

Professional Logistician

International Disaster Response

Orientation Event Tue, 25 March 2025 Lausanne & Online MS-Teams [Registration Link](#)

The goal of the Swiss Red Cross (SRC) orientation event is to inform and recruit potential logistics and supply chain specialists about the pivotal role of the Logistic Emergency Response Unit (ERU). Attendees will learn how they can contribute to international disaster response efforts, focusing on logistics capacity building and essential supply chain coordination within the Red Cross and Red Crescent (RCRC) Movement.

ERU Logistics Basic Training Sat, 20 - 28 September 2025

The goal of the Basic Training is to learn how Logistics ERUs coordinate with partners in the RCRC movement. Delegates gain insight into the mandate of the Logistics ERU and the roles and responsibilities of Logistics ERU members. In a 2 day simulation exercise, participants will learn how the team operates and understand the standard ways of working in a Logistics ERU operation.

The SRC deploys logistics and supply chain specialists with the Logistic Emergency Response Unit (ERU) into international disaster zones upon request.

Background

After a major disaster, the Logistic ERU of the SRC provides logistics capacity building and services to the response and relief teams of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and National Society, i.e. supply chain coordination, local market assessment, customs formalities, warehousing, systems, fleet management, transport of relief goods and equipment. The Logistic ERU is in charge of the process from arrival at ports or from local markets to handover to the relief operation, which takes over the distribution of relief items to affected people. The ERU Team has a modular structure depending on requirements and usually consists of 3 to 6 people.



Target Audience

We are looking for professional supply chain manager and logisticians, preferable within the Swiss Red Cross, though not exclusively.

Your Profile

- Work experience in the supply chain and logistics sector. Work experience abroad is an advantage.
- Completed professional logistics or supply chain qualifications.
- Very good knowledge of French and English, both written and spoken. Additional languages such as Spanish etc. are an advantage.
- Ability to work under pressure, knowing personal limits.
- High flexibility and adjusting quickly to new situations.
- Good social skills and team player attitude
- Respect for other cultures, experience in intercultural behaviour and communication.



- Sense of responsibility and respect for the core values of the Red Cross.
- Ability to deal with ERP software, IT tools and standardized programs.
- Ability to build capacities of local staff and organisation in the field of expertise.
- Problem-Solving Mindset

Conditions

- Rapid availability: you must be able to organise your departure within 3 days of notification in response to a disaster.
- Mission Duration: An ERU mission lasts approx. 4 to 12 weeks in the disaster-affected area.
- Employer support: Your employer must provide written approval confirming your availability to be released for a minimum of four weeks annually, commitments for longer durations are highly desirable.
- Deployment Opportunities: SRC cannot guarantee a deployment, but based on experience opportunities are frequent.



Our offer

- Basic Training: 8-day basic training as an ERU delegate of the SRC (no salary).
- Refresher Training: Annual refresher training session lasting 2 - 4 days (no salary).
- Mission Contract: An SRC employment contract for deployments, including a fixed salary, partial coverage of private insurance, and all social benefits (excluding the pension fund).

Orientation Event:

Date: Tuesday, 25th of March 2025

Time: 7:00 PM to 09:30 PM (CET)

Location: Croix-Rouge vaudoise, Rue Beau-Séjour 9-13, 1003 Lausanne

Please register until 18th of March 2025 the latest: [Registration Link](#)

Application process

If the orientation event has motivated you to become an SRC logistics delegate, we encourage you to submit your application.

- Send a motivation letter, CV, professional certificates by email to jobs-225@srk.rexx-recruitment.com
- After an initial screening, selected candidates will be invited for an interview.
- Successful applicants must provide written confirmation of employer support and will be invited to attend the next basic training.
- Upon successful completion of the basic training, delegates will receive a framework contract.

Next ERU Logistics Basic Training:

20th to 28th of September 2025

Engagement in a Logistic Emergency Response Unit is a valuable experience that you will remember.

For more information, please contact surge@redcross.ch