

Apply today and you could be...

A Project Management and Fundraising Adviser with the Fountain of Sustainable Livelihoods in Accra, Ghana

What's the context and purpose of the role?

Since 2000, Ghana has sustained a period of economic stability and has seen one of the fastest rates of poverty reduction in Africa in recent years. However, 40% of the population still live below the poverty line of US\$1 a day, with women, children and the disabled being the most disadvantaged groups. Fountain of Sustainable Livelihoods is a small non-governmental organisation (NGO) that provides business training and micro-finance facilities to poor farming communities. Fountain is currently expanding its programmes to provide additional support for people living with disabilities in their target communities. As a volunteer with Fountain, you'll help improve the organisation's project management and fundraising techniques to ensure the sustainability of their important work.

What does the role involve?

- Developing a fundraising strategy and building long-term donor relationships to secure sustainable funding
- Training staff in basic managerial and administrative skills to improve the efficiency of the organisation
- Leading on the development of operational guides for each of Fountain's programme areas

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

You'll have a degree level qualification with at least 3 years' experience in project management, staff management and fundraising. You'll need to be a flexible team player with good networking and communication skills in order to maintain and develop relationships with a variety of stakeholders, colleagues and donors. Patience, adaptability and a sense of humour are important qualities in all our volunteers, as these will help you to work with limited resources and adapt to live and work in a different culture.

And the rest...

Ghana is located on North Africa's Gulf of Guinea, bordering the Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Togo. Soups are the mainstay of Ghanaian cuisine. You'll be based in Accra, Ghana's capital city of approximately 1 million people. There are good facilities in town, including department stores and supermarkets and plenty of restaurants and bars to socialise with colleagues and other volunteers.

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

