
PARTNERS FOR ACCESS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AS DEPUTY PROGRAM MANAGER OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN RURAL UGANDA

African Community Center for Social Sustainability (ACCESS)
Nakaseke, Uganda

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Willingness to work and live in a resource limited rural setting (Housing is provided on site)
- Interest in working with people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs), orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs)
- Able to work independently with minimal supervision
- Demonstrated interest and background in public and global health
- Willingness and flexibility to perform miscellaneous duties assigned by directors
- Prior experience working in third world countries is preferred but not required
- Able to work with a team despite language and cultural barriers

RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities are largely up to the volunteer but will include a role in each of the following areas. The priority of the volunteer should be to gain an understanding of the needs of the organization and the community and to work with community members to find ways to meet their needs. Collaboration, communication, and patience are essential.

1. Medical Care

Volunteers will work at our on-site walk-in clinic (called Lifecare) and may visit the Nakaseke district hospital. Those with clinical skills will be involved in patient management, and those without will have the opportunity to observe. You will be supervised by James Sewanyana (medical officer) and Dr. Kalyesubula (when available).

Importantly, you will be involved in preparing and procuring medical supplies and sundries depending on the current needs of the clinic.

2. Training Community Health Nurses

We have a school that currently trains nurses' aides in a one-year program run by four tutors from ACCESS, Nakaseke Hospital, and Mulago Hospital in Kampala. Your role will be to interact with the students and review our curriculum to suggest improvements.

3. OVC's (Orphans and Vulnerable Children) and PLWAs (People Living With HIV/AIDS)

You will conduct weekly home visits via car or motor-bike to our OVCs and PLWAs to ensure that they are receiving what they need to go to school and to ensure they are receiving proper medical attention. You will need to be comfortable riding on rough terrain to remote areas to visit our patients. We will ask you to take detailed accounts of the support being given to these patients, what further needs are, and how our impact can be increased in a sustainable way.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation

This will be your most important and significant role. We will need a proactive individual willing to work through language barriers to gather information in order to monitor and evaluate our impact in the community. You will therefore help in designing the annual work plan and writing the annual report. Strong communication skills will be essential.

You will be directly supported in this role by ACCESS director, Dr. Robert Kalyesubula, as well as by Partners for ACCESS directors Moe Zeidan and Katie D'Angelo.

5. Facilitate Partnerships

Within the Nakaseke community are large NGOs including BRAC, Mildmay, MedNet, and World Vision. We will ask you to periodically meet with the leaders of these organizations to understand their role in the community and to work to enhance our partnerships to better meet the needs of the Nakaseke community.

You will help the ACCESS staff plan for annual visits by international medical students. Their visit coincides with an annual Community Health Day in which we provide free care to 400-600 patients in two days. We have one collaboration the University of British Columbia Medical School and another with Tufts University School of Medicine.

6. Income Generation Projects (IGAs)

ACCESS currently provides IGAs to our supported families. It is important to monitor the progress of these projects, their efficacy, and to provide clients with support.

All your work will be supported by our clinical health officer, James Sewanyana, who is onsite in Nakaseke, by Ronald Kiyemba, our onsite Program Manager. Dr. Kalyesubula will be onsite bi-weekly to check in and help facilitate meetings.

6 month minimum preferred.

For more information, please contact Katie D'Angelo (kkdangelo@gmail.com) and Moe Zeidan (moe.zeidan@gmail.com).

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