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A Communications Adviser in Maharashtra, India for an HIV and AIDS NGO

What's the context and purpose of the role?

In India, more than 5.1 million people live with HIV and AIDS. In recent years a network of people living with HIV&AIDS has emerged. NMP+ is the Maharashtra chapter of this national network and aims to provide a voice for people living with HIV&AIDS at local, regional and national levels to facilitate change in care and support, access to treatment, reducing stigma, and discrimination in society. One of VSO India's aims is to support organisations like NMP+ to address the rights and needs of people living with HIV&AIDS and to increase community awareness and combat discrimination. The aim of this placement is to allow NMP+ to develop professionally and strengthen the capacity of the organisation.

What does the role involve?

- Reviewing and setting internal and external communication strategies
- Setting up a management information system
- Ensuring ongoing collection of information for timely donor reporting
- Creating systems for collating information from all projects for communications and reporting.



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

You'll need a degree level qualification and at least two years' experience in a similar role. Relevant experience in communication including developing communication strategies is essential as is experience developing management information systems. As a flexible and adaptable individual you'll be able to work individually using initiative as well as part of a team. A positive attitude and good sense of humour is a must for all VSO volunteers!

And the rest...

You'll be based in Pune, a city of 4.5 million located in the west of India, in the state of Maharashtra. Pune experiences three distinct seasons: summer, monsoon and winter. Typical summer months are March to May, with maximum temperatures ranging from 35 to 39 °C (95 to 102 °F). Pune is a major industrial centre, growing rapidly every year. It is home to one of the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturers and has a burgeoning software industry. Pune is well connected by road, rail and air to most major cities in India. Pune is a vibrant cultural city and people from multiple religions and speaking different regional languages reside here. It also hosts various national festivals and cultural events throughout the year. Pune residents are known for their fondness of food including a large variety of sweets and spicy fried rolls

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.

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