



## Psychologist

### Job Description

Location	Sydney
Reporting To	Mental Health Activity Manager (MHAM)
Supervising	N/A
Status	Temporary / Full-time or Part time (shared role) Fixed term contract (flexible for suitable candidate)
Date:	January 2019

### Introduction

The psychologist provides psychological support to patients via telehealth according to **MSF** principles, standards and procedures in order to improve the patients' mental health.

### Overall Responsibility

The psychologist conducts the evaluation of mental health needs of patients, establishes a diagnosis and treatment plan, and provides the appropriate treatment to reduce patients' suffering and improve their functioning.

### Main Tasks and Duties

1. Provide psychological support to patients (individuals, couples, families) via telehealth according to **MSF** protocols to improve mental health conditions of patients, enhance their functionality, and reduce suffering.
2. Assist and train staff members and resourceful people whenever necessary in order to enhance the scope of MH activities. Work in close collaboration with translators in order to ensure appropriate terminology and behavior during sessions
3. Collect and input statistical and monitoring data about mental health activities
4. Inform the supervisor and the medical team about any issues or problems that may arise related to patients' treatment in order to provide the best possible solution from a medical perspective
5. Ensure that all patient information is kept confidential.
6. Maintain thorough and up-to-date patient files, according to MSF protocols
7. Write assessment summaries (medical reports) summarizing patient's history, diagnosis, and treatment progress, according to SOPs

## **Selection Criteria**

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### **Essential Criteria**

- Degree in psychology and registered as a psychologist in Australia
- Minimum 2 years' experience as a psychologist
- Ability to work both independently and within a team
- Ability to manage and support a patient population with severe levels of mental health symptoms and conditions, including suicidality
- Fluent written and spoken English

### **Desirable Criteria**

- Previous experience with providing mental health treatment via telehealth
- Previous experience with asylum seekers/refugees
- Previous experience with MSF or other NGO's in developing countries
- General knowledge or understanding of humanitarianism principles and the charter of MSF
- Experience and knowledge of MSF internal processes and structures
- Good computer usage skills for standard applications (Outlook, Office 365)

### **Applications**

Applications **MUST** address individual selection criteria. You should also write a cover letter indicating why you want to work for Médecins Sans Frontières Australia and attach a copy of your CV.

Please note that a criminal record check may be required as part of the selection process. Applicants with criminal records will not automatically be ineligible for the position they are applying for. Médecins Sans Frontières Australia has a Child Protection Policy in place and all employees are required to comply with this policy.

Médecins Sans Frontières Australia is committed to creating an inclusive workplace for all our staff. We believe that a diverse team helps us better serve those most in need, and we encourage people from a wide range of backgrounds to apply for this role, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and people with disabilities.

### **Applications close: Sunday, 13 January 2019**

Applications and enquiries to  
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