

## **International Opportunities in Social Work**

### **NEPAL: Trafficking**

Sex traffickers prey on young women in rural Nepal that want out of poverty. Traffickers promise them a job; instead girls are tricked into prostitution and sexual exploitation in India. Come help in the remote rural villages: teach English and literacy to create another life for these girls. No experience necessary. Or if you have counseling experience, help the women who have escaped prostitution to start life anew. Grant writers needed.

### **UGANDA: Secondary School**

This is an excellent place to get counseling experience, even if it is your first experience. If youth do well on the national exam, they get a scholarship to Makerere, the best university; it is a ticket out of poverty. So can you tutor in Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and/or English (writing, grammar and literature)? Plus help counsel students about their goals and how to get to them? Most come from poor farming villages and Uganda has few jobs. But you can help as a "guidance counselor."

### **COSTA RICA: Domestic Violence**

Spanish fluency required. Work in the shelter: do crisis, individual or group counseling and/or play therapy with the kids; advocacy in court; community education; help women become economically independent so they can leave abusive relationships. This is an excellent place to get counseling experience, even if it is your first experience.

### **SRI LANKA: Trauma**

In 2009, Tamil civilians were told that they would be safe from the civil war in the "No Fire Zones". Instead, they were shelled and shot. 70,000 Tamils died in these atrocities; 10x the number killed in atrocities in Bosnia. Do you have experience in trauma? Or grief & loss? Or gender based violence? Or working with adults, children and families? Come help in this counseling program to help heal the wounds in the North.

### **UGANDA: Community Organizing & Women**

This Ugandan social work director, who emphasizes empowering women, does a phenomenal job of teaching villages how to assess their needs, their strengths and achieve their goals. They have just bought land to build shelter for battered women so also need help with grant writing. This is an excellent place to learn or practice community organizing and get a first taste of international development.

### **INDIA: Geriatric Social Work**

Do you have working with seniors or in home health care or any part of Gerontology? Help the equivalent of a local community college develop curriculum in Geriatric Social Work: half practice; half theoretical.

### **KENYA: Sexual Abuse**

While physical abuse/domestic violence is beginning to be addressed throughout the world, sexual abuse is still taboo and unaddressed. This program is an exception for Africa. Experienced in trauma, sexual abuse, gender based violence, EMDR and/or PTSD? We need you here! Therapists with backgrounds in music, art or dance therapies especially helpful.

### **NEPAL: Women & Mental Health**

Work with this grassroots organization that helps "vulnerable women" - which is often women with mental health needs. Work in beautiful town that has commanding views of the Annapurna range.

### **THAILAND**

Dance, Music, Art & Drama Therapy Work with innovative organization that helps kids with developmental disabilities through dance, music, art or drama therapy. This is also a great place for your first step in the helping professions.

### **ECUADOR & PERU: Youth**

People have flooded the cities, hoping to find work. There is none. All over the world, where poverty prevails, kids and youth are the ones that suffer; it is the youth and kids that are pushed to make an income for the family shining shoes. Have experience working with children, youth and families, or in Child Protection? We need you!

### **CAMEROON: Alternatives to Violence**

When a social worker from Canada asked an audience of 50 men, how many of them beat their wives. 48 hands went up! "Why" "How else would you get them to mind?" You will also see corporeal punishment in schools and homes. Are you comfortable with public speaking? Come teach positive reinforcement and other ways of interacting.

### **Interested?**

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**These are volunteer opportunities.**

**Both students & seasoned professionals are needed.**

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**