

Position:	WASH in Health care facilities, cholera response Angola
Duty Station:	Multiple regions within Angola
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, but the alarming CFR in health structure and the attack rate shows 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:

- Conduct emergency rapid assessment for WASH (water, hygiene, sanitation, waste management), and needs in the cholera health facilities (CTC, CTU, ORP).
- Identify gaps and propose immediate remedial actions in line with the official WHO/GTFCC/UNICEF guidance.

- Follow up and report country progress on WASH activities within the health facilities and for health activities in the context of the incident management system.
- Provide technical expertise, and when required, onsite support to the health partners on WASH, coordinating and proactively participate in the design and implementation of plans to build up or rehabilitate emergency health facilities.
- In liaison with the IPC lead (if exists) secure water, hygiene, sanitation, hand washing, environmental cleaning and disinfection and waste management for health activities, providing implementation guidance.
- Conduct required training for MOH staff and WHO partners to build up local competences and facilitate the compliance with the WASH standards for all cholera health activities.
- Draft required evaluation or situation reports to ensure appropriated communication with incident manager and all related technical experts.
- Perform any other WASH-related incident-specific duties, as required by the functional supervisor.

Functional Knowledge and Skills:

Demonstrated knowledge of WASH emergency response situations in Health Facilities 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.