

### **VOLUNTEER MIDWIVES (minimum 3 years experience)**

LOCATION: Northern Provincial Hospital, Santo, Vanuatu

START DATE: Required to commence September/October 2016 and ongoing

DURATION: Minimum 6 months preferred

#### **BACKGROUND:**

There is a significant shortage of midwives at the Northern Provincial Hospital (NPH) in Luganville, the capital of the island of Espiritu Santo in Northern Vanuatu. Over 100 babies were born at this hospital by early February this year. Medical Santo is committed to supporting the NPH and our volunteers are well respected in the community.

It will be 4 years until newly trained midwives are available for the NPH, leaving the current team of 9 (3 of whom are retiring this year) for the whole department, to oversee the remaining midwives and nurses who are rostered into the maternity department to fill the staffing gaps.

#### **ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

These exciting positions would suit experienced midwives who are interested in gaining experience in a developing country and providing the benefit of their experience to the NPH hospital staff.

As an experienced midwife, the full spectrum of responsibilities would be experienced over time, including admission, labour ward, postnatal ward, antenatal ward which includes sexual health, some family planning and PAP smears.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:**

Essential

- A recognised professional degree in midwifery
- A minimum of 3 years recent experience within a relevant training environment
- Evidence of teaching and/or research experience
- Proven leader with experience supervising a culturally diverse team
- Excellent people skills and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with people from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to self-motivate and work autonomously within the scope of the role
- Excellent computer skills in Excel, Word, PowerPoint etc.
- Excellent written and spoken English communication skills
- Commitment to the goals and principles of Churches of Christ in Queensland

Highly desirable

- Experience of working and living in a developing country
- Certificate Ed, PGCE, MSc or other qualification in education or research
- Able to communicate in Bislama

**BENEFITS:**

This is a voluntary position. Volunteers will gain significant experience in working within a developing country providing support to local citizens, expatriate visitors and residents within a humanitarian aid organisation.

Clean, basic, accommodation is provided in Luganville. Uniform shirts are supplied and are maintained by Medical Santo and there will be plenty of opportunity to meet other volunteers who are supporting the Medical Santo clinic, health outreach programs and the Northern Provincial Hospital, as well as volunteers from other organisations.

Medical Santo is committed to a balanced lifestyle for staff and volunteers whilst working with the organisation and there are many opportunities to explore this rich cultural and physical environment.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Interested candidates should email a copy of their CV, a cover letter and details of two professional referees to Libby Scheinpflug ([libby.scheinpflug@cofcqld.com.au](mailto:libby.scheinpflug@cofcqld.com.au)) as soon as possible. The job title should be included in the subject line. Your cover letter must include details of your interest in this program along with your country of residence, your date of birth, an indication of when you would be able to take an assignment and the duration of your availability. You will be contacted within 2 days of receipt of your expression of interest regarding the ongoing process. As the registration process can take up to three months (including 2 months for the Vanuatu Ministry of Health requirements), it is essential that we act quickly.

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