



OVERSEAS PLACEMENT:

Cluster In-service Trainer & Non-Formal Education Advisor, Ethiopia

PARTNER NAME:	Assaita College of Teacher Education (CTE)
LOCATION:	Assaita, Ethiopia
LENGTH OF PLACEMENT:	24 months
START DATE:	January 1, 2012
FUNDING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS :	Must be eligible to work in Canada
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:	Fluent English (Level 5) To self-assess your level please see http://www.cuso-vso.org/Images/language_en_tcm77-20632.pdf

ABOUT CUSO-VSO

CUSO-VSO 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

Assaita CTE was founded in 2006, and has a young, enthusiastic but inexperienced staff. There are currently five schools in the cluster attached to the college: three are in the town; two are some distance out. The students in the CTE do their practicum (teaching practice) in these schools. The cluster had been working with a USAID project, BESO-BEP (Basic Education Strategic Objective II – Basic Education Project) on formal continuous assessment; this came to a completion in 2007, but should provide a good foundation on which to build.

THE VOLUNTEER'S ROLE

The volunteer taking up this role will be expected to pilot, experiment, and explore appropriate approaches sensitive to the lives of pastoralist communities. The volunteer will be able to draw upon the additional professional experience of the other Cluster in-service teacher trainers based elsewhere in Ethiopia.

Cluster

- To support the college in developing a Cluster In-service Programme.
- To develop course materials for in-service training programmes and establish a linkage between the pre-service and in-service programmes.
- To co-ordinate and follow up the in-service training programme of the college.
- To facilitate mentoring of primary teachers in student-centred methodology, continuous assessment, etc.
- To encourage teachers to produce and use teaching materials based on low-cost, locally available resources.
- To promote continuous professional development of school teachers and to promote an experience-sharing programme among the school teachers.



- To develop the capacity of college staff, supervisors and directors in the surrounding schools to lead Continuous Professional Development effectively.

Non-Formal Education

- Work to build links among key stakeholders to build a picture of the current provision of Non-Formal Education in the area.
- Design and implement training program to improve the reach and quality of Non Formal Education
- Build capacity with key stakeholders to undertake needs analysis, program design and training delivery.

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Essential qualifications for this volunteer placement:

- A minimum of a Bachelor degree in Education
- Minimum of three years' experience in a formal education setting is required. Experience of working in non-formal education is also desirable
- Successful and enthusiastic classroom teaching with good experience of active learning and student-centred teaching – at primary, secondary, or higher education level in any subject and as appropriate to the level of teacher training institution.
- A good understanding of continuous assessment and action research.
- Good, practical knowledge of peer-to-peer support to share experience and learning.
- Experience of delivering non-formal education, especially alternative basic education, preferably in a developing country context.
- Excellent interpersonal skills combined with a flexible and adaptable attitude, team work skills and good oral communication skills.
- Ability to create a supportive atmosphere in classrooms and with working groups.
- A good command of both spoken and written English

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-VSO assessment day (candidates are expected to cover the first \$150 of the most cost-effective travel expenses and accommodation costs).
- Travel and accommodation costs associated with five day pre-departure training course held in Ottawa.
- Return airfare and visa/permit (this includes a return flight in the case of a family emergency).
- Coverage for required vaccinations, medications and 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

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