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## A Communications and Management Adviser with SAPSRI in Rajagiriya (Colombo), Sri Lanka

### What's the context and purpose of the role?

The South Asia Partnership Sri Lanka (SAPSRI) is part of a network of development oriented organisations operating across South Asia. In Sri Lanka they focus their work on local governance, facilitating community participation in the policy and local government issues that effect their lives. As a management and communications volunteer with SAPSRI, you'll assist the organisation in setting up and promoting a Centre for Governance in Colombo. The Centre will provide resources for researchers and others who are interested in learning about local governance in Sri Lanka, in order to promote a dialogue between people and policy makers.

### What does the role involve?

- Researching and identifying relevant resources for the Centre
- Working together with SAPSRI staff to ensure the effective running of the Centre
- Developing publications to promote the work of SAPSRI and the Resource Centre
- Developing media campaigns on governance issues
- Designing and facilitating workshops
- Working alongside and training SAPSRI staff in project management and communications

### What skills, experience and personal qualities are needed for the role?

You'll need a degree level qualification with a minimum of 5 years' experience in a communications role with project management. As well as excellent reporting and documentation skills, you'll need experience of running media and communication campaigns, and have strong written and oral communication skills. Training and facilitation experience is also essential. Good people skills, sensitivity and flexibility are key qualities needed for this role as you'll need to adapt to a slower pace of work, and deal with last minute changes with a good sense of humour.

### And the rest...

You'll be based in Rajagiriya, a residential suburb of Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital city. The area has a thriving commercial hub, where you'll have access to all essential facilities, such as banks, shops and transport links.

We'll ask you to commit to 12 - 24 months to make a sustainable contribution to our development goals. In return, we'll give you comprehensive financial, personal and professional support. We'll provide you with extensive training before your placement, and our financial package includes a local salary, return flights, accommodation, insurance and more. When you return to your home country, we'll help you to resettle and many of our returned volunteers stay involved with us long after their placement ends. [www.vso.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.vso.org.uk/volunteering)

