

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

Volunteer Position Title	Animal Health Advisor (Emerging Leaders Program)
Country	Ghana
Partner Organization	Ghana Poultry Network (GAPNET)
Placement Location(s)	Volunteers will be based in two different regions throughout their placement: Upper East Region (Bolgatanga, Yua, Sirigu, Natugnia, and Nayagnia) and Eastern Region (Nooka, Suhum, Obodan, and Nsawam)
Duration of placement	Early May – Early August, 2027
Planned Start date	May 4 th , 2027
Eligibility requirements	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only.
Language Requirements	☐ English required The volunteer will also have the support of a local translator for some of their duties
Placement objective and volunteer role and responsibilities	As Animal Health Volunteers based in Ghana, you will support the Ghana Poultry Network by providing capacity building for 90 Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) to build on their existing knowledge. Placement Overall Goal: Build the capacity of, empower, and work with CAHWs who deliver animal health services to small ruminant and poultry farmers. The goal is to support CAHWs and farmers to increase farm productivity and farm income to reduce poverty. Specific Objectives: • Provide capacity building for community animal health workers (CAHWS) in health and production management • Strengthen the understanding and use of the FAO Event Mobile Application by CAHWs, along with staff of the Veterinary Service Directorate in Ghana for disease reporting • Strengthen the knowledge of CAHWS/animal health professional in common diseases of sheep and goats including preventative and control measures • Provide capacity building for CAHWS/animal health professionals in basic housing and disease control for zoonotic and transboundary animal diseases • Support capacity building for CAHWs in antimicrobial resistance and One Health • Empower CAHWs to continue educating farmers by building their capacity in feeding systems and management in the dry season • Capacity building in fodder management • Provide education session about vaccinations and participate in vaccination campaigns against PPR and Newcastle Disease As part of your role, you will:

	• Build the capacity of trained Community Animal Health Workers on the following topics: Common animal diseases in Ghana in ruminants, poultry and swine, basic animal health care delivery techniques, basic animal housing, ecto and endo parasite management, the importance of vaccinations against Newcastle Disease in village poultry and Peste des petits ruminants in small ruminants, disease recognition, prevention and control, using best practices in the field, One Health Principles, and animal disease outbreak investigations. • Promote Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), in animal rearing, women rights, participation of women in community meetings and the right of the woman to sell their own animals. • Ensure an environmental and sustainability climate action lens is applied throughout the placement • Promote good governance and human rights practices • Participate in pre-assignment training • Submit reports as required by the partner organization and by VWB
Professional experience and skills	Required skills and experience for the placement • Current veterinary student or recent graduate from a DVM program, within the last 5 years • Background and knowledge in small ruminant production and health management • Disease recognition in small ruminants • Ability to train farmers in disease control and feed management in small ruminants • Ability to create learning plans and resources for a variety of audiences • Effective cross-cultural communication skills • Knowledge of Ghanaian livestock sector considered an asset • Commitment to the principles of volunteer cooperation and familiarity with participatory approaches to development, including the promotion of gender equality, good governance and environmental sustainability Applicable to all volunteer placements: • Minimum two (2) years relevant professional experience in your field of expertise • A commitment to gender equality, One Health principles, and international volunteering • Flexibility, adaptability, excellent interpersonal skills and cultural sensitivity • Experience with group facilitation and trainings, including content development considered an asset • Experience living and working internationally considered an asset

Working conditions	• Frequent driving on gravel roads • Use of rented cars, with driver. • Routine field trainings with rural community engagement
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Support Package
VWB offers you an incredible experience to take part in an international volunteer experience where you will expand your personal and professional skills while contributing to global development. VWB commits to supporting you throughout your volunteer journey and will cover the majority of the costs involved in being an overseas volunteer, including: • Pre-departure training • In-country orientation upon arrival in country of placement • Return airfare to placement country • Visa/permit costs • The cost of required for vaccinations and anti-malarial medication • 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. • Debrief after the placement
Fundraising
VWB 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) works for, and with, communities in need to foster the health of animals, people and the environments that sustain us. VWB works nationally and internationally to train animal health workers, increase food security, and improve animal & public health. VWB 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) is a seven-year (2020 to 2028) Volunteer Cooperation Program funded by Global Affairs Canada. VETS will engage 190 volunteers who will support local partner organizations in



Ghana, Kenya, Lao PDR and Cambodia. 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.