



## **On Call Africa (OCA) Volunteer Doctor Role**

**Type of role:** Healthcare

**Location:** Zambia, Livingstone with weekly travel into rural villages

**Duration:** 2-6 Months

**Application closing date:** As soon as filled

**Interview date:** As soon as possible

**Start date(s):** Various throughout year (usually late January, April, August)

### **Role Overview**

Volunteer doctors are based out of Livingstone and support a calendar of community activity where camping is required in rural locations through the week.

Working with a multi-disciplined team of between 3 and 10 clinicians with a range of experience from having recently completed foundation year 2 through to retirement. The objective of this role is to support in strengthening the access to the triage, assessment, and treatment through the local health system by taking a lead in the provision of mobile clinics and health awareness education. In addition to this you will be involved in capacity building of community health worker volunteers (CHWs) through 1-1 mentorship and group training.

You will be the type of person ready to embrace this opportunity both mentally and physically, adapting to a different way of life.

### **Role Duties**

- Perform professional medical services in the examination, diagnosis, care, and treatment of physically ill patients, within the limits of experience and professional training.
- Determine patient medication needs, and provide generic drugs whenever appropriate, notifying the project team of additional drug stock requirements.
- For those patients, whose medical needs are beyond our scope of services or there is a medical emergency, make patient referrals to appropriate specialty services as arranged in protocols

- Provide appropriate patient instruction and/or consultation with family or significant other, as needed.
- Provide clearly written instructions for patients and be available to CHWs for direction, support, and clarification of the medical plan of care.
- Record examination, diagnosis and treatment notes, meeting record documentation requirements, ensuring these are also uploaded at the end of each week.
- As a team conduct at clinic and pre-arranged training, coaching and mentorship for CHWs.
- As a team plan the delivery of health awareness sessions during and or around clinic activity.
- As a team ensure equipment for voluntary activities is organised and ready each week.
- As a team prepare and submit placement plans and handover notes that document best practice, lessons learnt, and case studies.
- Support the roll out, monitoring and evaluation of initiatives relating to OCA
- Support in the quality improvement of programme practices and resources, reviewing and updating these where required
- Attend team meetings as arranged
- To ensure that all activities undertaken on behalf of OCA, externally or internally, are executed in accordance with the overall aims of the organisation and in line with our policies and procedures, including Safeguarding.

## **Skills, qualifications, and experience**

### **Essential:**

- A medical qualification (MBBCH, MBCHB, MBBS, BM or equivalent)
- A current medical license to practice from country of origin (Candidate must also qualify for licence in Zambia)
- Completion of foundation year two (FY2) prior to departure

### **Desirable:**

- Specialised in paediatrics, emergency care, general practice.
- Working knowledge and or an interest in Public Health.
- Prior experience in teaching and or mentoring

### **Personal Qualities:**

- Ability to adjust and adapt easily to a new environment, culture, and situation; address multiple challenges and be able to work without much supervision
- Strong interpersonal skills and suitable character to work in a slow-paced environment which can be bureaucratic (requiring patience and tenacity)

- A team player and able to work alongside their local colleagues in the spirit of partnership

**Personal Considerations**

If you have a significant current or past medical condition or you have general concerns about staying healthy as a volunteer. You may wish to discuss this in confidence with OCA before you apply for this role, in this instance please contact [pete@oncallafrica.org](mailto:pete@oncallafrica.org)