**Position: Interpreter**

**Contract duration**: 09 to 10 months (renewable)

**Location**: Athens – Greece and Thessaloniki Greece

**Starting Date**: ASAP

**Status:** Full Time

**Background on SolidarityNow**

SolidarityNow (SN) was founded in 2013 upon an initiative of the Open Society Foundations (OSF). SN is a network of people and organizations working together to alleviate the suffering of those worst affected by the socio-economic crisis. Until now SN has supported and funded over 70 projects around Greece in the areas of legal, medical, psycho-social support, education and culture, job-creation amongst others. SN’s initial intervention took place in the wider area of Thessaloniki and Athens through Solidarity Centers; these are “one stop shops”, hosting a variety of civil society organizations and covering a wide range of relief and context-related services and actions (i.e. medical aid, legal and psycho-social support, employability support, human rights monitoring, promotion, protection and advocacy). SN is also greatly involved in the recent emergency response related to refugees and migrants arriving in the country. During summer 2015, SN was the only donor that allocated a total of more than 6 million euros for a blend of projects raising from emergency response to medium and longer term concepts as migrants’ integration and anti-trafficking.

**Programme Context**

Since Greece’s entry points became the playing field of a refugee crisis, SN has been intervening by supporting a number of state and non-state actors on the ground in the Dodecanese and North-Eastern Aegean islands that are most under pressure (Lesvos, Kos, Chios, Leros, Tilos), as well as Athens, Thessaloniki and the Northern Greek borders. The support offered ranges from psycho-social support to People on the Move, distribution of NFIs, short term accommodation or shelter, supporting the national asylum service and the first reception center, and reinforcing the protection of vulnerable groups amongst others.

Athens and Thessaloniki represent the two urban points of transit in Greece in the refugee crisis; recently, they have also become the two main locations for temporary accommodation. At the moment, 32,000 people are stranded in Greece while the FYROM border remains marginally open.

SN recently applied to a relevant UNHCR Call for Proposals and got funded in order to implement a hosting scheme in support of asylum seekers and people eligible to participate into the relocation procedure.

The overall objective of the proposed intervention - i.e. the Solidarity Now Hosting scheme project- is to contribute to the planned increase of accommodation for asylum seekers (including Relocation) and to the establishment of 20,000 reception places, as per occupancy rate.

The specific objective of the project is to create 700 places of temporary accommodation for asylum seekers (including Relocation), 600 in Athens/Attica area and 100 in Thessaloniki & surrounding municipalities’ area.

The project seeks to encourage and engage local civilians and settled migrants legally residing in Greece in a practical demonstration of “solidarity in action”, by opening up their homes to the target group in the shape of an innovative hosting scheme and thus ensuring the dignified accommodation of vulnerable people for a time-bound period.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

As a part of a small but dynamic team in Athens or Thessaloniki, the Interpreter under the supervision of the Project Manager will carry out the following activities:

* Provide interpretation services from Arabic and/or Kurdish and/or Farsi or Pashtu or Urduto Greek/English and vice versa to facilitate communication with asylum seekers and refugees;
* Travels to/from offices and other authorized destinations in the wider area of Athens/Thessaloniki in order to facilitate/enhance filed teams’ work and perform tasks relating to the area of responsibility;
* Translate the contents of documents when needed;
* Work in a multi-cultural environment and accommodate tasks with cultural sensitivity;
* Work in a team, in collaboration with other translators and colleagues;
* Provide information, regular and ad hoc reporting to supervisors and co-workers;
* Respond to queries relating to the area of responsibility and undertake any other duties as required;
* Demonstrate flexibility regarding working hours.

**Hierarchy lines and reporting**

The Interpreter reports to the Project Manager. (S)he is an integral part of SN Athens or Thessaloniki field team.

Occasionally, the interpreter may be in direct line with other departments and officers within the organization when there’s a particular document and/or (ad hoc) task to be followed up.

**Qualifications & skills**

* Fluency in English or Greek and one or more of the following languages: Arabic, Kurdish, Farsi, Pashtu, Urdu;
* Previous relevant job experience;
* Previous experience of working in the NGO sector with Non-Governmental Organizations or other international agencies;
* Good communication skills;
* Display cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability;
* Familiarity with the People on the Move humanitarian emergency.

 If you are interested in applying, please fill send your CV to recruitment@solidaritynow.org by March 16th, 2016 (EOB), mentioning in the email subject “Interpreter\_Athens” or “Interpreter\_Thessaloniki” (depending the location of your choice).

SN is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities and from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Due to the urgency of recruitment, SN reserves the right to complete the process even before the deadline for CV submissions.