### International Opportunities in Social Work New Additions for 2017

### **GREECE:** Syrian Refugees

Your help needed with trauma counseling in refugee camp in Greece. Helpful if you have or can acquire perspective on their world view as preparation. Also need people that can help Syrians prepare for the country to which they are going.

### SRI LANKA: Post Conflict 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.

#### **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 as Freudian based therapies and most talk therapy is very new and foreign in Kenya.

#### **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 experience in counseling, help the women who have escaped prostitution to start life anew.

### **LEBANON: Syrian Refugees**

There are ~1 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon; 1 out of 5 people.

This multi-faceted org - health, human rights, Syrian & Iraqi refugees, education & psycho-social, livelihoods - gives excellent experience in international social work. You can get experience in: writing grant proposals; monitoring and evaluation; checking on programs in the field and in various corners of the country; and coordinating with the UN and international NGO's; assisting with project and program management.

~3 month commitment minimum.

### **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.

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

This Ugandan social work director who emphasizes empowering women, is an excellent community organizer, and 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 great place to get experience in 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.

# SIERRA LEONE: Homes for Ebola orphans

In 2014, there were ~14,000 cases of Ebola in Sierra Leone; and ~4,000 deaths. This organization aims to find adoptive homes in Sierra Leone for 230 kids. Come help do background checks, home visits and placing kids into a loving family.

# **GHANA:** Psychiatric Unit

Most psych units in Africa are about 50 years behind what you would find in the West. Come help with individual and group therapy and re-integration into the community. Ghana has earned its reputation as one of the most friendly, hospitable African countries....and the most "drumming-est"!

**THAILAND:** Dance, Music, Art & Drama Therapy Work with innovative organization that helps kids with developmental disabilities through dance, music, art or drama therapy.

### **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? Please read NGOabroad website <u>http://www.ngoabroad.com/</u> and send answered Questionnaire and resume to: <u>info@NGOabroad.com</u>

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