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A Teacher Trainer at the University of Goroka in Papua New Guinea

What's the context and purpose of the role?

Papua New Guinea enjoys exceptional cultural and linguistic diversity but due to its geographic complexity, development challenges are particularly difficult. Many rural areas, where the majority of its 5.3 million people live, can only be reached by air, reinforcing inequalities in access to education and health services. Papua New Guinea is currently reforming its education system with the aim of improving the quality of teaching and learning practices in secondary schools across the country. VSO tries to address the underlying problem in secondary schools by working with the University of Goroka, the only university training teachers that are teaching secondary schools. The Faculty of Education has the vision of graduating teachers who will become highly skilled and knowledgeable, as well as excellent role models in every sector of society. As an educational manager you will help to improve teaching, learning and leadership practices with Papua New Guineans.

What does the role involve?

- Developing and implementing course materials for a mixed mode school leadership/ management programme
- Helping to develop research skills by conducting studies in partnership with Papua New Guineans
- Sharing knowledge, skills and experience with members of the Educational Foundations section.
- Co-teaching courses in school based management and leadership programs
- Networking with satellite schools and other organisations



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

You'll need to have a Masters degree in educational management, as well as management experience at head or deputy head level at school level or within educational institutions. You'll need the ability to produce teaching materials in modular format and localized teaching materials. You will be able to be flexible and appreciate tertiary linkage with the community. You'll have excellent interpersonal, communication and team working skills. In addition, an enthusiasm for living and working in a new and diverse culture.

And the rest...

The mainland of Papua New Guinea and its associated archipelagos stretch across a distance of almost 3000km between the equator and the southwestern rim of the Pacific Ocean. Although the country only represents 1% of the world's surface area, it is home to an estimated 5% of the world's biodiversity. The climate is generally hot - most regions experience sunshine for the majority of the year and likewise all areas have a rainy season. The university will provide furnished accommodation with a reliable water supply. Internet access is available at the university and in cafes in Goroka town. 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.