

## **Advocacy / Communications Officer**

SSA Contract  
Jerusalem / OCHA oPt  
VA# 04-10-014

**Contract:** SSA Contract  
**Duty Station:** Jerusalem  
**Duration:** Six months  
**Starting date:** As soon as possible

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) is seeking a qualified Communications/Advocacy Officer for its office in Jerusalem/oPt.

The OCHA Office in the occupied Palestinian territory has responsibility for interagency coordination in complex emergencies and in natural disasters. In the context of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, the OCHA Office has a specific responsibility for (a) disseminating information and policies to the humanitarian community, authorities and donors, as well as supporting resource mobilization efforts; (b) assisting in the identification of humanitarian priorities and needs and the coordination of resource mobilization efforts; and (c) disseminating information on the impact of natural disasters, response thereto and the need for international assistance.

Under the direct supervision of the OCHA Deputy Head of Office, the Advocacy/ Communications Officer will contribute to OCHA advocacy work in the oPt by facilitating and developing an advocacy strategy for the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and for OCHA. This advocacy strategy will aim to measure the impact of current advocacy efforts, and to build on successes, such as efforts to raise the profile on issues in Area C and on issues regarding evictions and demolitions.

The Advocacy/ Communications Officer will be responsible for the following duties:

1. Facilitate and further develop an advocacy strategy for the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and for OCHA with a focus on protection within the oPt:
2. Obtain input from local and international stakeholders on HCT/ OCHA strategy to inform the strategy development process.
3. Review all previous advocacy products and communications by HCT/ OCHA to assess the impact of this advocacy work.
4. Cooperate with the HCT and OCHA and other members of the humanitarian community to put in place mechanisms to ensure that advocacy messages and activities are well coordinated and are implemented in a coherent and cohesive fashion.
5. Assist in implementation of the strategy and monitoring impact.

**Required Qualifications:**

**Education:** Masters Degree in Political or Social Science, International Studies, Journalism, Communications, Law or other relevant field.

**Experience:** 4-6 years of relevant experience in public relations, communications, advocacy, humanitarian affairs, emergency preparedness, crises/emergency relief management, or other related areas.

**Languages:** Fluency in written and spoken English.

**How to apply:**

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For a full description of the post please visit the vacancies section on the OCHA – oPt website: [www.ochaopt.org](http://www.ochaopt.org)

All applicants are requested to email the completed United Nations Personal History Form (UN-P-11) in English providing full details of education, present and past employment, language skills, computer skills, etc. to the OCHA oPt Office by using the following e-mail address: [hr@ochaopt.org](mailto:hr@ochaopt.org). The UN P-11 form can be found on OCHA's website: [www.ochaopt.org](http://www.ochaopt.org)

It would be appreciated your stating your full name and the OCHA vacancy notice number (04-10-014) as the subject in your e-mail application.

Only qualified candidates should apply and only those who have been short listed will be contacted.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 05 December 2010**

**Women are encouraged to apply**