

## **Physical Therapists Needed in Haiti for Emergency Response**

Handicap International is recruiting Physical Therapists (PTs) and Occupational Therapists (OTs) to provide direct care for people injured and disabled in Haiti's devastating earthquake. Therapists are needed in hospital settings to help people recover from their injuries, avoid secondary complications, and prevent or mitigate long-term disability. Some therapists will provide community based services in displaced persons camps. Positions will be opening February 1st, 2010, and contracts will range from one to eight months. Direct care positions require a commitment of at least 6 weeks. Project managers need to commit to at least 8 months.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- At least 3 years professional experience as licensed PT or OT
- Experience working internationally in low income countries, preferably in emergency/disaster relief
- French and/or Creole language skills preferred
- Willingness to work 12 hour days under extremely stressful conditions
- Willingness to live in a tent, and survive on rationed food and water

### **About Handicap International**

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Handicap International (HI) works to bring about lasting change in the living conditions of people in disabling situations in more than 60 post-conflict or low income countries around the world. HI's eight national associations, based in Europe, Canada & the United States, work together to provide human and financial resources, manage projects and raise awareness of HI's work.

PTs and OTs recruited for these positions in Haiti would function under our emergency response division, whose objectives are to:

- Respond to natural disasters and crises within 72 hours of their outbreak
- Provide humanitarian assistance to displaced populations, refugees and other vulnerable groups with a special focus on people with recent injuries and disabilities
- Maintain a presence and connections in areas of chronic conflict and crisis to allow for rapid interventions as needs arise

### **Requirements of specific positions**

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#### **1- Rehabilitation Program Coordinator**

- exceptional coordination and organizational skills

- experience managing large teams (20 expatriate staff and 100 local staff)
- excellent project management skills (programming, financial management, and logistics)
- broad knowledge of health programming in disaster situations
- work experience in the humanitarian field, preferably in emergency or disaster relief

## **2- Project Manager, Disability and Vulnerability Focal Point**

- strong coordination and organizational skills
- experience developing and managing teams
- mastery of management of humanitarian aid projects
- multi-disciplinary approach with acute care/injury recovery, physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support, use of referral systems, and community-based care and support
- work experience in the humanitarian field, preferably in emergency or disaster relief

## **3- Project Manager for hospital based therapy services**

- strong coordination and organizational skills proven in hospital-based rehabilitation settings
- experience managing teams
- 3 years minimum experience as full-time, senior staff therapist
- work experience in the humanitarian field, preferably in emergency or disaster relief

## **4- Physical or Occupational Therapists (15 positions)**

- minimum 3 years professional experience as licensed/certified therapist
- work experience in the humanitarian field, preferably in emergency or disaster relief
- strong operational skills and ability to work with no or low-tech resources
- high energy and motivation, ability to work independently and in a team

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

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- Starting date : as soon as possible
- Duration of contracts : 2-8 months
- Living conditions : extremely difficult (housing in tents, rationed food and water, rationed water for bathing)
- Health insurance covered for the duration of the contract ; emergency health evacuation covered if necessary

**Please email applications (CV, cover letter, availability dates and contact information for 3 professional references) to:**

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