



Volunteer Opportunity: Mon Public Health Fellow

Based in Sangklaburi, 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 Mon Public Health Program: GHAP supports the Mon Health Department, which provides health care to people living inside and near Mon State in Burma. Currently, GHAP's support to the MHD is focused on building their office staff's administrative capacity and ability to systematically collect and analyze health information. In addition, GHAP provides the MHD with technical assistance in the design of several public health programs, including provision of vitamin A supplements and deworming to children and school health education.

Fellowship Responsibilities: We are seeking a fellow to assist GHAP and our local partners in managing, monitoring, and evaluating public health programs for internally displaced persons and people living inside Mon State in Eastern 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 public health programs.
- Build the capacity of local program coordinators to conduct day-to-day public health program tasks

- Assist with supply procurement and distribution
 - Preparation for and assistance in implementation of public health and general program management trainings
 - 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 public health program issues.
 - Work with local partners to coordinate and standardize public health programs across agencies.
 - Keep abreast of current international standards, best practices, and new developments related to public health and capacity building.

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; Master of Public Health preferred
- International experience required
- Capacity building, teaching, or training experience required
- Flexible approach, ability to work independently, and can-do attitude essential
- 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.