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A Fundraising and Partnerships Adviser with the Karenni National Women's Organisation in Mae Hong Son, Thailand

What's the context and purpose of the role?

VSO volunteers are working along the Thai/Burma border, supporting people's movements and human rights initiatives with the aim to bring peace and democracy to Burma. As a Fundraising and Partnerships Adviser you'll be part of team of 10 to 12 VSO volunteers, sharing their skills with a variety of organisations fighting for the same cause. You'll work with Karenni, a local women's rights NGO, to empower Burmese women who are living in refugee camps (and are often marginalised) to get involved in decision-making processes and take on leadership roles within the camps. Your role will involve seeking new funding for Karenni, particularly from institutions and training your colleagues in fundraising processes and strategies.

What does the role involve?

- Seeking new funding opportunities for the organisation
- Developing new and maintaining existing relationships with donors
- Training Karenni staff in fundraising strategies, proposal and report writing
- Exploring new potential partnership opportunities to support Karenni's work



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

You'll need at least 2 years' experience in fundraising, ideally raising funds from companies and institutions. Experience in project management and monitoring and evaluation are essential, as are strong proposal and report writing skills. You'll also need excellent communication and networking skills, as a large part of the role will involve developing relationships and partnerships with other organisations. The needs in the Thailand-Burma border context are huge, and therefore patience, flexibility and a realistic expectation of what can be achieved are important. A sense of adventure would be beneficial, as you'll be living in a rural area, travelling around by motorbike. (VSO provides training)

And the rest...

Mae Hong Son is Thailand's northern border city and is well known for its stunning scenery and diverse culture. Many different hill tribes, mainly from Burma, live in small villages dotted around densely forested mountains. You can either live in Mae Hong Son town and commute to work by motorbike (20km) if you prefer a more sociable base, or VSO can provide a house in the small village of Ban Nan Soi, where the Karenni office is situated.

We'll ask you to commit to 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