

MHPSS Officer

Deadline:
03-06-2026

Danish Red Cross (DRC) is looking for an experienced Mental Health and Psychosocial support (MHPSS) professional to be seconded to the IFRC headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

MHPSS Officer

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest volunteer-based humanitarian network. The IFRC is served by a Secretariat based in Geneva, with regional and country offices throughout the world.

Along with Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) National Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the IFRC is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The overall aim of the IFRC is to inspire, encourage, facilitate, and promote humanitarian activities by National Societies to prevent and alleviate human suffering and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC is committed to scaling up and addressing the Mental Health and Psychosocial support needs at all times including due to the consequences of armed conflicts, natural disasters and other emergencies. The MHPSS Officer will work in close collaboration with the IFRC Health and Care Department and the Movement MHPSS hub, supporting the Lead, Health Security and Community Resilience (IFRC Secretariat MHPSS Focal Point), primarily to ensure that the overall strategic direction and operationalisation of MHPSS initiatives are achieved and well-coordinated internally with RCRC National Societies, relevant IFRC departments and teams, ICRC and externally with WHO and other key actors.

The MHPSS officer reports to the Global Lead, Health Security and Resilience Team in the IFRC Health and Care Department.

Key responsibilities include

- Strengthen global and regional IFRC emergency response systems, including National Societies and IFRC preparedness initiatives, in close collaboration with the Movement MHPSS hub and IFRC Regional Offices.
- Manage the global IFRC MHPSS roster, including calls for applications if needed.
- Facilitate the integration of MHPSS into emergency responses by providing guidance documents and conducting webinars for IFRC cluster/country delegations.
- Map and regularly update the status of MHPSS work across National Societies (NS) and IFRC offices.
- In close collaboration with NS, identify priorities, achievements, challenges, needs, and opportunities to strengthen their programmes and services.
- Collaborate with IFRC regional colleagues and the MHPSS Hub to harmonise MHPSS guidance and approaches, ensuring consistency across regions and facilitate capacity strengthening of NS staff and volunteers to develop, implement, and scale MHPSS programs effectively at the community levels.
- Provide technical support to IFRC Regional MHPSS colleagues and National Societies' programmes and services to support piloting, implementation, and scaling up MHPSS interventions.
- Contribute to identifying and engaging with potential donors and partners for resource mobilization and preparing project proposals and documents for IFRC and NS.
- Participate and contribute to emergency Task Force meetings in Geneva for MHPSS related components in different emergencies.
- Strengthen close professional partnerships with, and position IFRC among, key stakeholders in MHPSS at global and international levels.
- Liaise with the IFRC representatives to the UN providing information on MHPSS to ensure MHPSS is on the global agenda and promote the Movement as a key player within MHPSS and other internal and external bodies/partners promoting the Movement MHPSS.

Experience and qualifications

- Relevant academic degree in psychology or psychiatry or Master's degree in public health or other relevant disciplines.
- A minimum of 7 years of relevant experience in implementing MHPSS programmes in a

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humanitarian organisation.

- Strong experience of working in a large humanitarian organisation with multi-actor coordination experience.
- Strong knowledge of RCRC Movement MHPSS capacities, policies, tools, and practices.
- A minimum of 5 years mission/field-based experience in disaster/post-disaster environments, preferably from multiple regions; previous IFRC deployments desirable.
- Excellent communication, coordination as well as networking and facilitation skills.
- Proven experience of building the capacity of local partners, including training skills.
- Extensive knowledge of public mental health and Psychosocial approaches and Integrated MHPSS interventions models in promotion/prevention and treatments at primary and secondary health care level.
- Emergency roster development and management experience preferred.
- Fluency in English, and good command of another IFRC official language (Arabic, French, Spanish)

Employment Conditions

The position is based in Geneva, Switzerland and is initially for 12 months with the possibility of extension. The starting date is 1 August 2026 or as soon thereafter as possible. There is a 3-month probationary period.

The salary including all allowances and pension payment will be between DKK 52,000 and DKK 55,000 per month depending on qualifications and experience.

Travelling is expected for up to 3 months per year upon request of line manager.

The Danish Red Cross is an equal opportunity employer.

Further information

If you have specific questions about the position, please contact zesd@rodekors.dk subject "MHPSS Officer 2026".

The deadline for applications is **3 June 2026**. Interviews are expected to take place between 8 and 19 June 2026.

Your application and CV should be uploaded to the DRC web page.

Applications made by email will not be accepted.