



Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS) Young Volunteer Program 2023 Application

Job Title	Animal Health Advisor		
Country	Senegal		
Partner Organization	Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (AVSF, Senegal)		
Placement location	Capital city	X	Comments: This position will be based in the capital city of Dakar and in Vélingara, Kolda Region, which is a mid-sized town with a population of roughly 20,000.
	Mid-sized town	X	
	Rural town/village		
	Various		
Duration (Months)	12 weeks		
Start date	May 2023		
Pre-departure Training Date/s	TBD		
Eligibility requirements	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only		
Language Requirements	<u>Essential:</u> French English Please mention if the volunteer will need to work with a local translator for some of their duties: Volunteer will be supported with translation during community level activities.		
Academic Qualifications	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree in veterinary pathology/microbiology or related academic discipline <u>Desirable:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree in veterinary medicine 		
Professional Background / Skills	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in dairy, poultry, and small ruminant production, value chain development, and animal health management 		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to support community trainings related to best practices for managing farm animals, including disease control and feed management • Effective cross-cultural communication skills • 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 <p><u>Desirable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous international work/volunteer experience in Senegal or other developing country considered an asset
<p>Placement goal and objectives (preliminary)</p>	<p>Overall Goal:</p> <p>The primary purpose of the Animal Health Advisor volunteer role is to help increase the income and resiliency levels of small-holder farmers through the adoption of improved veterinary practices in dairy, poultry, and small ruminant production and health management.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the knowledge and skills of small holder farmers in dairy, poultry, and small ruminant production and health management • To enhance the capacity of beneficiary communities to control and manage zoonotic diseases • To increase the awareness and adoption of one health approaches and practices within project beneficiary communities <p>The role will involve working directly with community members and AVSF Senegal staff, together with the local country coordinator and liaising with VWB/VSF staff. All Young Volunteer Program participants are supported by a Canadian technical supervisor as well as a staff supervisor at the host organization.</p> <p>All volunteers are expected to promote gender equality, environmental sustainability and good governance within their placement responsibilities.</p>
<p>Volunteer Terms and Conditions</p>	
<p>VWB/VSF covers most of the costs of being an overseas volunteer, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 “Young Volunteer Program – [Position] – [Your Name]” in the subject line.