



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

<b>Job Title</b>	Small Ruminants and Animal Health Specialist (Young Volunteer Program)		
<b>Country</b>	Ghana		
<b>Partner Organization</b>	Ghana Poultry Network (GAPNET)		
<b>Placement location</b>	Capital city		<b>Comments:</b> This position will mainly be based in Bolgatanga and work in thirteen communities in the Kassena Nankana West and East Districts in the Upper East Region of Ghana.
	Mid-sized town	X	
	Rural town/village	X	
	Various	X	
<b>Duration (Months)</b>	<b>3 months</b>		
<b>Start date</b>	<b>May 2024-August 2024</b>		
<b>Pre-departure Training Date/s</b>	Pre-departure training will be provided by VWB/VSF		
<b>Eligibility requirements</b>	Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only.		
<b>Language Requirements</b>	<u>Essential:</u> English  The volunteer will sometimes need to work with a local translator for some of the duties especially in rural communities		
<b>Academic Qualifications</b>	<u>Essential:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be 18 years of age or older</li> <li>▪ Student and/or recent University graduate, within the last five years</li> </ul> <u>Desirable:</u> Background in small ruminant health and production		



<p><b>Professional Background / Skills</b></p>	<p><u>Essential:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in small ruminant production and health management</li> <li>• Disease recognition in small ruminants</li> <li>• Ability to train farmers in disease control and feed management in small ruminants</li> <li>• Ability to create learning plans and resources for a variety of audiences</li> <li>• Effective cross-cultural communication skills</li> <li>• Strong knowledge of Ghanaian livestock sector</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p><b>Expertise in any of the following:</b></p> <p>Animal health, nutrition, dairy management, food safety, health risk assessment, monitoring and evaluation, disease management, veterinary medicine</p>
<p><b>Placement goal and objectives (preliminary)</b></p>	<p><b>Overall Goal:</b></p> <p>To work and train small ruminant farmers and conduct field visits to the farms, work with trained community animal health workers (CAWHs). To work with small ruminants in vaccination against <i>pestes des petits ruminants (PPR)</i> and internal and external parasite control</p> <p><b>Specific Objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Undertake vaccinations of small ruminants against PPR</li> <li>2. Train small ruminant farmers in basic housing for ruminants</li> <li>3. Train small ruminant farmers in disease recognition, prevention and control</li> <li>4. Train small ruminant farmers on vaccinations against PPR in their farms</li> <li>5. Train rural poultry farmers in Newcastle disease vaccination and basic poultry housing</li> <li>6. Practically treat against internal and external parasites in sheep and goats</li> <li>7. Vaccinate against rabies in pets</li> </ol> <p>All volunteers are expected to promote gender equality, environmental sustainability and good governance within their placement responsibilities.</p>
<p><b>Young Volunteer Terms and Conditions</b></p>	
<p>VWB/VSF covers most of the costs of being an overseas volunteer, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel and accommodation for the pre-departure training course in Ottawa</li> <li>• Return airfare to placement country</li> <li>• Visa/permit costs</li> <li>• The cost of required vaccinations, anti-malarial medication, and overseas emergency travel health insurance</li> </ul>	



- 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.

**Fundraising**

VWB/VSF encourages each young 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/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 Frontières 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](mailto:volunteer@vetswithoutborders.ca) with "Animal Health Specialist – YVP (GAPNET) – Your Name" in the subject line.