

# Calling all humanitarian public health professionals!

## Would you like to:

- Join the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's team of humanitarian health experts?
- Answer key methodological questions in the field of humanitarian health?
- Improve evidence-based public health practice in the field?
- Work with the United Nations, nongovernmental organizations, and other humanitarian public health leaders?
- Teach at leading universities and humanitarian organizations?

## Join CDC's International Emergency and Refugee Health Branch

- In collaboration with partners, we use scientific (epidemiologic) principles to reduce mortality and morbidity in emergency-affected populations across the world.

### The Job:

The Health Scientist / Epidemiologist will identify and analyze public health issues and their impact on public policies and conduct scientific studies and surveys related to complex humanitarian emergencies. The position includes overseeing and executing technical public health programs related to one or more of the following subjects: nutrition, food security, epidemiologic studies, mental health, reproductive health, and water and sanitation in humanitarian emergency settings.

In their subject matter(s), the employee will develop and execute emergency response activities, operational research projects, capacity building programs, and data driven public health policy projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America in coordination with international humanitarian and United Nations organizations.

### Why this job?

- You would use an evidence-based approach to influence the strategies and practices of operational partners, decision-makers and other stakeholders.
- You would work closely with leading experts on some of the most technically challenging epidemiological and public health problems in the field.
- You would use applied research methods to resolve practical problems in field settings and test whether hypotheses are generalizable to other emergency-affected populations.
- You would work in humanitarian settings to improve the timeliness, quality and coordination of the public health response in collaboration with CDC's partners.

### What is it like working for this group?

- We are a diverse group of technical experts who are dedicated to doing good work.
- Individual experts manage individual projects and collaborate on major initiatives. Human and other resources are available as needed.

### How to apply:

Deadline for all jobs posted is Friday, October 23, 2009.

Multiple positions may be filled.

**All Non US citizens: please e-mail your CV to [IERHB@cdc.gov](mailto:IERHB@cdc.gov)**

US Citizens: see the job announcements listed below and on <http://www.usajobs.gov/>

	Links for applicants who are licensed to practice medicine in the US		Links for applicants who are not licensed to practice medicine in the US	
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## Some pictures from the field



In collaboration with the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health and UNICEF Sri Lanka, Muireann Brennan, Farah Husain, Kristin Becknell and Mark Anderson and conducted a survey on the health status of the population of Jaffna district. Jaffna District was selected because it experienced some of the heaviest fighting during the civil conflict. Information gathered during this assessment will assist the national and local governments in their reconstruction efforts. These data will also assist UNICEF and the government in assessing the health effects of the conflict on internally displaced persons currently residing in the Jaffna area.

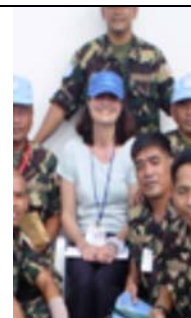
This retrospective community and household survey gathered general health data including vaccination coverage rates among children and health care access; the mortality, injury, disability and mental health conditions; and sexual violence among female children and youth (September 2009).



In collaboration with USAID's OFDA and UNICEF, CDC responded to the cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe. CDC evaluated the water, sanitation and hygiene response to the outbreak and investigated factors leading to the high case fatality rate. In this photo, Tom Handzel is checking the quality of water at a cholera treatment center (2008-09).

The Kenya Ministry of Health asked CDC to conduct a survey to determine access to and use of healthcare facilities for patients with chronic diseases such as HIV and TB during the post-election period (January-March 2008). In this photo, Susan Cookson works in an internally displaced persons camp Central Province, Kenya.

At the request of UNICEF, CDC conducted a nationally representative survey of mortality, war-related injury, disability and mental health in Afghanistan. In this photo, Oleg Bilukha is conducting survey interviews in the field.



In collaboration with Halo Trust, CDC trained mental health survey workers about landmine security in Cambodia. In this photo, Barbara Lopes-Cardozo is talking to the national expert in landmine clearance.

In collaboration with WFP and UNICEF, CDC is providing technical support for a fourth state and regional nutrition and food security assessment in Darfur. In this photo, Leisel Talley is collecting information on a mother and her child.

In collaboration with UNDPKO and MINUSTAH Haiti CDC conducted a HIV/AIDS KAP survey among 987 peacekeepers. The findings were used to improve HIV/AIDS education and training among peacekeepers globally. In this photo, survey lead Basia Tomczyk poses with some peacekeepers.

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