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An IT Hardware and Network Officer at Adwa College of Teacher Education in Ethiopia

What's the context and purpose of the role?

The Ethiopian Ministry for Education is implementing an ambitious policy to bring IT knowledge and facilities to all educational establishments. Although computer related technology and IT are very recent phenomena in Ethiopia, technology is expanding rapidly. Despite this expansion there is a significant lack of skilled human resources. Adwa College is one college, that is looking to improve its IT infrastructure and skills. As an IT adviser at the College you'll establish an effective network and train your colleagues in basic IT skills and software packages. You'll also ensure that some of your colleagues become self-sufficient in network development and hardware maintenance before the end of your placement.

What does the role involve?

- General computer maintenance at the college
- Networking existing computers at the college
- Providing training to the college community in basic computer skills including Microsoft Office, using the Internet and other relevant programmes
- Installation of a library automation system

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

You'll have a degree or qualification in IT (or a related subject). You will have experience and skills in IT, database management, software and hardware development & management. This will include experience of network administration in a Windows server environment. You'll have hardware maintenance and trouble-shooting skills and knowledge of basic LAN components. The ability to train others in Microsoft Office programs and basic IT is essential. You'll be able to work well in a team and communicate effectively with others. The college is looking for a self-starter with patience and a good sense of humour for when things don't go quite to plan!

And the rest...

Landlocked Ethiopia is situated in North Eastern Africa, bordering Eritrea, Sudan, Kenya, Somalia and Djibouti. The Simien mountains are arguably the most spectacular mountain range in Africa, and Lalibela, with its 13th century rock-hewn churches, the medieval castle of Gondar, and the multitude of different tribes of the Omo valley make for a very different experience from most other African countries. You will be based in Adwa town, a semi-urban area in the northern part of the Tigray region. Adwa has a very significant place in Ethiopian history as the battle site where Italian troops were decisively defeated and forced out of Ethiopia in 1896. It is a beautiful market town surrounded by chains of mountains with the River Asab running through the centre.

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 support package includes a local living allowance, 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

