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Anaesthetist

Ethiopia

12 month placement



Background

Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in the world with 44% living under the national poverty line. Its health status remains poor. Latest figures in vital health indicators show a life expectancy of 54 years and an under-five mortality rate of 123/1000. In terms of women's health, a Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) at 673/100,000 (DHS 2005) still remains high. As an anaesthesiologist/anaesthetist at Yirgalem General Hospital, you'll be playing a vital role in improving the skills of staff and raising the standard of health care in line with VSO's strategy of stronger, more inclusive and accessible health systems, so that the poorest and most vulnerable populations in the country can realize their right to health.

What does the role involve

- Clinical mentorship with experience of both theoretical and practical session
- Clinical teaching of medical students, nurse anaesthetist students, peers and senior clinicians
- Supervised management of intensive care inpatients
- Delivery of general anaesthesia with remote support
- Outreach support for patients with complex pain needs
- Teaching and supporting junior colleagues and medical students

Skills, qualifications and experience required

For this role you need a medical degree and specialist training in anaesthetics and intensive care with at least three years specialist experience. A strong theoretical background and substantial technical experience and competence in general anaesthesia are also essential. Experience of working at a teaching hospital would be desirable. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, flexibility and a sense of humour are important qualities in all VSO volunteers to enhance working relationships and experience while abroad.

And the rest....

You'll be based in Yirgalem, a small town in the southern highlands of the Great Rift Valley, the ancient capital of Sidama. Close to coffee plantations. There are hotels, restaurants, a bank, market and post office within easy reach. We'll ask you to commit to 12 months to make a sustainable contribution to our development goals. In return, we'll provide you with extensive training before your placement and our financial package includes a local salary, return flights, accommodation and insurance. When you return to your home country, we'll help you to resettle and many of our returned volunteers stay involved with us long after their placement ends.

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