

Apply today and you could be... A Fundraiser with Ahitipaluxeni in Maputo, Mozambique

What's the context and purpose of the role?

Fifteen percent of the adult population in Mozambique is living with HIV & AIDS and it is estimated that by 2010 life expectancy will be just 36 years. VSO volunteers are working to improve the structure and management of local community-based organisations so they can provide better services to people living with HIV and AIDS, especially to marginalized groups such as women and vulnerable children. Ahitipaluxeni is one of those organisations. Established by women living with HIV and AIDS in 2004, Ahitipaluxeni is a small organisation that provides home-based care to people infected by HIV, and offers income generating activities to affected families, women and orphans. The organisation wants to expand its vital services but is currently lacking the funding and organisational capacity to do so. As a Fundraiser with Ahitipaluxeni, you'll build their organisational capacity and help to ensure their financial sustainability.

What does the role involve?

- Assisting the organisation in developing a strategic plan for their programmes as well as a fundraising strategy
- Planning and writing project proposals
- Training staff in raising funds for the organisation
- Supporting the development and implementation of new HIV and AIDS programmes

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

You'll need a degree level qualification with at least 2 years experience as a fundraiser with proposal writing and strategy development. You'll also need strong communication and interpersonal skills and be flexible team player. Basic knowledge of Portuguese would be an advantage, but is not essential, as long as you're willing to learn! As with all VSO placements, a positive attitude and good sense of humour are important qualities, that will help you to adapt to a new cultural way of working and living.

And the rest...

Mozambique lies on the eastern coast of southern Africa bordering Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Its stunning coastline stretches over 2470km along the Indian Ocean. The country was colonised by Portugal until 1975 and the official language today is still Portuguese. You'll be based in coastal Maputo, the capital city of Mozambique. There are plenty of shops and facilities and the local fish market, located on the north end of Avenue Marginal is touted to be one of the best places in all of Africa for fresh fish and seafood. You're most likely to live in a small flat within walking distance of the office.

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

