International Opportunities in Social Work

<u>UGANDA</u>: Trauma Counseling with Child Soldiers & Sex Slaves We need psychotherapists with extensive trauma experience - 10 or many more years.

Why? What these former child soldiers experienced is horrific.

When they were first captured, most had to kill their family or be killed.

They still experience nightmares & flashbacks & what locals describe as "demonic possession" and have only had some help from World Vision when they first were released.

Are you up for the challenge? We need the best and the brightest.

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.

<u>COSTA RICA</u>: 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.

<u>JORDAN & LEBANON</u>: Counseling and/or Outreach to Syrian Refugees Of all the organizations that I visited in the Middle East, Jordan's staff was the funnest and the funniest.

We have had many requests to work with Syrian refugees. Jordan hosts Syrian, Iraqi and Palestinian refugees.

Realistically, to be of any help, you must be able to speak Arabic. But more and more volunteers can!

Lebanon does fascinating psycho-social work in via their mobile Educational unit to do outreach to Syrian refugees.

Art therapy is especially useful. Or help do case work with refugees.

LEBANON: Trafficking

Women from the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Togo, Cameroon and Ethiopia are lured to Lebanon, with the promise of a good job. Often that promise sours into poor or no pay and physical or sexual abuse.

This organization has a great psychologist who does the counseling. She welcomes volunteers to join her.

They also welcome art, dance, drama, music and massage therapists to help release the trauma.

INDIA: Training Barefoot Counselors

This program was started by an Indian social worker. Because language poses a barrier to actually counseling, they ask for people that can train their staff in mental health issues such as depression, suicide, abuse and psychosis.

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.

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.

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

CAMEROON: Community Organizing & Women

This Cameroonian 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.

This is an great place to get experience in international development.

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.

UGANDA: Secondary School

This is an excellent place to get counseling experience, especially 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 counseling 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."

KENYA: Counseling Kids

This is another great place to get beginning counseling experience; run by innovative social work director.

Work with kids whose parents have died of AIDS, or abandoned their kids because of alcohol or drug addiction.

Possible to do individual or activities therapy, and join the social worker doing family therapy/ home visits.

Interested?
Please read NGOabroad website
http://www.ngoabroad.com/
and send answered Questionnaire and resume to:
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These are volunteer opportunities.

Both students & seasoned professionals are needed.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.