



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

Volunteer Position Title	One Health Advisor		
Country	Lao PDR		
Partner Organization	Health Poverty Action (HPA)		
Placement location	Capital city	X	Comments: This position would be based at the HPA central office with occasional travel to the project target sites to study One Health issues on the ground.
	Mid-sized town		
	Rural town/village		
	Various		
Duration	3 months		
Start date	May 15, 2024		
Pre-departure Training Dates	May 6 th		
Eligibility requirements	Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only		
Language Requirements	<u>Essential:</u> English <u>Desirable:</u> Lao The volunteer may need to work with a local translator for project activities.		
Academic Qualifications	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled in veterinary college and/or background is related discipline 		
Professional Background / Skills	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding of One Health concepts and issues, such as emerging infectious diseases and zoonoses; viral diversity and surveillance and risk assessment for emerging pandemic threats. ▪ Interest in research and learning related to One Health, including infectious disease epidemiology, prevention and control; biodiversity, wildlife and ecosystems health; health systems policy and practice; food systems and their interlinkages with health; ▪ Ability to communicate complex information to a wide range of audiences and excellent interpersonal skills ▪ Experience in facilitate workshops and/or leading training sessions ▪ Ability to travel and work with diverse environment at the project sites • Effective cross-cultural communication skills <u>Desirable:</u>		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Previous international work / volunteer experience in Laos or other developing country
<p>Placement goal and objectives (preliminary)</p>	<p>Overall Goal: The overall goal of the One Health Advisor is to support enhanced coordination and collaboration among sectors and agencies in Lao PDR, recognizing the complex and multidisciplinary issues raised by the interface of human, animal and ecosystem health (“One Health”).</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the One Health research agenda setting and review and propose approaches and studies relevant to the development of an approach to reduce risk of zoonotic pandemics. • Explore the analysis of scientific evidence on the links between human, animal, and ecosystem health, and contribute to foresight on emerging threats to health. • Support an understanding of the impacts of food systems (including agriculture, livestock farming and trade, wildlife hunting and trade, aquaculture, animal products processing, handling, distribution and consumer practices) and ecological and environmental factors that may be contributing to zoonotic disease emergence/re-emergence and spillover events. • Provide advice by invitation on One Health policy response in relevant member countries. • Contribute to recommendations on specific issues identified by the partners in the areas of highest concern for attention and action, and future directions, in One Health.
<p>Volunteer Terms and Conditions</p>	
<p>VWB/VSF covers the majority of the costs of being an overseas volunteer, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel and accommodation for the five-day pre-departure training course in Ottawa • Return airfare to placement country and 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. 	
<p>Fundraising</p>	
<p>VWB/VSF encourages each volunteer to raise funds towards the organization's operations.</p>	
<p>About Veterinarians Without Borders</p>	
<p>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</p>	



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 Frontières 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 “Gender Advisor YVP – HPA – Your Name” in the subject line.