



## OVERSEAS PLACEMENT: Audiologist, Guyana

<b>PARTNER NAME:</b>	Ministry of Health, Division of Rehabilitation Services
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Georgetown, Guyana
<b>LENGTH OF PLACEMENT:</b>	12 months
<b>START DATE:</b>	February 9, 2012
<b>FUNDING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS :</b>	Must be Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
<b>LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Fluent English - Level 4-5 To self-assess your level please see <a href="http://www.cusointernational.org/sites/default/files/language_en_tcm77-20632.pdf">http://www.cusointernational.org/sites/default/files/language_en_tcm77-20632.pdf</a>

### ABOUT CUSO INTERNATIONAL

Cuso International is a non-profit development agency that works through volunteers. Each year, we send hundreds of global citizens to work on collaborative development projects in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. We are one of North America's leading international development organizations that works through volunteers.

### ABOUT THE PARTNER

There is a chronic shortage of health professionals in Guyana, and therefore, very few services for disabled people. The grave lack of resources resulted in very little provision or development in the area of rehabilitation. But, the Ministry of Health has committed to increasing access to rehabilitation services across the country to now reach and change the lives of hundreds of people with impairments in rural and urban areas. With small improvements to these services, the lives of disabled people could be transformed; improving their quality of life, access to services and allowing them exercise their rights – to be an in asset to their community.

### THE VOLUNTEER'S ROLE

We need an experienced audiologist to support this project to ensure that developments in the rehabilitation services happen and are sustainable. You'll use your experience to work with new and experienced Audiological Practitioners, to provide them with training to improve the quality of the current services to children and adults with hearing impairments. Tasks may include:

- Assisting in the rehabilitation of the hearing impaired, including fitting hearing aids; impression taking; follow up clinics and hearing evaluation
- Providing basic organizational support to clinics and assisting in setting up a referral system

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### Volunteers for the World

- Supporting awareness raising initiatives in Audiology Services amongst health professionals, schools and disabled people.
- Supporting an ongoing screening school program of neonates and children and the early detection
- Introducing new technology e.g. in the ear and digital hearing aids
- Training 10 Audio Practitioner students and coaching 14 Audiological Practitioners in order to strengthen existing clinics
- Assisting in the training of nurses and community health workers to conduct basic hearing tests
- Assisting in the training of schoolteachers to identify hearing impairment and relate to hearing aid users
- Developing and strengthening the services in special needs schools

## SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Diploma or degree in Audiology
- Minimum two years' experience of working with both adults and children
- Experience of fitting hearing aids
- Able to train others and have excellent communication skills to use in health promotion
- Flexible and adaptable
- Ability to work in an environment with limited resources
- Patient and self-motivated as things often happen at a slower pace in Guyana
- American Sign Language Skills is an advantage

## TRAINING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our training and support package covers the costs of being an overseas volunteer, allowing you to enjoy a modest but healthy lifestyle while you volunteer abroad. This includes:

- Attendance at a Cuso International assessment day (candidates must cover the first \$150 of the most cost-effective travel expenses and accommodation costs)
- Travel and accommodation costs associated with pre-departure training
- Return airfare and visa/permit (this includes a return flight in the case of a family emergency)
- Coverage for required vaccinations, medications and comprehensive health insurance.
- Accommodation while overseas
- A modest living allowance, which varies depending on the country where you are placed
- Quarterly payments to support you in your placement

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please [apply online](#), quoting referral code **GUY75/34/3** and the name of the placement.