

## **Regional Policy & Advocacy Associate**

### **DESCRIPTION**

#### The Organization

The Refugee Solidarity Network's (RSN) mission is to protect and expand the rights of refugees. We do so by building capacity of local legal actors in key host countries, advocating for rights-based refugee assistance policies and programs, and raising awareness of the refugee experience.

#### Position

We are looking for a highly organized and self-motivated individual to play a leading role in the organization's advocacy response to the ongoing humanitarian challenges posed by the August 2021 fall of the Afghan government.

The Associate will monitor and track press releases, news accounts, government, NGO and international agency reports, social science research and other developments pertaining to forced displacement from Afghanistan.

The Advocacy Associate will help keep the organization up-to-date on the latest information in a rapidly evolving context and enable coordination with an increasing number of US-based and international efforts.

The Advocacy Associate will work within RSN's Research and Advocacy Team and will report to the Senior Monitoring Evaluation Research & Learning Manager and work in close collaboration with other US-based staff and international partner office staff. RSN is a dynamic and young mission-driven organization and staff are afforded an opportunity to contribute to various aspects of the organization's development and activities.

Candidates must be strong researchers, well-versed in international human rights and refugee law, humanitarian assistance and economic development. Familiarity with major donors and humanitarian financing is highly preferred.

#### Responsibilities

- Daily monitoring of activities of key international agencies such as UNHCR, IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, as well as major donor agencies such as USAID, PRM, ECHO, in response to needs emerging in Afghanistan
- Tracking developments in international and regional forums, including but not limited to the UN Global Compact on Refugees' Programme of Action, UNHCR Afghanistan Situation Regional Refugee Preparedness and Response Plan, and creating concise internal briefing mechanisms
- Play a contributing role in the planning and execution of regional stakeholder engagement and consultation
- Contribute to the continual development of RSN's strategic advocacy plan
- Developing, in collaboration with RSN staff, organizational position statements
- Contribution of written feedback to membership coalitions on requests for member/NGO input

- Coordinate with local partner staff on agenda items and strategy at national and international level
- Contribute to research, writing and drafting of advocacy reports
- Contribute where necessary to prospecting and grant writing in order to sustain and complement existing State Department-funded project to provide legal assistance to refugees in Turkey and capacity-building for Turkish lawyers
- Other organization-wide support as needed

### Qualifications

- Professional experience planning and implementing advocacy projects
- J.D. or master's degree in a relevant field of social science. Equivalent experience in the international development, international human rights, or nonprofit sector will be considered.
- Excellent research, writing, and analysis skills
- Comfortable with public speaking
- Willingness to travel, as needed
- Ability to multitask and independently organize workflow
- Strong project management skills
- Strong interest in global social justice and human rights
- Cultural sensitivity in international contexts, particularly Afghan culture
- Proficiency in Dari and/or Pashto preferred
- Flexibility and willingness to contribute to all areas of organizational operations, including fundraising and event planning

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please apply [here](#). Applicants will be requested to submit an application, resume and cover letter.

RSN is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, race, religion, gender, class or any other characteristic. Applicants with lived experience in forced displacement and other under-represented groups are most encouraged to apply.

### **SALARY, BENEFITS, TERM**

Salary commensurate with experience. Medical, dental, and vision insurance options available with generous employer contribution.

The position is full-time, can be remote (must be based in the US or Canada) and is limited to 6 months with possibility for extension, depending on funding.