

Apply today and you could be... A Gender Researcher in South Africa

What's the context and purpose of the role?

With 24.8% HIV and AIDS infection rate and an estimated 5 million adults and children living with HIV and AIDS, South Africa is among the worst affected countries in the world. As the pandemic has ravaged Southern Africa, women – many of them poor and many of them HIV-positive – have played a key leadership role at the community level. Yet their contribution has rarely been recognized or supported by those with decision-making power. And although women and girls account for the majority of new HIV infections in sub-Saharan Africa, this has not been reflected in the policies or the resources committed to fight the disease. The Southern Africa Media and Gender Institute need a researcher to help expose vital work in this area.

What does the role involve?

- Conducting research on gender sensitive reporting & HIV and AIDS
- Facilitating media and HIV and AIDS workshops
- Facilitating workshops on HIV and AIDS, gender and media for advocacy
- Facilitate and train grassroots communities to extract data on computer and write reports on HIV and AIDS monitoring projects



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

In addition to sound research skills, you'll need some exposure to media production, experience in networking & building partnerships. You'll need a degree in a related field and brilliant communication skills as your job will see you working with vulnerable people and different community groups.

And the rest...

You'll be based in Cape Town, the third most populous city in South Africa and often regarded as one of the world's most beautiful cities because of its geography. Table Mountain forms a dramatic backdrop to the city bowl, with its plateau over 1,000 m high; it is surrounded by near-vertical cliffs. Cape Town is one of the most popular South African destinations for tourism and a population of 2.95 million.

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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