian aid to apply for an EU volunteer position. The EU Aid Volunteers programme is open to people with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences.
- You must, however, meet the requirements of each volunteer position, which you will find in each EUAV FORESTS mission advertisement.

Minimum Requirements:

- Be available during the selection process (starting in September 2020);
- Complete the online (1 week) and presential (9-12 d) training modules scheduled by EACEA (Summer 2020);
- Provide the administrative and medical documents that will be requested within the time limits (August-September);
- To take part to the pre-deployment induction organized by sending organisations (ESI LABS! and France Volontaires) (November).

CONDITION OF SERVICE

Learning Opportunities:

Development of technical skills in areas related to linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD), sustainable forestry management, protection and/or resilience;

Development of intercultural knowledge;

Development of professional and human skills;

Learning one or more local languages.

Working and Living Conditions:

An allowance according to each country and in adequacy with EUAV standards will be proposed;

As of 01/04/2020 and in line with measures imposed by local authorities to combat the COVID-19, all SRD staff started to work from home for 15 days. SRD's management team has rapidly put in place new communication channels and regular distance coordination meetings. Field activities have completely been put on hold during these 2 weeks.

As of 16/04/2020, field activities were allowed to resume in "low risk provinces" (staff travelling but wearing masks and limiting gathering to a maximum of 10 people). SRD has also reoriented field activities towards a sensitization campaign addressing vulnerable communities living in remote areas and in line with public health authorities' recommendations.

SRD has also rapidly implemented a survey, with support from its local partners, aimed at better understanding the impact of the COVID-19 on people's lives and livelihoods. SRD will now continue to support return to normalcy for its own staff, its beneficiaries and its partners. SRD shall also continue to support and spread public health authorities' recommendations. At the time of writing, SRD' staff still applies social distancing rules but living and working conditions are almost

back to normal.

Transport and visa fee included;

Availability of furnished/ equipped accommodation, secured, insured;

Electricity, water and gas costs borne by project;

Meals: taken care of by the volunteer;

Coverage / insurance and obligatory vaccinations: supported by the project.

SELECTION PROCESS

Shortlisting and Interviews:

- To apply, the candidate shall send her/his application including: the Application Form online, attach the CV, a Motivation Letter and the Self-Assessment Questionnaire, to: PROJET.FORESTS.EUAV@france-volontaires.org. Please note that applications sent directly to the host organisations as well as incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Shortlisting and interviews of the candidates: from 01/09/2020 to 31/10/2020.
- In case of calendar changes, the candidate will be notified by sending organisations.

Interview Process:

- All the interviews will be done online. The interviews have the aim to explore both the competences and the motivations of the candidates;
- The candidates selected for the training will be notified at least one month before the training. The date of the notification may vary according to the number of applications received;
- The selected candidate/s will attend an online and in-presence training, which are part of the selection process;
- Please note that more than one candidate per position will attend the training;
- The final decision about the candidate to be deployed will be taken by sending and hosting organization after the training;
- For the selected candidates, a pre-departure session will hold in France.

Expected date decision on outcome:

31/10/2020

TIMETABLE

Date of training:

From 01/09/2020 to 30/11/2020

Apprenticeship Placement:

N/A

Pre-deployment preparation and induction:

October 2020

Deployment:

November 2020

Post-deployment activities:

December 2021 to January 2022

Sectors:

- Climate
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Linking Relief, Rehabilitation And Development (Lrrd)
- Livelihoods
- Resilience

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