

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

2010 (Mar-Sep)

Logistics Assistant – Medical Emergency Relief International (Merlin), Maniema, DR 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

2009 – 2010 (Dec-Feb)

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

- Delivered the 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 and 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; following Indonesia response in 2009, helped develop standard medical kits (orthopaedic, plastic/reconstructive, and anaesthetic) to keep in stock for rapid deployment – this greatly reduced the preparation time necessary for deployment of surgical team to Haiti in 2010; responsible for 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, including on-site supervision of palletisation and loading, and customs clearance on the UK side

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)

HELIOS 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

2008 (Jun-Aug)

Research Assistant, Displaced Persons data – Human Security Report Project, School of International Studies, Simon Fraser University

- Assisted in research related to displacement statistics

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WORK EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

2006 – 2007 (Sep-Apr)

Research Assistant – Human Security Centre, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia

- 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

2006 – 2007 (Oct-Apr)

Elections Administrator – Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia

- Managed a \$30,000 budget, 5 employees directly, 25 employees and 75 volunteers indirectly
- Reviewed and improved electoral regulations, maintained integrity of electoral process
- Oversaw implementation of Voter Funded Media pilot project and \$8000 prize money

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2007 – 2009

- Uppsala Universitet, Sweden – NOHA Master of International 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
- Beginner: Swahili

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

Information Technology

Advanced computer user including:

- MS Office (2000, 2003, 2007)
- HTML, CSS coding
- IE, FF, Outlook, Thunderbird
- Windows 98, 2000, XP, Vista, 7
- Mac and Linux (moderate)
- Antivirus including Kaspersky, AVG
- Google Earth and GPS software
- Adobe PhotoShop
- Touch typing: 70wpm without errors

Up-to-date Vaccinations / Immunisations

- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- Meningococcal A/C/Y/W
- Polio
- Rabies
- Tetanus
- Typhoid Fever
- Yellow Fever