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A Nutrition Adviser in Nusa Tenggara Timur Province, Indonesia

What's the context and purpose of the role?

Malnutrition underlies the majority of health problems in the eastern Indonesian province of Nusa Tenggara Timur, with pregnant women and children under five especially affected. VSO works together with local partner organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of women and children in rural Indonesia. Many organisations have requested support and training to build up their expertise in combating malnutrition. As a roving volunteer, you will work with several partners across the region to strengthen the effectiveness of their work, and reduce the incidence and impacts of malnutrition upon families left vulnerable by poverty and food insecurity.

What does the role involve?

- Supporting local organisations throughout the province with guidance and advice on nutrition related issues
- Assisting organisations to achieve their objectives for improving nutrition
- Helping organisations plan, assess, and manage their programme of work in nutrition
- Train staff and colleagues, expanding their nutritional knowledge and skills base
- Conduct out-reach work for health promotion and nutrition education in village communities
- Report, monitor and evaluate visits and support, from a base within one 'host' partner organisation

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

You'll need a degree in nutrition or a nutrition-related health field and at least 2 years' experience, ideally within the field of international or public health nutrition. Experience of training others, and helping to build their skills and capabilities, is essential. Previous experience of working with pregnant mothers and young children on nutrition or health promotion is desirable. Project management, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting skills would also be useful. The readiness to travel widely around NTT Province and ride a motorbike is vital for this roving role (VSO provides motorbike training). VSO provide comprehensive language training, but the willingness to learn local languages is key. As with all VSO placements, you'll need to be flexible, patient and creative to work effectively with limited resources.

And the rest...

Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago and the fifth most populous country, with 17,700 islands stretching 5,120 kilometres (3,200 miles) between Australia and the Asian mainland. It's a tropical country with high humidity, a dry season from May to October and a wet season from November to April. You'll be based in West Timor. The area consists of rocky hills and high plateau cut by deep valleys and loose-soiled grassy terrain. The island is rural and verdant with stunning beaches nearby.

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

