

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

Volunteer Position Title	Small Ruminant and Poultry Health Advisor		
Country	Ghana		
Partner Organization	Ghana Poultry Network (GAPNET)		
Placement Location(s)	Part of the placement will be based in Upper East region of Ghana, part of the placement will be based in Greater Accra. With possible travel to additional regions in Ghana.		
Duration of placement	3 months (May – August 2025)		
Planned Start date	Early May, 2025		
Supervisor	Dr. Anthony Akunzule	Executive director	Email : akunzule@gmail.com
Counterpart - staff who will be the focal point for the volunteer's capacity building activities	Dorothy Asare	Project Coordinator	Email : dorothyasare18@gmail.com
Eligibility requirements	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only.		
Language Requirements	English required Volunteers will have the support of a local translator for some of their duties		
Placement objective and volunteer role and responsibilities	<p>Overall Goal: As a Small Ruminant and Poultry Health Advisor volunteer, you will support GAPNET as they promote animal health throughout the communities they work in. You will help strengthen the knowledge and capacity of GAPNET staff and Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs)</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in vaccination campaign of small ruminants against PPR • Train small ruminant farmers in basic housing for ruminants • Train small ruminant farmers in disease recognition, prevention, and control • Train small ruminant farmers on the importance of vaccinations against PPR on their farms • Train rural poultry farmers on the importance of Newcastle disease vaccination and basic poultry housing 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice on treating internal and external parasites in sheep and goats • Participate in vaccination campaign against rabies in pets <p>Applicable to all volunteer placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in pre-assignment training • Submit reports as required by the partner organization and by VWB
<p>Professional experience and skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be 18 years of age or older ▪ Current veterinary student or recent graduate from a DVM program, within the last 5 years • Background and knowledge in small ruminant production and health management • Disease recognition in small ruminants • Ability to train farmers in disease control and feed management in small ruminants • Ability to create learning plans and resources for a variety of audiences • Effective cross-cultural communication skills • Knowledge of Ghanaian livestock sector • Commitment to the principles of volunteer cooperation and familiarity with participatory approaches to development, including the promotion of gender equality, good governance and environmental sustainability <p>Applicable to all volunteer placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Working conditions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent driving on gravel roads • Use of rented cars, with driver. • Routine field trainings with rural community engagement

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

- 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

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 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.