

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

Volunteer Position Title	Animal Health Advisor (Emerging Leaders Program)		
Country	Ghana		
Partner Organization	Apex Body of Women in Poultry Value Chain (WIPVaC-Apex Ghana)		
Placement Location(s)	Based in Greater Accra, with travel to Central, Eastern, Bono, Bono East and Volta regions		
Duration of placement	3 months (May – August, 2025)		
Planned Start date	Early May, 2025		
Supervisor	Name	Title	Email
	Dr. Victoria Norgbey	National President	victorianorgbey@gmail.com
Counterpart - staff who will be the focal point for the volunteer's capacity building activities	Name	Title	Email
	Emmanuella Kpeli	Executive Secretary	emmakpeli92@gmail.com
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	As an Animal Health Advisor volunteer based in Ghana, you will support WIPVaC-Apex Ghana in supporting identified communities and providing trainings for poultry and livestock value chain actors. In this position you will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide trainings to farmers in nutrition, animal health and welfare, biosecurity • Train farmers on disease recognition, prevention, and control • Monitor and follow up with farmers trained to ensure that best practices are being carried out • Build the capacity of staff members through training and sharing best practices on animal health 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote gender equality by integrating gender equality into the placement activities such as the training modules • Ensure an environmental and sustainability climate action lens is applied throughout the placement • 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"> • Must be 18 years of age or older • Currently enrolled in Veterinary School or recent graduate from DVM program, within the last five years • Experience in animal production and animal health, particularly in poultry sector (Feed, processing, hatchery operations poultry value chain, welfare and health management) • Ability to train small-scale farmers in poultry disease control and biosecurity • Ability to create learning plans and resources for a variety of audiences • Effective cross-cultural communication skills • 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"> • Some travel required • Frequent driving on gravel roads

Applicable to all volunteer placements:

Support Package

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 most of the costs involved in being an overseas volunteer, including:

- Travel and accommodation for the pre-departure training course in Ottawa
- 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.
- Criminal record verification
- Debrief after the placement

Fundraising

VWB encourages each volunteer to raise funds towards the organization's operations.

About Veterinarians Without Borders

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. 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 2027) Volunteer Cooperation Program funded by Global Affairs Canada. VETS will engage 190 volunteers who will support local partner organizations in Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Vietnam. 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.