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A Fundraiser and Project Coordinator at the Chipata Dzithandizeni Nutrition Group Zambia

What's the context and purpose of the role?

The Chipata Dzithandizeni Nutrition Group (CDNG) has been in existence for over 25 years, providing vital nutrition-related support to vulnerable households in the Chipata community. These services include imparting nutrition information and advice to poor families and working together with the UN World Food Programme to support food supplements and feeding programmes to up to 960 undernourished individuals. The spread of HIV and AIDS in recent years (1 out of 5 people in Zambia are HIV positive) has increased the demand for the services that CDNG provides, as poor nutrition means that people infected with HIV are more susceptible to AIDS related illnesses. CDNG is a small organisation and is struggling to attract enough funding to operate its growing programmes effectively. As a fundraising volunteer with CDNG, you'll develop and implement a long-term fundraising strategy to ensure the sustainability of their important work.

What does the role involve?

- Working together with CDNG staff to develop a fundraising and resource mobilisation strategy
- Developing project proposals and training CDNG staff in proposal writing and other fundraising techniques
- Maintaining relationships with donors and creating new linkages with organisations, raising the profile of CDNG amongst potential donors
- Developing a donor map



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

You'll need a degree-level qualification with at least 2 years' fundraising experience. Your experience will include donor mapping, proposal writing and developing fundraising strategies. You'll also need excellent communication skills, as you'll need to build strong relationships with your colleagues at CDNG as well as a variety of donors. You'll need to be confident in your work and flexible to work with limited resources. Patience and a good sense of humour are always useful qualities, as things might move more slowly than what you're used to.

And the rest...

Landlocked Zambia is located between the southern rim of the Zaire Basin and the Zambezi River. The country is home to the majestic Victoria Falls as well as excellent National Parks teeming with a huge variety of wildlife. Zambia's climate is tropical with a wet (and hot!) season from November to March when temperatures can rise to highs of 40°C. The average temperature for rest of the year ranges from 25 – 30 °C. The average Zambian diet is pretty healthy, often consisting of 'maize flour mash', usually served with a tomato and onion sauce and relish. You may also sample exotic delicacies such as caterpillars, flying ants and locusts! Imported items are generally available, though these tend to be more expensive.

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