

**Title:** WASH lead, cholera response Angola

**Duty Station:** Luanda with frequent field visits

**First Level Supervisor:** Incident Manager

**Technical supervisor:** WASH focal point/HQ

**Duration:** 3 Months

**Context:**

- Since the beginning of the epidemic, a cumulative total of 8,892 cases have been reported, There have been 342 deaths since 7 January 2025, Luanda leads the list of provinces with the most cases of cholera. The case fatality rate is particularly high and rose in March from 3.7 to 3.8% which is far beyond the admitted alert threshold (1%). Cuanza Norte is the second most affected province. In the past days, seven deaths were also registered, in the province of Benguela (3), in the province of Luanda (3) and in the province of Bengo (1).
- Water is a clear identified driver for the expansion of the epidemic (almost all sources were sample were taken are positive to E.Coli), and even though some measure were taken by the authorities, there are little coordination and guidance to perform an efficient response.
- The epidemic is now expanding rapidly to all provinces in this vast country with some geographical difficulty of access for some of them.
- There are very few humanitarian and development actors remaining in this country considered as middle income in economic term, but there are huge inequality between higher and lower income population. The inequality is also geographic with remote region receiving little support from central system by the essence of the regionalization.
- In the context of the WHO Health Emergencies Incident Management System (IMS), at the country level, the incumbent will provide technical expertise in planning, monitoring, evaluating, coordinating and implementing support of WASH interventions with a focus on provision of safe drinking water. Provide technical advice based on WHO Guidance (e.g. WHO Guidelines on Drinking-water Quality, WHO Guidelines on Sanitation and Health) and tools (e.g. WHO/UNICEF Water and Sanitation for Health Facility Improvement Tool; WASH FIT).

**Job description:**

- Provide emergency rapid assessment expertise for WASH with a focus on water supply in a first phase.

- Work in collaboration with Ministry of Water, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Sanitation to evaluate gaps and needs and propose immediate remedial actions for improvement.
- Help design and support water quality monitoring and surveillance schemes to ensure water safety in communities and healthcare facilities.
- Advice, and provide onsite support to the health partners including national authorities on WASH.
- Lead the training for MOH staff and WHO partners to build up local competences and ease the implementation the water supply and monitoring.
- Write required evaluation or situation reports to ensure appropriated communication with incident manager and all related technical experts. Represent WHO in the interagency WASH meetings, by ensuring an ongoing, timely and technically sound input.
- Work in coordination with other international actors involved (UNICEF/Red Cross).

**Functional Knowledge and Skills:**

- Demonstrated knowledge of WASH emergency response situations in the field of water and sanitation with proven ability to identify and solve technical problems in difficult circumstances.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to promote cohesive action and convince officials with tact and diplomacy with national authorities.
- Excellent analytical and organizational skills, with proven ability to elaborate and implement projects.
- Knowledge of WHO, the UN system or a nongovernmental organization (NGO) work in the field of response relief and/or of their practices and procedures as related to the work.

**Languages:**

- The candidate must have a strong verbal capacity of communication on technical issue and negotiation in **Portuguese (mandatory)**.
- Fluency in English or French.