

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

IN RELATION TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISTANBUL FACULTY OF MEDICINE, ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND ON THE DISPATCH OF VOLUNTEERS

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL CONTEXT

Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University is implementing the project “**Refugees Act and Communicate for Health (REACH)**”, thanks to the support of the International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) Taiwan. The project is implemented in Turkey in collaboration with CGCs Istanbul, Istanbul University Faculty of Medicine and Bir IZ Foundation.

PROJECT SUMMARY

REACH aims to work with refugee youth, local youth, software developers, academia, local health authorities and NGOs to develop an mHealth application to promote young people’s health via digital technologies. Based on a strong adult-youth partnership, the project includes stakeholder meetings, a mixed methods study with young people, health service providers and health policy makers, in addition to communication and dissemination activities such as organization of photo exhibitions, panels, and production of policy documents and scientific publications. The project employs the Community Based Participatory Action Research (CBPAR) framework, which has been recognized as a unique approach to conduct research with - rather than on - communities. Using a community based participatory approach, REACH will assess the impact of information and communication technologies (ICTs) on accessing reliable health information and available health services and contribute to the limited scientific literature on ICT interventions for health promotion in countries that host large refugee populations.

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

The Project volunteer provides support to the project team on daily activities and follow up related to the implementation of the activities under the REACH project. S/he will contribute to project activity tasks, including monthly work plans of the volunteer (e.g. preparation for the photo exhibition, mHealth app development related activities).

As part of the implementation, the volunteer will have a valuable learning opportunity to be part of participatory work with youth, software developers, researchers and NGO workers. In the process, the volunteer is responsible to prepare progress monthly reports reflecting the work of the volunteer in a more structured way. The volunteer may also contribute to translation of visibility materials in Mandarin.

Reporting: The volunteer will mainly be responsible and report to the supervisor at Istanbul University, Faculty of Medicine. The Project volunteer will also work together with CGCs Istanbul and Bir IZ Association teams for the implementation of project activities.

Required qualification and skills

- Minimum BA degree in health sciences (public health, nursing, health education, etc.) or social work;
- Interest in working with refugees, youth, mHealth applications;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Proficiency in written and spoken English (Arabic language skills will be an advantage);
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications including Excel and Word;

- Ability to communicate effectively with team members of varied work styles, follow procedures, and meet deadlines.
- Flexibility to live in an accommodation with basic facilities
- Flexibility and creativity in planning and problem solving.
- Willingness and passion to learn quickly, take initiative, and be accountable for results.
- Ability to work with diverse groups of people and adaptive to local custom and culture.
- Conscientious, with an excellent sense of judgment.

➤ **Period of the voluntary work is 3 months, expected to start in March, 2020.**