Information Technology Advisor
Volunteer in Ethiopia for 6 Months
Start Date Jan - Mar 2019 (flexible)

The Volunteer’s Role

This placement will support the work carried out by Farm Radio-Ethiopia in rural communities while boosting their technological capacity and thereby strengthening the ability of Farm Radio to use the technology to better serve their beneficiaries and clients. Services delivered through midwives in the four target countries.

As a volunteer, you will:

- Facilitate workshops and/or create educational materials on themes related to strategic planning. These might vary depending on the volunteer’s expertise and the needs of the association though subjects may include business planning, conflict resolution, strategic planning, etc.
- Perform need-based analyses on associations, including an analysis of the new value chain of an eco-tourism initiative in Yororobá. The analysis should highlight the associations’ institutional needs, along with the beneficiaries’ progress in achieving their professional goals.
- Develop and implement strategic plans and recommendations on future actions of associations/groups based on the collected data.

Essential Academic Qualifications:

- Knowledge of Microsoft Office Applications, Windows 10 and earlier versions), Windows servers, Microsoft Active Directory.
- Experience with Terminal Servers and Virtualization (VMware is a plus).
- Experience in network troubleshooting.
- Experience in hardware/software troubleshooting.
- Experience with SharePoint and Office 365, or willingness to learn.

Essential Professional Background:

- MSc/BSc in Computer Science, Software, Computer engineering, management of information systems, or related field. Minimum 3 years of work experience in IT

About Our Partner

Farm Radio
Farm Radio is an international non-profit organization based in Canada and dedicated to serving African farming families and rural communities through radio. The organization has currently more than 650 radio partners in 40 Sub-Saharan countries to fight poverty and food insecurity through high quality radio programs. These radios reach more than ten million of small-scale farmers with life-changing information and opportunities. The mission of Farm Radio is to help African radio broadcasters meet the needs of local small-scale farmers and their families in rural communities through radio programs that are informative, interactive and entertaining. To achieve these objective Farm Radio develops radio resources and trainings for selected broadcasting partners.

Terms and Conditions

Cuso International terms and conditions allow you to lead a modest and healthy lifestyle while being effective in your placement. This support package will cover basic living expenses for one volunteer and is not intended to cover home-based expenses (ex. loans, support payments, etc.) or luxury items such as imported items in placement or international personal travel.

Support Package

- Modest monthly living allowance (varies depending country)
- Accommodation while in placement
- Return airfare and visa/work permit costs
- Cost of required vaccinations, antimalarial medication and health insurance
- Pre-departure training and in-country orientation
- Travel and accommodation for reintegration debriefing weekend
- Modest support for accompanying partners and dependents going on placement with you for 12 months or longer (Return flight, emergency medical insurance, vaccinations)
- Access to Employee Assistance Program while in placement and upon return
- Cuso International assessment day (Candidates must cover the first $200 of the most cost-effective travel expenses and all accommodation costs).
- Travel and accommodation for the five-day pre-departure training course and for in-country orientation
- Bonus: Additional return flight home or cash in lieu after 12 months of service for volunteers who extend for another 6 months

Fundraising

We ask each volunteer, regardless of placement length, to raise $2,000. All volunteers receive support from Cuso International to help achieve the goal through fundraising. If the volunteer chooses not to fundraise or is unable to achieve the fundraising goal, he/she can make a one-time donation or become a monthly donor to support our work.