

Legal Expert Volunteer

Samos Legal Centre, Greece

Brief Presentation of Avocats Sans Frontières France

Avocats Sans Frontières France (Lawyers Without Borders France or ASF France) is a French non-governmental organization established under 1st July 1901 French legislation.

Its mission is to:

- 1) Promote access to the law and fair justice for vulnerable persons who are removed from it, arbitrarily detained or tortured;
- 2) Defend any person deprived of a free and independent defence, as well as human rights defenders threatened or violated in the performance of their duties;
- 3) Strengthen the capacity and the autonomy of local actors in the defence and promotion of human rights (civil society and actors in the judicial system).

Description of the mission:

ASF France is looking for two volunteer caseworkers to contribute to ensuring a daily legal presence to advise asylum seekers on Samos island, **commencing in early July 2024**.

Under the responsibility of the Project Manager on the ground and in close collaboration with the rest of the team (2 Greek Lawyers, 1 Legal and Technical Assistant and community volunteer interpreters), they will have as primary responsibilities:

- Casework
 - Inform asylum seekers of their rights and the procedures applicable to them in person at the office;
 - **Prepare people for their asylum interview or appointments with the authorities, going through their stories and informing them of their rights;**
 - Answer asylum seekers' daily requests on the Legal Centre's hotline;
 - Create, maintain and update files for each assisted asylum seeker on a dedicated database;
 - Identify persons with vulnerabilities and refer them to other organisations present in Samos if needed with the support of the Project Manager.
- Information sharing
 - Deliver in-person legal information sessions for asylum seekers in community centres on the island.
- Research and administrative support
 - Support the greek lawyer with punctual research for legal documents submissions;

Essential skills and qualifications:

- Master's degree

- in the field of human rights, international relations, political science and/or refugee law
- **Fluency in English** (Working knowledge of French, Arabic, Farsi/Dari, Somali and Greek are an advantage).
- Experience: **first-hand experience of casework and providing legal advice is essential, given the complexities of the legal procedures in Greece.**

Qualities requested from the volunteer:

- Ability to work in similar demanding context, intuitively and with a high degree of flexibility.
- Excellent written and research skills.
- Ability to self-organise, prioritise, and time-manage effectively.
- Ability to work as a team and on their own initiative.
- Strong communicative and interpersonal skills.

Benefits for the volunteer:

- Gain direct field experience of casework and providing legal advice.
- Develop professionally within a international environment, while contributing to the work of a legal aid NGO.
- Work with and learn from a dynamic international team
- Directly contribute to the respect and implementation of asylum seekers' rights.

Conditions:

- 6-month commitment.
- Accommodation on-site in shared housing.
- Accompanied departure not possible.
- €12.50 daily *per diem*
- Paid flights to and from the mission in Samos.

All volunteers need to register (€15 subscription fee for jobseekers and students) to ASF France to avail of insurance cover during the mission.

To apply:

Documents to be sent: **CV and cover letter in English** to legalassistant-samos@avocatssansfrontieres-france.org.

Only candidates who have been pre-selected will be contacted.

ASF France reserves the right to close this offer before the deadline of the advertisement.
Thank you for your understanding.

Deadline for applications: **07 May, 2024.**