Job title | Midwife Volunteer  
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Place of Work | Thessaloniki (Greece)  
Reports to | Maternal Health Coordinator  
Manages | n/a  
Hours/Days per Week | Full-time  
Restrictions | Female only (Volunteer based)

Introduction

Nurture Project International (NPI) is a US based, grassroots, nonprofit that believes every woman has a right to a safe and supported motherhood. NPI provides relief to communities affected by disaster, crisis, or trauma by engaging experienced and qualified volunteers to respond quickly to emergencies and provide rapid assessments, trainings, and grassroots support to local communities.

Nurture Project International was first discussed during a conversation between public health professionals, disaster relief experts, breastfeeding supporters, midwives, and IBCLCs who were passionate about minority rights, disaster relief, safe infant feeding, and international public health. As a response to a call for infant feeding specialists in Europe the organization has rapidly grown and our first large project in Greece was developed.

After an analysis of the current refugee crisis it was quickly concluded that there was a great need for creating an informed group to mobilize qualified and trained volunteers who would deploy to emergency situations and support mother as they fed their babies. In addition, it was concluded that education, training, and information was needed not only amongst other NGOs, health professionals, and volunteers to ensure best infant feeding practices but also for refugee mothers so that they can create and maintain peer to peer infant feeding support projects within the refugee community.

Nurture Project International’s Greece Program provides qualified, skilled volunteers who provide infant feeding support and basic pre-and post-natal care to mothers. NPI also distributes basic necessities like snacks, water, warm clothing, hygiene kits, and diapers to bring comfort to families who have left everything behind. NPI provides refugees with information and educational
Job Purpose

The role of the Midwife is to promote, improve and provide basic antenatal (ANC) and postnatal (PNC) care and reproductive health support to pregnant women and new mothers in the various locations NPI is working in. Work in partnership with the IYCF Coordinator/ Lactation Consultant/ Maternal Health Coordinator and all key operational staff and external providers to improve midwifery knowledge and skills, including oversight and advice.

Duties and Responsibilities

- The Midwife Volunteer provides basic antenatal (ANC) and postnatal (PNC) care and reproductive health support to pregnant women and new mothers in the various locations NPI is working in (camps, hotels, flats, apartments, clinics etc.).
- Basic ANC includes: BP, urine analysis, palpation, fundal height, auscultation, PH promotion, weight, etc.
- Basic PNC Includes: Breast, scar (with gloves), perineum (a more PH approach by asking Q such as hurt to go to toilet and also advice on patting dry and loose clothing instead of internal examination) bladder care, etc.
- Together with IBCLC/Lactation Counselor Volunteer, leads childbirth education courses and women support groups.
- Takes weights and heights as necessary and monitors growth using WHO Growth Charts.
- Ensures appropriate documentation is performed in terms of reproductive health care checks, weights and heights and follow up plan of care. If also an IBCLC or has IYCF credential, then can assist in feeding plan only after clearance of the IYCF Coordinator.
- May be asked to provide advocacy support in-hospital during births, accompanying husbands, families and birthing woman. Please note: Greek hospitals do not allow anyone to accompany a woman in childbirth.
- In coordination with the Maternal Health Coordinator develops ongoing care plans.
- Complete data collection forms on caseload on a daily basis for each site and hand in to the relevant Coordinator.
- Together with all volunteers supports the preparation of food packs and other items needed for the field.
- Ensures distribution of food packs for pregnant women and women with children under 2.
Midwife Volunteer does **NOT** counsel on BMS supplementation unless they have a lactation credential equivalent to or above required lactation credentials and **ONLY** after receiving clearance from the IYCF Coordinator.

**Qualifications**
- Licensed Midwife
- Breastfeeding certifications and training desirable
- Community midwifery experience desirable

**Experience:**
- Experience supporting women through pregnancy, birth and postnatal care.
- Experience working in low-resource or refugee settings

**Skills:**
- Kind, patient, flexible, with a positive attitude
- Highly professional and aware of professional boundaries
- Able to work in a diverse team
- Culturally sensitive and able to work within a multicultural and multi-religious setting with limited translation at times.
- Strict adherence to confidentiality and Codes of Conduct and NPI’s policies and procedures

**Working Conditions**

This position is open to women only due to the nature of the work and the cultural requirements in the field.
- This role is 6 days per week Sunday to Friday 8am-6pm.
- Nurture Project International is an organization run entirely by volunteers. This role, would therefore be a volunteer role also.
- We require a minimum of 2 weeks commitment.