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VOLUNTEER POSITION

POSITION: Dairy Health Advisor (2 positions)

PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: Lilongwe and Blantyre, Malawi

LANGUAGE: English

PARTNER ORGANIZATION(S): Uniterra (www.uniterra.org), the Central Regional Milk Producers Association (CRMPA), and the Shire Highlands Milk Producers Association (SHMPA)

DURATION OF PLACEMENT: 1 position: 3 to 4 months

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TIMEFRAME: January to April 2010

OBJECTIVE OF PLACEMENT: To build animal health capacity of CRMPA/SHMPA staff and their members

BACKGROUND:

CRMPA/SHMPA are farmers' cooperatives that offer support to small-scale dairy farmers in their respective regions in Malawi. They provide their members with veterinary services, training and education, credit facilities as well as milk collection logistics.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- Farmer training: work with field staff on developing training materials and courses on health issues. The focus will be on the prevention and early identification of health problems.
- Farmer Livestock Technicians (FLT): work with field staff on the training program for FLTs. The main areas of work will be:
 - Fertility – determining treatment for problem breeders
 - Disease diagnosis and specimen preparation for further lab analysis
 - Record keeping: providing guidance to FLTs on record keeping
 - Developing a syllabus and conducting a training program FLTs – focusing on basic veterinary skills and care of sick animals.
- TB and Brucellosis testing: conduct a survey of prevalence of TB in smallholder cattle and Brucellosis in cattle and dairy goats to determine the distribution to identify herds at most risk.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in veterinary medicine
- Two years of experience working in large animal medicine
- Expertise/background in the dairy sector
- Teaching experience
- Ability to work autonomously



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- Ability to work in a rural setting with minimal resources
- Ability to understand cultural differences in social and professional settings
- Experience in international development considered an asset

APPLICATION:

To apply, submit a cover letter and CV with references electronically to erin.fraser@vwb-vsfc.ca (please put "Malawi: dairy health advisor" in the subject line). For more information, please contact Erin Fraser at the above email address or at 250-508-5718 or 250-590-3340

Application deadline: November 20, 2009

OTHER INFORMATION

- Travel expenses and living allowance will be provided by Uniterra and VWB/VSF