

**Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS)
VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION**

Volunteer Position Title	One Health Advisor
Country	Laos
Partner Organization	Health Poverty Action (HPA)
Placement Location(s)	Vientiane with travel to project sites
Duration of placement	4 weeks
Planned Start date	April, 2025 onwards
Eligibility requirements	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only.
Language Requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> English Will the volunteer have the support of a local translator for some of their duties? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Placement objective and volunteer role and responsibilities	<p>As the One Health Advisor based in Vientiane, Laos, you will support Health Poverty Action to develop staff capacity in the One Health approach.</p> <p>As part of your role, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support with the review and improvement of One Health / Biosecurity & zoonotic diseases guidelines • Build capacities and share best practices on how to increase the value of livestock to optimize income • Build capacity of staff members by providing One Health related trainings on topics ranging from general animal welfare, disease prevention and management, biosecurity measures etc. • Promote gender equality by sharing best practices on the roles and responsibilities of livestock raising • Ensure an environmental and sustainability climate action lens is applied throughout the placement by sharing best practices on farming management to be environmentally friendly and growing climate resistant crops • Promote good governance and human rights practices by building capacity and sensitizing on women's rights • Participate in pre-assignment training • Submit reports as required by the partner organization and by VWB

Professional experience and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree and/or relevant experience in Veterinarian Medicine or a related field • Demonstrated experience working in One Health approach and concept • Experience working with small ruminants (chicken and pigs) • Demonstrated knowledge on zoonotic diseases, biosecurity • Considered an asset to have experience in agriculture and climate change knowledge • Minimum two (2) years relevant professional experience in your field of expertise • A commitment to gender equality, One Health principles, and international volunteering • Flexibility, adaptability, excellent interpersonal skills and cultural sensitivity • Experience with group facilitation and trainings, including content development considered an asset • Experience living and working internationally considered an asset
Working conditions	<p>Fill in any physical requirements required for the placement – for example frequent driving on gravel roads, heavy lifting, stairs in the office, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head office has steps • Road conditions poor when visiting communities (dirt roads; bumpy)

Support Package
<p>VWB offers you an incredible experience to take part in an international volunteer experience where you will expand your personal and professional skills while contributing to global development. VWB commits to supporting you throughout your volunteer journey and will cover the majority of the costs involved in being an overseas volunteer, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-departure training • In-country orientation upon arrival in country of placement • Return airfare to placement country • Visa/permit costs • The cost of required for vaccinations and anti-malarial medication • Overseas emergency travel health insurance • A monthly living allowance (MLA) that will be paid into the volunteer’s bank account in Canada. The MLA is designed to be sufficient to cover simple housing, basic food requirements, and other typical monthly living expenses. • Debrief after the placement
Fundraising
<p>VWB encourages each volunteer to raise funds towards the organization’s operations.</p>
About Veterinarians Without Borders
<p>In the global south, more than 90 per cent of food animals are raised by subsistence farmers yet these small-scale livestock producers, the majority of whom are women, have very limited access to quality and affordable animal health services.</p>

Aside from the risks associated with the loss of valuable livestock who provide important protein and/or income for poor households, zoonotic diseases that can be passed from animals to humans offer a very real threat to human health on a wider scale.

Veterinarians without Borders/Vétérinaires sans Frontières (VWB) works for, and with, communities in need to foster the health of animals, people and the environments that sustain us. VWB works nationally and internationally to train animal health workers, increase food security, and improve animal & public health. VWB provides overseas volunteer placements for veterinarians and other animal & public health professionals.

About the Project: Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS)

Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS) is a seven-year (2020 to 2028) Volunteer Cooperation Program funded by Global Affairs Canada. VETS will engage 190 volunteers who will support local partner organizations in Ghana, Kenya, Lao PDR and Cambodia. Volunteers will help create integrated animal health systems to increase the livelihoods and household nutrition of small-scale farmers.

The VETS program utilizes the skills of volunteers to build local partner capacity to support community members, primarily women, to reduce poverty. Through improved production of livestock and crops, volunteers help improve family income and nutrition. The VETS program is built around the One Health concept, which recognizes that the health of people, animals, and the natural environment are interconnected. This project promotes the production of more and better food and increased incomes from livestock, all the while promoting land rehabilitation and conservation for sustainable development.