INTERNSHIP OFFER

Development of the Health, Hygiene and Sanitation Program

Pardada Pardadi Educational Society (PPES) – Livelihoods Division

Anupshahar, Bulandshahar District, Uttar Pradesh, India

Activities: NGO/Development Sector (Management)

Duration: At least 6 months, flexible starting and ending dates.

Gratification: Unpaid internship. Accommodation and food are provided by PPES.

Pardada Pardadi Educational Society (PPES)

PPES is a local non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Anupshahar, Uttar Pradesh, India. It is meant to create a model of durable rural development through women education and empowerment. Beyond hosting more than 1200 girls in our four free schools, PPES provides them with scholarships for higher education, job trainings and jobs. The women’s knowledge and skills and job opportunities are the first step towards the development of the villages of Anupshahar. On one hand our action galvanizes the economy and community of the region, on the other hand, women’s empowerment it generates allows them to take a stand in the currently very patriarchal society. Other programs, such as an essential Health, Hygiene and Sanitation Program, are directly integrated to the school or to the jobs created by PPES and synergistically accompany the development process.

PPES’s Livelihoods Division

Amongst the different initiatives to promote income generating employment for women and economic stimulation of Anupshashar area, Pardada Pardadi’s Livelihoods Division created women Self-Help Group (SHG). The SHG helps mobilize the women and collectivize their small financial and social resources to create auto-entrepreneurship projects. They also work on a Health, Hygiene and Sanitation Program in the villages. The SHG enables the women to fight for their rights and entitlements. Synergistically, it values women’s status by giving them a chance to contribute to the development of their community and to enhance their own personal incomes.

Mission Description: Development of Health, Hygiene and Sanitation Program

Medical expenses are a major factor that drives economically weaker sections into poverty and poor health during early childhood impacts physical and mental health for entire life. The Health, Hygiene and Sanitation Program is therefore complementary to economic and social development opportunities brought by the SHG. It leans on the SHG’s assets: The women’s savings and social commitments are used to launch this program that aims at durably preventing illnesses and lowering prices of treatments by implementing village-based medical centers, immunization campaigns, family planning, and awareness on prevention of infectious illness, personal health and sanitation on a long-term basis. A development plan for the program is being drawn. Some actions (cleaning missions, anti-mosquito operations, temporary medical camps) have already occurred in a couple of villages.
We want to implement medical centers in 5 different villages before July 2013 and 10 before January 2014. The mission is now to organize a viable system of Health, Hygiene and Sanitation to improve living conditions in the long run.

**Work Description**

The intern’s work will combine fieldwork with administrative work. The intern can participate in (possible to choose some tasks according to interests and competence among):

- Leading a survey about major health and hygiene problems in the villages and best practices to improve health and hygiene conditions, and implementing these means.
- Finding adequate partners and fundraising.
- Working of the development plan for the Health, Hygiene and Sanitation Program, along with an efficient network of partners.
- Creating an awareness program about Health and Hygiene for the Self-Help Group members and implementing these programs on the field.
- Organizing acquisition of supplies and training personnel in order to sanitize the villages (anti-mosquito operations and water purification).
- Organizing medical missions who will come to create and implement new health centers.

**Profile**

The biggest part of the success of the mission depends on the intern’s motivation, dedication to the project, and will to work in the development sector. The intern should be willing to take on challenges to improve the lives of economically and socially marginalized women and children. The intern will have to show passion for the mission.

Other required conditions:

- Fluent spoken and written English necessary.
- Spoken Hindi, an asset.
- Ability to use Microsoft Word, Excel and Powerpoint.
- Organization capacity.
- Good communication skills.
- Team work and inter-personal aptitude.
- Competence in project management and logistic, an asset.
- Knowledge or strong interest in rural development and health.
- **Adjustment capability** (culture and living conditions).
- **Capability to live in a rural area** (remote area).

**Application**

If you are interested, please send you CV/resume and a cover letter, both in English, to: volunteers@pardadapardadi.org

If you have any question, please feel free to contact us.