



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

Job Title	Poultry and Small Ruminants Veterinary Advisor		
Country	Lao PDR		
Partner Organization	Healthy Poverty Action (HPA)		
Placement location	Capital city	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notes: Based in the city of Savannakhet with travel to rural areas.
	Mid-sized town	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Rural town/village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Various	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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> 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"> • Enrolled in veterinary college or certified as a veterinary technician <u>Desirable:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree or certification related to veterinary science, animal nutrition, or One Health 		
Professional Background / Skills	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience with poultry and small ruminants • Ability to support community trainings related to best practices for managing poultry and small ruminants • Effective cross-cultural communication skills • Commitment to the principles of volunteer cooperation and familiarity with participatory approaches to development, 		



	<p>including the promotion of gender equality, good governance, and environmental sustainability</p> <p><u>Desirable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous international work/volunteer experience in Laos or other developing country is considered an asset
<p>Placement goal and objectives (preliminary)</p>	<p>Overall Goal: The primary purpose of the Poultry and Small Ruminants Veterinary Advisor role is to help improve nutrition, disease management, and animal comfort through training community members and One Health champions.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training for farmers, staff, and extension officers • Help establish champion farmers and demo farms that will help with training of farmers • Collect baseline information on animal health and nutrition • Train farmers on disease control by visiting farms and holding in-person training sessions for interested farmers • Help train farmers on disease identification and control <p>The role will involve working directly with community members and HPA 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. 	
<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</p>	



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.