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### **Job Boards and E-mail Listservs**

Most major aid agencies list vacancies on their website. In addition, the following websites advertise jobs for qualified and experienced aid workers. Many offer free e-mail notification of new vacancies; some include postings for volunteers and interns.

#### **Action without Borders - Idealist Jobs Openings**

<http://www.idealists.org>

Over 1500 vacancies posted by local NGOs in USA and 150+ other countries. Free daily e-mail service.

#### **AlertNet Jobs**

[www.alertnet.org/thepeople/jobs/](http://www.alertnet.org/thepeople/jobs/)

Offers listing of current vacancies from leading organizations in of emergency relief.

#### **BOND**

[www.bond.org.uk/classifieds/index.html](http://www.bond.org.uk/classifieds/index.html)

Current vacancies with British-based international development NGOs

#### **Canadian International Development Agency**

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/acdi-cida.nsf/eng/home>

Opportunities for Canadian citizens but includes links to international NGOs based in Canada and general advice of wider interest.

#### **Career Link**

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/returned/careerlink/jobs/>

Online listing of employment opportunities for returned peace corps volunteers.

#### **The Communication Initiative Vacancy service**

[http://www.comminit.com/job\\_vacancies](http://www.comminit.com/job_vacancies)

A listing of vacancies with organizations specializing in communication interventions for positive international development. Website also includes register of consultants available for work within the development and communication sectors



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### **ConflictJobs**

A mailing list for jobs in the fields of peace and conflict resolution, development, international education and human rights. To join, send a blank email to: [conflictjobs-subscribe@yahooogroups.com](mailto:conflictjobs-subscribe@yahooogroups.com)

### **DevEx.com**

<http://devex.com/>

One of the largest directories of international development professionals.

### **DevNetJobs.org**

[www.devnetjobs.org/](http://www.devnetjobs.org/)

Independent jobs portal for the international development sector. Register on site for free weekly email update.

**The Economist recruitment section** includes senior jobs in relief and development organizations (not only for economists).

[http://www.economist.com/classifieds/classified\\_list.cfm?classified\\_type\\_cd=R](http://www.economist.com/classifieds/classified_list.cfm?classified_type_cd=R)

**The Guardian** also frequently lists humanitarian vacancies in its jobs section.

<http://www.guardianjobs.com/>

### **ELDIS**

[www.eldis.org/news/jobs.htm](http://www.eldis.org/news/jobs.htm)

Offers links to several websites listing jobs in development.

### **Foreign Policy Association - Global Jobs Board**

[www.fpa.org/jobs\\_contact2423/jobs\\_contact.htm](http://www.fpa.org/jobs_contact2423/jobs_contact.htm)

Listing jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities in relief and development organizations. Offers free e-mail notification for new postings.

### **Interaction**

<http://www.interaction.org/careers-international-development>



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Resources for people seeking paid or volunteer positions with US-based international relief and development agencies.

### **International Health Exchange (IHE)**

<http://www.redr.org.uk/en/jobs/index.cfm>

Specialist recruiter of health workers for overseas development and humanitarian programs.

### **Mango**

[www.mango.org.uk](http://www.mango.org.uk)

Specialist register for finance professionals

### **Nonprofit Jobs around the World**

[www.idealists.org/career/morejobs.html](http://www.idealists.org/career/morejobs.html)

*"On this page, we have listed every job site or directory we could find on the Web."*

### **OneWorld Jobs**

[www.oneworld.net/jobs/](http://www.oneworld.net/jobs/)

Listings for many jobs in human rights, environment, and sustainable development.

### **Opportunities Abroad**

<http://www.wse.org.uk/>

An extensive directory of vacancies in over 80 developing countries, across a variety of skills, from 40+ aid, mission and development agencies. Around 50% of posts require a faith commitment.

### **Oxford Human Resources Consultants Ltd**

[www.oxfordhr.co.uk/](http://www.oxfordhr.co.uk/)

Recruitment consultancy covering management and specialist posts in the areas of development aid, emergency relief, environmental conservation, and ethical business sectors.



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### RedR

[www.redr.org](http://www.redr.org)

Maintains a register of competent individuals who can be called upon at very short notice.

### ReliefWeb Humanitarian Vacancies

[www.reliefweb.int/vacancies/](http://www.reliefweb.int/vacancies/)

The main site for humanitarian relief job announcements; also provides links to most other web sites listing jobs in this field. Free registration for automatic weekly notification of new postings.

### Yellow Monday

<http://www.ids.ac.uk/yellow-monday>

Weekly newsletter from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in Sussex includes a listing of internal and external job vacancies in the development sector. It is available online or by email.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

**Action Without Borders** ([idealists.org](http://idealists.org)) is a US-based register of around 23,000 non-profit and community organizations in 150+ countries with many opportunities for volunteers.

**Balkan Sunflowers** [www.balkansunflowers.org](http://www.balkansunflowers.org) brings together volunteers from all over the world to work on short projects which help to make life easier and more fun, and contribute to a climate of trust and self-confidence.

**Casa Alianza** <http://www.casa-alianza.org.uk/> offers 6-12 month placements for Spanish speakers to work with street children in Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Nicaragua.

**Global Volunteer Network** ([volunteer.org.nz](http://volunteer.org.nz)) places people in community projects in China, Ecuador, Ghana, Nepal, Romania, and Uganda. Volunteers have the



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opportunity to participate in a variety of educational and community aid programs. Volunteers can be involved in teaching English, environmental work, health and sanitation, and cultural home stays.

**International Service** ([internationalservice.org.uk](http://internationalservice.org.uk)) recruits professionals for two-year placements with locally organized and managed initiatives in Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Mali and the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

**National Centre for Volunteering** <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/> lists around one hundred agencies in Britain that place volunteers abroad on work projects. The duration of placements ranges from a few weeks to 2 years, and many organisations will charge a fee.

**Progressio** ([ciir.org](http://ciir.org)) places skilled professionals to share their skills with partners in 11 countries. Advocacy work is focused around 3 themes: effective governance and participation, HIV & AIDS, sustainable environment and small-scale farming.

**RedCross** - Each year over one million Americans serve as Red Cross volunteers serving local community needs — helping people in emergencies, providing half the nation's blood supply, teaching first aid and CPR courses, delivering emergency messages to members of the military, organizing programs for the elderly, for the youth... <http://www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer/>

**Skillshare International** (<http://www.skillshare.org/>) recruits development workers and healthcare trainers for projects in Africa and Asia.

**Voluntary Work Information Service** ([workingabroad.com](http://workingabroad.com)) is an international networking service for volunteers, workers and travelers on volunteer projects in over 150 countries worldwide.

### ***Volunteering and Overseas Development: A Guide to Opportunities and Thinking About Volunteering***

Two booklets by Returned Volunteer Action (RVA) form an invaluable introductory



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pack for those considering becoming an overseas volunteer or development worker. Information from [retvolact@lineone.net](mailto:retvolact@lineone.net)

**VSO** (<http://www.vso.org.uk/>), **Peace-Corps** ([peacecorps.gov](http://peacecorps.gov)), and **CECI** (<http://www.ceci.ca/ceci/en/index.html>) provide training and field placements for qualified and experienced professionals willing to commit around 2 years' to working in a developing country for local wages.

**United Nations Volunteers** ([unv.org](http://unv.org)) offers a wide range of opportunities for professional volunteers in health, peacekeeping and development projects with UN agencies around the world. For information on internships with the UN, see: <http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/sds/internsh/index.htm>

**World Volunteer Web** (<http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org/>) provides volunteer news and information from around the world.

## **Specialized Training Opportunities:**

**Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action (ATHA)** co-organized by the Sida Civil Society Center (SCSC) and the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research at Harvard University (HPCR), and aims to build a foundation of insightful and continuous dialogue on humanitarian issues among NGOs and other relevant stakeholders. <http://www.atha.se/>

**The Australian Aid Resource and Training Guide (AARTG)** lists courses based mainly in Australia but some are also available by distance learning or online: <http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/jahia/Jahia/pid/171>

**Bioforce Development Institute** is a French centre for professional training and human resources management, specializing in International Aid. <http://www.bioforce.asso.fr/spip.php?rubrique30>



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**Financial Management Training at Mango** - [www.mango.org.uk/training](http://www.mango.org.uk/training)

**Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)** - Swedish government agency dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of international conflict and crisis management, with a particular focus on peace operations.

<http://www.folkebernadotteacademy.se/en/Training/>

**Human Rights Internet** (Human Rights Education) - [www.hri.ca](http://www.hri.ca)

**Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC): The Global IDP Project** - The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), established in 1998 by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), is the leading international body monitoring conflict-induced internal displacement worldwide. [http://www.internal-displacement.org/8025708F004BD0DA/\(httpPages\)/5204EA427FB0EFBB8025708F005E4FD6?OpenDocument](http://www.internal-displacement.org/8025708F004BD0DA/(httpPages)/5204EA427FB0EFBB8025708F005E4FD6?OpenDocument)

**ReliefWeb** offers a useful resource in the form of the Humanitarian Assistance Training Inventory (HATI) at <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwt.nsf/doc211?OpenForm> that lists courses, workshops, certificate programs as well as some academic programs.

**Training (RedR)** - <http://www.redr.org/>

Review of NGO Management and Development Courses:

[www.gdrc.org/ngo/ngo-curriculum.html](http://www.gdrc.org/ngo/ngo-curriculum.html)

Short courses at CDS in Swansea, Wales:

<http://www.swansea.ac.uk/cds/teaching/short/overview.htm>

**United Nations Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP)** -

<http://www.undmtp.org/>



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### **Academic Programs:**

#### **Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Programs in Other Countries**

##### **Australia**

Charles Sturt University – Bachelor of Social Science degree with an Emphasis in Emergency Management:

[http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/emergency\\_management/](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/emergency_management/)

Southern Cross University – Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters Level Community Development/Emergency Management:

<http://www.scu.edu.au/schools/sass/cdem/>.

##### **Canada**

British Columbian Institute of Technology (BCIT): <http://www.bcit.ca/>

George Brown College – Emergency Management Certificates:

[http://coned.georgebrown.ca/owa\\_prod/cewskcrss.P\\_ProgArea?area\\_code=PA0005](http://coned.georgebrown.ca/owa_prod/cewskcrss.P_ProgArea?area_code=PA0005)

Justice Institute of British Columbia – Emergency Management Certificate Program:

<http://jibc.bc.ca/emergency/>

University College of Cape Breton/Atlantic Institute for Infrastructure Protection – Bachelor of Technology in Emergency Management:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIweb/edu/collegelist/dl/University%20College%20of%20Cape%20Breton.doc>

York University – Professional Certificate Emergency Management:

<http://www.yorku.ca/akevents/academic/SAS/EM/index.html>

##### **Turkey**





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Istanbul Technical University – Master’s Degree in Emergency Management:  
<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/833314/Istanbul-Technical-University-Master-s-Degree-in-Emergency-Management>

### United Kingdom

Coventry University – Degree Courses in Disaster Management:  
[http://wwwm.coventry.ac.uk/undergraduate/ugstudy/Pages/ugft\\_disastermanagement.aspx?itemID=244](http://wwwm.coventry.ac.uk/undergraduate/ugstudy/Pages/ugft_disastermanagement.aspx?itemID=244)

Coventry University, School of Science and the Environment – MSc by Research in Disaster Management:  
<http://wwwm.coventry.ac.uk/bes/ged/Pages/Geography,EnvironmentandDisasterManagement.aspx#>

### Courses in Europe

<http://www.eadi.org/>

Lists undergraduate and postgraduate studies from members of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

American University in Cairo, Academic Program in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies - <http://www.aucegypt.edu/Pages/default.aspx>

An-Najah National University, Academic Program for the Study of Involuntary Migration - <http://www.najah.edu/index.php?page=133>

Center for International Health and Cooperation, International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance - <http://www.cihc.org/>

Columbia University, Center for Population and Family Health, Masters of Public Health, Program on Forced Migration - [http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/sph/popfam/teach/mph\\_migrate.html](http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/sph/popfam/teach/mph_migrate.html)



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Network on Humanitarian Assistance, Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance - <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwt.nsf/db900SID/NVEA-5ULKGE?OpenDocument#>

Oxford University, Refugee Studies Centre, Master of Studies in Forced Migration - [http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/index.html?teaching\\_master](http://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/index.html?teaching_master)

University of East London, Department of Cultural Studies, MA Refugee Studies - <http://www.uel.ac.uk/programmes/hss/postgraduate/refugeestudies.htm>

University of Geneva, Multifaculty Programme in Humanitarian Action, Masters in Humanitarian Action - <http://www.unige.ch/ppah/>

York University, Centre for Refugee Studies, Graduate Diploma Programme in Refugee and Migration Studies - [http://www.yorku.ca/crs/Education/graduate\\_diploma\\_programme.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/crs/Education/graduate_diploma_programme.htm)

Webster University, Certificate in Refugee Studies - <http://www.webster.ch>

### Courses in the United States

**American University**, School of International Service/International Peace and Conflict Resolution - [www.american.edu/](http://www.american.edu/)

**Boston University**, School of Public Health/Certificate program in Managing Disasters and Complex Emergencies – [www.bu.edu](http://www.bu.edu)

**Columbia University**, Mailman School of Public Health/School of International Public Affairs - [www.columbia.edu](http://www.columbia.edu)

**Gallaudet University**, International Development with emphasis on vulnerable populations - [http://aaweb.gallaudet.edu/Educational\\_Foundations\\_and\\_Research/Graduate\\_Programs/MA\\_in\\_International\\_Development.html](http://aaweb.gallaudet.edu/Educational_Foundations_and_Research/Graduate_Programs/MA_in_International_Development.html)



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**George Washington University**, Elliott School of International Affairs – [www.gwu.edu](http://www.gwu.edu)

**Georgetown University**, Institute for the Study of International Migration; MS in Foreign Service – <http://www.georgetown.edu/>

**Harvard University**, JFK School of Government – <http://www.harvard.edu/>

**Johns Hopkins University**, Bloomberg School of Public Health – [www.jhu.edu](http://www.jhu.edu)

**Johns Hopkins University**, Bloomberg School of Public Health's free online courses (does not confer degree or certificate) - <http://ocw.jhsph.edu/>

**Johns Hopkins University**, SAIS: School of Advanced International Studies - [www.jhu.edu](http://www.jhu.edu)

**Monterey Institute of International Studies**, Manager of the GSIPS Career Services Office - [www.miis.edu](http://www.miis.edu)

**Princeton University**, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs – [www.princeton.edu](http://www.princeton.edu)

**Rutgers University**, Rutgers' Edward J. Bloustein Urban Planning and Policy Development Program & Sustainable – [www.rutgers.edu](http://www.rutgers.edu)

**School for International Training**, <http://www.sit.edu/>

**Syracuse University**, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs - [www.syr.edu](http://www.syr.edu)

**Tufts University**, Feinstein Famine School; Fletcher School – <http://www.tufts.edu/>



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**University of Connecticut**, Humanitarian Services Administration - <http://www.uconn.edu/>

**University of Michigan**, University of Michigan School of Public Health/Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy - [www.umich.edu](http://www.umich.edu)

**University of Minnesota**, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs - [www.umn.edu](http://www.umn.edu)

**World Learning**, <http://www.worldlearning.org/>

### **Certificate Programs in the United States**

**American Public University System**, Emergency and Disaster Management

**American University**, Cross Cultural Communications, International Economic Relations, The Americas, Peacebuilding

**Benedictine University**, Disaster Management

**Boston University**, Managing Disasters and Complex Humanitarian Emergencies

**Duke University**, International Development Policy

**Georgia State University**, Disaster Management

**Georgetown University**, Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies

**George Washington University**, Public Health and Emergency Management and Crisis and Emergency Management

**Harvard/Tufts/MIT**, Humanitarian Studies and Field Practice  
<http://humanitarian.mit.edu/>



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**Johns Hopkins University**, Humanitarian Assistance

**Long Island University**, Conflict Resolution, Humanitarian Assistance, Human Rights and Aid to Developing Countries **Virginia Tech**, International Development

**Monterey Institute of International Studies**, Gender and Development  
Development Project Management

**School for International Training**, Peacebuilding

**Tufts**, International Development

**University of Florida**, International Development and Policy Administration

**University of Hawaii**, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance

**University of Michigan**, Development Studies and Environmental Policy

**University of North Carolina**, International Development and International Development and Public Health

**University of Southern Florida**, College of Public Health – Graduate Certificate in Disaster Management

**University of Washington**, International Relief and Development

**University of Wisconsin**, Concentration in French and International Development

### **Other Resources:**

**FEMA** – Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland, has undertaken several projects with the aim of promoting college-based emergency



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management education for future emergency managers and other interested personnel. The site links to education sites, resources, articles and more.

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/edu/>

**Overseas Development Institute (ODI)** - ODI is Britain's leading independent think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues. Links, publications, research and more available on their website. <http://www.odi.org.uk/>

**Reuters Foundation AlertNet** - Reuters AlertNet is a humanitarian news network based around a popular website. It aims to keep relief professionals and the wider public up-to-date on humanitarian crises around the globe.

<http://www.alertnet.org/index.htm>

**The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)** helps education practitioners provide access to high quality education to all persons affected by emergencies, crises or chronic instability. INEE's web site has a wide-range of Good Practice Guides for Education in Emergencies and other current research and information. This web site, along with an active list-serve, make INEE a flexible and responsive mechanism for sharing resources and experiences.

<http://www.ineesite.org/>