



Volunteers Engaged in Gender Responsive Technical Solutions (VETS) VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION 2020 - 2027

Volunteer Position Title	Animal Health Research Advisor		
Country	Senegal		
Partner Organization	AVSF		
Placement location	Capital city		Comments: This position will be based in Vélingara, Kolda Region, which is a mid-sized town with a population of roughly 20,000.
	Mid-sized town	X	
	Rural town/village		
	Various		
Duration (Months)	4 months		
Start date	November 2022		
Pre-departure Training Date/s	VWB/VSF will provide training orientation.		
Eligibility requirements	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only.		
Language Requirements	<p><u>Essential:</u> French</p> <p><u>Desirable:</u> Pulaar, Wolof</p> <p>Volunteer will be supported by the other members of the project team for translation needs when working with community members.</p>		
Academic Qualifications	<p><u>Essential:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree in Veterinary Medicine or Social Science with strong background in animal health <p><u>Desirable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic understanding of the One Health approach 		
Professional Background / Skills	<p><u>Essential:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven ability to coordinate projects within the nonprofit sector or similar field, in the area of gender equality and/or monitoring, evaluation and knowledge management • Strong analytical, synthesis and writing skills, as well as a strong adaptability to work in difficult local conditions • Experience in conducting field surveys and data collection 		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong background in statistics and research methodology, both qualitative and quantitative • Knowledge of ethnoveterinary practices is considered an asset • Effective intercultural communication skills • Commitment to the principles of voluntary cooperation and familiarity with participatory approaches to development, including the promotion of gender equality, good governance, and environmental sustainability <p><u>Desirable:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to work in the team and in the field - Previous international work/volunteer experience in Senegal or another developing country
<p>Placement goal and objectives (preliminary)</p>	<p>Overall Goal: Research and compile the ethnoveterinary knowledge and practices by breeders in the department of Vélingara, Kolda Region, where the “Thiella” project is located (“Health for All” in Pulaar).</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the traditional knowledge and practices in animal medicine, as well as the plants or substances used for each practice 2. Analyze their processes and their effectiveness on animal health according to the perceptions of pastoralist communities. <p>All volunteers must promote gender equality, environmental sustainability, and good governance as part of their missions.</p>
<p>Volunteer Terms and Conditions</p>	
<p>VWB/VSF covers most of the costs of being an overseas volunteer, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return airfare to placement country • Visa/permit costs • The cost of required vaccinations, anti-malarial medication, and 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. 	
<p>Fundraising</p>	
<p>VWB/VSF encourages each volunteer to raise funds towards the organization’s operations.</p>	
<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. 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/VSF) works for, and with, communities in need to foster the health of animals, people and the environments that sustain us. VWB/VSF works nationally and internationally to train animal health workers, increase food security, and improve animal & public health. VWB/VSF 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), funded through the Volunteer-Cooperation Program at Global Affairs Canada, will engage 190 volunteers to work with 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.

Veterinarians Without Borders/Vétérinaires sans Frontière is an equal opportunity employer and values the diversity of our team. We are committed to inclusive and equitable employment practices and strive to create a workplace that supports diversity, equity, and inclusion. VWB/VSF Canada welcomes applications from all qualified candidates, including members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, women, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Please let us know if you require an accommodation and we will work with you to ensure an equitable hiring process. Thank you for your interest in VWB/VSF Canada.

Apply now by sending your CV and cover letter to volunteer@vetswithoutborders.ca with “Animal Health Research Advisor – Your Name” in the subject line.