



POSITION DESCRIPTION (MARINE CREW)

Bosun

Location: MV HELPR-1, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Job Type: Full Time Rotational (4-week swings)

Reports to: Master, MV HELPR-1

Company Overview

Respond Global (“the Company”) is a private enterprise based in Queensland, Australia, that aims to support both public and private organisations be better prepared and more capable of responding to disasters and crises in health. We provide internationally proven and practical health and disaster management solutions, that are scalable, adaptable and fit for purpose.

MV HELPR-1 is a 34-metre unique humanitarian response vessel, owned and operated by Respond Global, and is flagged and based in Port Vila, Vanuatu. While its design enables emergency response, with an onboard medical facility and emergency response equipment, its true value lies in its day-to-day support of full-time outreach programs, including health, education, climate change and disaster management preparation. HELPR-1 provides a safe logistics, operations, and accommodation base for use by national response teams, with support from Respond Global and other response agencies as required. The vessel is capable of transporting and supplying medical and other emergency response equipment, personnel, and training wherever needed across the Pacific Island Countries.

Job Summary

The Bosun will play a crucial role in ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the vessel by supervising deck crew activities and maintaining the ship's exterior. This position requires strong leadership skills, excellent seamanship, and a deep understanding of maritime safety protocols.

Roster

Swings are four (4) weeks on (in Vanuatu aboard HELPR-1), 4 weeks off (at home). All costs associated with traveling to and from Vanuatu will be met by the Company. Food and single-cabin accommodation (where available) are provided onboard HELPR-1.



Responsibilities

Supervision and Leadership:

- Lead and supervise the deck crew, providing guidance and training as needed.
- Coordinate and assign tasks to deckhands, ensuring the efficient execution of duties.
- Maintenance and repair:
 - Oversee the maintenance and repair of the ship's exterior, including decks, hull, rigging, and equipment.
 - Conduct routine inspections to identify and address any issues promptly.

Safety Compliance:

- Enforce and ensure strict adherence to safety regulations and protocols.
- Conduct safety drills and training sessions for the deck crew.
- Mooring and anchoring:
 - Direct the crew in the proper execution of mooring and anchoring procedures.
 - Ensure all equipment used for mooring and anchoring is in good working condition.

Tender Craft:

- Be the master of the Explorer tender and supervise the additional onboard tender craft (with outboards). The Explorer is 9-meter landing craft which can carry 28 passengers and cargo, powered by two 150 Mercury outboards.

Cargo Handling:

- Supervise the loading and unloading of cargo, ensuring proper stowage and securing.
- Verify the weight and distribution of cargo to maintain stability.

Navigational Support:

- Collaborate with the navigation team to support safe navigation and manoeuvring of the vessel.
- Assist in the deployment and retrieval of navigation aids.

Emergency Response:

- Act as a key member of the emergency response team, participating in emergency drills and responding to incidents as required.
- Ensure the readiness of life-saving and firefighting equipment.



Qualifications

- Master 5 Certificate.
- Valid STCW certification.
- AMSA Medical and First Aid.
- Proficiency in seamanship and navigation skills.
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- In-depth knowledge of safety regulations and protocols.
- Ability to perform physically demanding tasks in various weather conditions.
- Familiarity with maintenance and repair procedures for maritime equipment.

Expectations

At Respond Global it is a high expectation of all employees, in all instances, to promote the company in a positive manner. A positive culture can only be achieved with the support of the whole team. It is a responsibility of all employees to positively represent the company and foster a favourable attitude amongst crew at all times.

As per the Navigation Act and the HELPR-1 Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure, it is the responsibility of all crew to keep crew quarters clean and presentable at all times. All crew and officer's quarters will be inspected by the Master, with or without notice.

Respond Global has a zero tolerance of the possession or consumption of alcohol, kava or illicit drugs while aboard HELPR-1. Crew found in breach of this policy will be dismissed instantly with no notice or pay in lieu of notice. This also applies to the purchase, possession or consumption of these substances will ashore and in uniform.