



International Organization for Migration (IOM)  
The UN Migration Agency

## SVN-2023-035

- Position Title : **Operations Assistant (Field Support) - Unit OPS (5 positions)**
- Duty Station : **San Jose, COSTA RICA**
- Classification : **G-4**
- Type of Appointment : **Special Short Term, 6 months**
- Estimated Start Date : **As soon as possible**
- Closing Date : **May 28th, 2024**

*Established in 1951, IOM is a Related Organization of the United Nations, and as the leading UN agency in the field of migration, works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.*

*The International Organization for Migration (IOM) does not discriminate on the basis of disability, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, nationality, racial identity, religious beliefs, among others. IOM is committed to a diverse and inclusive environment and therefore its staff come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds and world perspectives. Candidates from women, people of African descent and LGBTIQ+ people who are qualified and meet the requirements of each vacancy are especially encouraged.*

IOM is committed to a diverse and inclusive environment. Applications from qualified female candidates are especially encouraged. For the purpose of the vacancy, the following candidates are considered as first-tier candidates:

1. Internal candidates
2. Qualified applicants from the following NMS countries:

*Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Benin, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Czech Republic, Comoros, Djibouti, El Salvador, Gabon, Gambia, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, Israel, Lesotho, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Montenegro, Micronesia, Mongolia, Namibia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Republic of Congo, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Somalia, Suriname, Swaziland, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen*

3. External female candidates.

## ***Organizational Context and Scope***

Since the inception of IOM in 1951, Movement Operations have been and continue to be a fundamental pillar of the Organization's work. The organized movement of persons in need of international migration assistance is a primary mandate of the Organization and a cornerstone of IOM's operations. This mandate has resulted in the international transport of more than 15 million migrants and refugees worldwide. Movement Operations departments in various IOM missions, coordinated under the division of Resettlement and Movement Management (RMM) in the Department of Operations and Emergencies (DOE) at IOM's Geneva Headquarters, are responsible for all aspects of travel for migrants and refugees under IOM's auspices, in accordance with the various framework agreements with resettlement and receiving Governments and partners across the spectrum of the Organization's programmes.

Under the general supervision of the Movement Operations Manager and the direct supervision of Operations Associate, Movements, the Senior Operations Assistant (Movements) is responsible for supervising movement activities, with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Undertake field support activities in an assigned area or areas, such as at an airport, transit center, third-party facility, camp-based operation or sub-office, or in relation to transportation.
2. Perform airport services, such as providing custodial care of travel documentation; verifying identities and documentation, including exit permissions, visas, tickets and other items in the travel bag; assisting with airport formalities, including flight arrivals, curbside assistance, check-in, luggage formalities, immigration procedures, security screening systems and customs clearance; escorting arriving individuals to ground transportation and departing individuals to their gates; visually confirming flights have departed; ensuring individuals with special needs or equipment receive appropriate support; and, as needed, sending notifications using relevant systems.
3. Assist individuals at transit centers or third-party facilities, including upon arrival with sign-in, verification of identity, orientation, food and non-food items and room assignments; during their stay with food and non-food items, instructions, briefings, activities and resolution of issues; and upon departure for medical appointments, return travel or onward travel with briefings, luggage support and transition to transportation. Enter and update relevant data in the appropriate systems and ensure vulnerable individuals are assisted in a manner that ensures their safety, security and comfort; report all issues immediately to the appropriate supervisor(s).
4. Provide assistance at transit centers and third-party facilities for extended periods of up to 12 hours and during overnight periods and weekends, ensuring the needs of individuals are met throughout their stay. Communicate promptly with third party facility representatives and/or supervisors if issues arise.
5. Assist in the coordination of transportation from consolidation points, transit centers and third-party facilities, including liaising with service providers, ensuring the identity verification, readiness and organization of individuals being transported, and providing relevant briefings. Assist with baggage sorting, tagging and handling and escort individuals on transportation as needed. Ensure individuals with special needs are provided with appropriate services and report any issues to supervisors immediately.

6. Provide selection mission support, exit permit support and/or interpretation services for individuals at the airport, in transit centers, camps, consolidation points and third-party facilities or during transport by air, ground or water.
7. Provide regular feedback on work being accomplished to the Operations Assistant (Team Leader) and/or supervisors and team members and keep supervisors immediately informed of any issues requiring their attention.
8. Maintain and ensure the confidentiality and integrity of all relevant paperwork in line with standards of conduct and data protection rules. Alert the Operations Assistant (Team Leader) or management of any non-compliance to SOPs or codes of conduct by IOM staff members or partners.
9. Perform such other duties as may be assigned.

## ***Required Qualifications and Experience***

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

- Four years of working experience with secondary [high school] education.
- Two years of working experience with Bachelor's degree.
- Experience in IOM administrative and financial management, budget monitoring, cash management and internal control procedures;
- Experience in the usage of office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc.) and knowledge of spreadsheet and data analysis; and,
- Experience supervising the development and implementation of administrative control procedures.

### **Skills**

- Good knowledge of Word, Excel and the internet.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.

### **Languages**

- **REQUIRED.** For all applicants, fluency in English is required (oral and written).
- **DESIRABLE.** Working knowledge of French and/or Spanish is an advantage.

### **Salary**

792,461.54 colones

## ***Required Competencies***

The incumbent is expected to demonstrate the following values and competencies:

**Values** - all IOM staff members must abide by and demonstrate these three values:

- Inclusion and respect for diversity: Respects and promotes individual and cultural differences. Encourages diversity and inclusion.
- Integrity and transparency: Maintains high ethical standards and acts in a manner consistent with organizational principles/rules and standards of conduct.
- Professionalism: Demonstrates ability to work in a composed, competent and committed manner and exercises careful judgment in meeting day-to-day challenges.
- Courage: Demonstrates willingness to take a stand on issues of importance.
- Empathy: Shows compassion for others, makes people feel safe, respected and fairly treated.

**Core Competencies** – behavioural indicators level 1

- Teamwork: Develops and promotes effective collaboration within and across units to achieve shared goals and optimize results.
- Delivering results: Produces and delivers quality results in a service-oriented and timely manner. Is action oriented and committed to achieving agreed outcomes.
- Managing and sharing knowledge: Continuously seeks to learn, share knowledge and innovate.
- Accountability: Takes ownership for achieving the Organization's priorities and assumes responsibility for own actions and delegated work.
- Communication: Encourages and contributes to clear and open communication. Explains complex matters in an informative, inspiring and motivational way.

**How to apply:**

The candidate should send his/her application **through the following Microsoft Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/b3qKdNsg31>.

The form will request vacancy code, position title, duty station, grade, and unit. Please complete as it follows:

- **Vacancy Code: SVN-2023-035**
- **Position Title: Operations Assistant (Field Support)**
- **Duty Station: San Jose, Costa Rica**
- **Grade: G4**
- **Unit: OPS**

Candidates must submit their offer by **May 28th, 2024**. No applications will be considered after this date.

**Any application not presented using the Microsoft Form, will not be taken into consideration.**

**In case of receiving applications from foreigners living in Costa Rica, they must have a valid work permit.**

**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**

You can check the Post Description on <https://costarica.iom.int/es/vacantes>.