

CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON

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A results-oriented, quick-learning student of life with diverse work and volunteer experience, excellent communications skills, and proven problem-solving abilities. Interested in challenging work in humanitarian logistics. Always ready for new adventures, always willing to relocate.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2011 (Jun-present)

Logistician – Médecins sans Frontières / Doctors without Borders, Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire

- Logistician in project running 9 mobile clinics, malnutrition program with 120 children (severe acute malnutrition), plus support to sub-base running 8 mobile clinics
- Provided logistical support for emergency measles vaccination campaign for over 15,000 children including: procurement, storage, and transport of supplies; transportation for 21 vaccination teams by hired 4x4 vehicles and motorcycles; organising collection and disposal of sharps
- Project closing tasks include rehabilitation work for health centres damaged and looted during the 2011 conflict, as well as organising large donations of drugs, consumable materials, and medical equipment to local health structures
- Responsible for team of 17 national staff, fleet of 5 vehicles

2010-2011 (Sep-Feb)

Capital Logistician – Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin), Juba, Southern Sudan

- Base logistician for Juba coordination office and residence
- From mid-September, assumed most duties of Country Logistics Manager due to vacancy
- Responsible for: any field site procurement done in Juba or internationally; asset tracking at Juba level and movement of cargo from Juba to the field sites; coordinating all air and road transport for staff and cargo between Juba and field, including two emergency staff relocation flights; obtaining regular and narcotic medical import permits; obtaining all necessary tax exemptions for importation of vehicles, medical consignments, etc.; representing Merlin at Logistics Cluster coordination meetings and UNHAS User Group meetings; advising field site logisticians and acting as focal point for communication with the head office logistics department

2010 (Mar-Aug)

Logistics Assistant – Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin), Maniema and North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo

- In Kindu, carried out individual assessments and created working plans for: procurement; warehousing; medical warehousing; transport; fleet; radio communications; monthly reporting
- Interim base logistician for Lubutu base from mid-May to mid-June, and for Kindu base from mid-to-late June. Tasks included overseeing: procurement; warehousing including the Merlin Maniema medical depot; monthly distribution of drugs to health structures; fleet (3 vehicles and 7 motorbikes in Lubutu; 6 vehicles and 22 motorbikes in Kindu); radio, including procurement and installation of mobile VHF and HF units; construction/rehabilitation activities for maternities, VCT centres, and Merlin bases; monthly reporting
- Posted to Beni in July for emergency response to sudden IDP influx due to fighting between FARDC and Mai Mai PARECO
- In Goma, coordinated storage and transport of over 20 tonnes of medical drugs in 3 weeks

2009 – 2010 (Dec-Feb)

Assistant Regional Logistics Officer – Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin), London, UK

- Delivered timely and effective routine functions of the logistics department in Head Office to the assigned country programmes in accordance with Merlin policies and guidelines
- Developed and maintained constructive, effective working relationships with field offices, suppliers and other head office departments
- Heavily involved in preparations for Merlin emergency surgical responses after earthquakes in Indonesia (October 2009) and Haiti (January 2010) including: emergency procurement of diverse and numerous supplies; airfreight shipments up to seven tonnes at a time of very diverse items including controlled medical substances from the UK to the Dominican Republic and on to Haiti, on-site supervision of palletisation and loading, and customs clearance on the UK side

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WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

2009 – 2010 (Sep-Feb)

Logistics Assistant – Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin), London, UK

- Assigned to regional desk covering DRC, CAR, Somalia/Kenya, Zimbabwe
- Carried out procurement for field offices, managed the head office storeroom
- Received training in various aspects of logistics including: procurement of medical and non-medical goods according to requirements of the major donors; warehouse management and stock movement; transport; cold chain; communications equipment (VHF, HF, Thuraya, Iridium, BGAN); energy (generators, solar, stabilisation); healthcare waste disposal

2009 (Apr-Jun)

Intern – Health Unlimited Kachin Project Office, Laiza, Kachin Independence Army-controlled area of Burma/Myanmar

- Worked with MS Access databases for Maternal and Child Health program and HIV/AIDS Anti-Retroviral Treatment program
- Proofread English-language reports for donors and head office

2008 (Aug-Sep)

Intern – Fritz Institute / Oxfam Great Britain

- 4 week internship with The Fritz Institute, hosted at Oxfam GB headquarters, Oxford, UK
- In charge of developing an engagement manual for organisations seeking to implement HELIOS humanitarian logistics software

2006 – 2007 (Sep-Apr)

Research Assistant – Human Security Centre, Liu Institute for Global Issues

- Researched French language content for the Human Security Gateway
- Analysed various French language documents dealing with issues of human security
- Assessed value and relevance of information and added material to the database

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2007 – 2009

- Uppsala Universitet, Sweden – NOHA International Master of Humanitarian Action: Conflict, Disaster and Peace Building specialisation

2006 – 2007

- University of British Columbia – Bachelor of Arts: International Relations and Political Science double major, French minor

2005

- University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand – Certificate of Proficiency in Arts (Politics and French)

2003 – 2004

- University of British Columbia – Faculty of Arts

2002 – 2003

- Queen's University International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, UK

1997 – 2002

- St Patrick Regional Secondary School, Vancouver, Canada – High School Diploma (top student in graduating class)

OTHER

Languages

- Fluent: English, French
- Basic conversation: Swedish

Websites

2007-present

- www.ChristopherAnderson.ca, my webfolio / curriculum vitae website

2004-present

- www.PhotoDiarist.com, my personal website with photos and stories from my travels