



Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS) VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION 2020 - 2027

Job Title	Animal Health Specialist		
Country	Ghana		
Partner Organization	SEND Ghana		
Placement location	Capital city	X	Comments: Position will be based in Tamale with travel within Tamale and to other districts.
	Mid-sized town	X	
	Rural town/village	X	
	Various		
Duration (Months)	6 – 12 months		
Start date	As soon as possible		
Pre-departure Training Date/s	VWB/VSF will provide training orientation.		
Eligibility requirements	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only.		
Language Requirements	<u>Essential:</u> English Please mention if the volunteer will need to work with a local translator for some of their duties: The volunteer will be supported with translation services when engaging with program partners and beneficiaries.		
Academic Qualifications	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree in veterinary pathology/microbiology/animal nutrition or another related field <u>Desirable:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree in Veterinary Medicine / Nutrition 		
Professional Background / Skills	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of and experience with small ruminant diseases and disease control, including livestock disease surveillance • Experience in community animal health and husbandry 		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong understanding of animal nutrition, with knowledge in small ruminant feed formulation • Demonstrable understanding of the use of locally available feeding materials for small ruminants • Effective cross-cultural communication skills • Commitment to the principles of volunteer cooperation and familiarity with participatory approaches to development, including the promotion of One Health concept <p><u>Desirable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good understanding and knowledge of socio-cultural norms in Northern Ghana and ability to speak at least one widely spoken language in Ghana • 1-3 years of relevant experience in program management in an international development/humanitarian context.
<p>Placement goal and objectives (preliminary)</p>	<p>Overall Goal:</p> <p>The primary purpose of the Animal Health Specialist position is to increase the income and resiliency levels of smallholder farmers through the adoption of improved animal health practices with a strong emphasis on animal production and health management.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the knowledge and skills of smallholder farmers in animal production and health management for improved incomes • Enhance the capacity of beneficiary communities to control and manage zoonotic diseases • Increase the awareness and adoption of one health approaches and practices within project beneficiary communities • Strengthen the capacity of smallholder farmers on animal production as an alternative livelihood source • Work with community members and established community groups to develop and implement a plan for building the livestock health and management capacity of the community • Promote and support women's participation in animal production <p>All volunteers are expected to promote gender equality, environmental sustainability and good governance within their placement responsibilities.</p>



Volunteer Terms and Conditions

VWB/VSF covers most of the costs of being an overseas volunteer, including:

- Return airfare to placement country
- Visa/permit costs
- The cost of required vaccinations, anti-malarial medication, and overseas emergency travel health insurance
- A monthly living allowance (MLA) that will be paid into the volunteer's bank account in Canada. The MLA is designed to be sufficient to cover simple housing, basic food requirements, and other typical monthly living expenses.

Fundraising

VWB/VSF encourages each volunteer to raise funds towards the organization's operations.

About Veterinarians Without Borders

In the global south, more than 90 per cent of food animals are raised by subsistence farmers yet these small-scale livestock producers, the majority of whom are women, have very limited access to quality and affordable animal health services. Aside from the risks associated with the loss of valuable livestock who provide important protein and/or income for poor households, zoonotic diseases that can be passed from animals to humans offer a very real threat to human health on a wider scale.

Veterinarians without Borders/Vétérinaires sans frontières (VWB/VSF) works for, and with, communities in need to foster the health of animals, people and the environments that sustain us. VWB/VSF works nationally and internationally to train animal health workers, increase food security, and improve animal & public health. VWB/VSF provides overseas volunteer placements for veterinarians and other animal & public health professionals.

About the Project: Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS)

Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS), funded through the Volunteer-Cooperation Program at Global Affairs Canada, will engage 190 volunteers to work with local partner organizations in Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Volunteers will help create integrated animal health systems to increase the livelihoods and household nutrition of small-scale farmers.

The VETS program utilizes the skills of volunteers to build local partner capacity to support community members, primarily women, to reduce poverty. Through improved production of livestock and crops, volunteers help improve family income and nutrition. The VETS program is built around the One Health concept, which recognizes that the health of people, animals, and the natural environment are interconnected. This project promotes the production of more and better food and increased incomes from livestock, all the while promoting land rehabilitation and conservation for sustainable development.



Veterinarians Without Borders/Vétérinaires sans Frontière is an equal opportunity employer and values the diversity of our team. We are committed to inclusive and equitable employment practices and strive to create a workplace that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion. VWB/VSF Canada welcomes applications from all qualified candidates, including members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, women, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Please let us know if you require an accommodation and we will work with you to ensure an equitable hiring process. Thank you for your interest in VWB/VSF Canada.

Apply now by sending your CV and cover letter to volunteer@vetswithoutborders.ca with “[Position Title] – [Your Name]” in the subject line.