

Volunteer Job Description

Background

CHEEERS: DHT volunteers work with one specific hospital in Kisiizi, Uganda. This relationship has been formed over the past 15 years. Each year a group of healthcare workers travel to Kisiizi Hospital for a 2 week trip. This is made up of a number of disciplines. Usually there will be two members of a discipline paired together. The focus of this trip is to provide a workshop about a specialist topic, continue to provide education and support to the hospital workers, and complete quality improvement projects / service development projects collaboratively with the staff at the hospital. The cost of the trip is completely self-funded by volunteers. All money fundraised is used to achieve targets set out with hospital management. In previous years these targets have included a digital x-ray machine, an echocardiogram and a paediatric bronchoscope alongside education funding for staff to further develop their clinical skills.

Key working relationships

- Fellow volunteers
- Hospital Staff at Kisiizi Hospital
- CHEEERS:DHT Board of Trustees

Purpose of role

A volunteer must deliver the project goals as outlined and agreed by both the specific discipline group and the wider volunteer group. The Volunteer must work as part of a team to achieve these goals. They must demonstrate clinical knowledge in their specialist area. They will support their team members throughout this experience while carrying out their duties. They must uphold the values of the charity in their work and in their interaction with others. They must work collaboratively and respectfully with those from different cultures and backgrounds.

Roles and responsibilities

- Attend and actively participate in training days prior to the trip.
- Ensure all personal preparations for the trip are completed. This includes but is not limited to: budgeting for the trip, vaccines, travel visas, packing etc.
- Create and deliver a workshop on a designated topic to attendees as part of the volunteer group.
- Create and deliver a project specific to your discipline.
- Complete personal fundraising activities and participate in a team fundraising event.
- Provide clinical education to hospital partners.
- Provide support to fellow volunteers while preparing for the trip and while travelling.
- Engage in team activities while preparing for the trip and while travelling.
- Engage with CHEEERS: DHT board members as required.

Essential Criteria

- Minimum 1 year of relevant professional experience in a specific discipline.
- Registered with a recognised governing body.

Desirable Criteria

- 2 years or more of relevant professional experience in a specific discipline.
- Previous experience working in a MDT.
- Previous experience with quality improvement projects.
- Previous experience of providing education about the specific discipline.
- Previous volunteering experience.