

Apply today and you could be... A Management Adviser with Moanoghar Orphanage in Rangapani, Bangladesh

What's the context and purpose of the role?

Bangladesh has a rapidly rising population of over 140 million, half of whom live below the poverty line. The provision of basic rights such as education and health are often limited, especially for the minority indigenous population. Moanoghar is an orphanage established in 1974 by a group of Buddhist Monks to provide shelter, education and primary healthcare for indigenous orphans and destitute children in the Chittagong Hill Area. The organisation undertakes programmes to create education and employment opportunities. As a volunteer at Moanoghar, you'll improve the management capacity of the organisation and help it meet its objectives more effectively.

What does the role involve?

- Providing on-the-job management training and mentoring to Moanoghar's management committee
- Developing a long-term organisational strategy for Moanoghar together with the management committee
- Developing appropriate monitoring and evaluation systems for the organisation's programmes
- Building and maintaining relationships with other organisations and potential donors

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

You'll need a degree-level qualification as well a minimum of 3 years experience in a mid to senior-level management role. Your management skills and experience need to be broad and include organisational strategy, HR, financial planning and monitoring and evaluation. Cultural sensitivity, patience and a good sense of humour are important qualities in all VSO volunteers as these should help you to work well with limited resources and adapt to live and work in a different culture. Good interpersonal and team working skills are also essential as you'll need to build strong relationships with your colleagues and a variety of stakeholders.

And the rest...

Bangladesh is a lively, friendly and hospitable country, teeming with people from a variety of backgrounds, cultures and religions. The lives of many people are dominated by the rivers that flow through the country on their way from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal. In the northeast and east of the country, the landscape rises to forested hills, and this is where you'll be based. Rangapani is a small town in the Chittagong Hills in South-Eastern Bangladesh with good basic facilities like a bank and two big market places for groceries and other basic goods. The standard Bangladeshi diet is rice, which is eaten three times a day served with dhal (lentils), fish, meat or vegetable curry. Typical snacks are samosas, shingaras (potato and vegetable in a pastry) and many kinds of mishti (small cake-like sweets). Fresh fruit and vegetables are cheap and plentiful!

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

