



Volunteer Opportunity: Malaria Control Program Fellow

Based in Mae Sot, Thailand

Description of Organization: Planet Care/Global Health Access Program is a small, non-profit organization working to improve the well-being of communities in crisis, through the provision of health and public health services, capacity building, and resource enhancement. Our work currently focuses on Burma. Projects include malaria control, reproductive health, tuberculosis, trauma and landmine injury management, and population-based surveys on health and human rights. For more information, please visit www.ghap.org.

Description of Fellowship: Fellows commit to work with GHAP for one year on a specific set of projects under the supervision of GHAP staff members. Fellowships are both a learning and a working experience. All fellows receive an initial orientation and ongoing support from GHAP staff but are expected to work independently, problem solve, and seek additional assistance and resources on their own. Fellows are expected to arrange their own accommodation where they are based, but GHAP can provide advice and recommendations on finding accommodation in each area.

Description of Malaria Control Program: GHAP provides technical assistance for a number of local health organizations that administer malaria control programs in ethnic areas in Burma. At every stage of the process, including program design and training, supply procurement, monitoring and evaluation, as well as expansion, GHAP aims to build capacity of local health organization so that they are able to self-sufficiently administer a successful and sustainable malaria control program. The malaria control program uses an integrated approach that includes the three major components of the World Health Organization's Roll Back Malaria Initiative: early diagnosis and treatment, vector control using long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNs), and malaria health education. In addition, population-based screening is conducted to provide information on prevalence in the program areas.

Fellowship Responsibilities: We are seeking a fellow to assist GHAP and our local partners in managing, monitoring, and evaluating malaria control programs for internally displaced persons and people living in conflict areas of Eastern, Northern, and Western Burma. Key responsibilities include:

- Assist with training programs, workshops, and other participatory activities that will broaden knowledge and practice of effective monitoring and evaluation of cross-border malaria control programs.

- Build the capacity of local program coordinators to conduct day-to-day malaria control program tasks
 - Assist with supply procurement and distribution
 - Preparation for and assistance in implementation of malaria control program training
 - Write short program reports and work with local partners to develop advocacy reports
- Work one-on-one with partner organizations to troubleshoot and assist with malaria control program management issues.
- Work with local partners to coordinate and standardize malaria control programs across agencies.
- Keep abreast of current international standards, best practices, and new developments related to malaria control

Dates and work week: The fellowship will begin on or around June 1, 2010 and continuing for one year. The fellowship entails a 40 hour/week commitment spread over six days, Monday-Saturday.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Undergraduate degree in public health or related field
- International experience required
- Capacity building, teaching, or training experience preferred
- Flexible approach, ability to work independently, and can-do attitude
- Patient, detail-oriented work style
- Proficient multi-tasker
- Ability to speak Burmese, Karen, or Thai is a plus but not required

Application Process:

Candidates should send a CV and covering email explaining why they are interested in this position and why they are a good candidate to info@ghap.org by January 30, 2010. Please indicate which fellowship position you are applying for (we are recruiting for several concurrently). Please only apply if you are able to commit to one year.

Compensation:

We encourage our volunteers to seek outside stipends/scholarships to support their work. For fellows who do not have external funding and who commit to one year, we will provide a modest stipend of roughly \$100/month, plus roundtrip airfare to Bangkok and evacuation insurance.