



## OVERSEAS PLACEMENT Occupational Therapist

<b>PARTNER NAME:</b>	Ministry of Health
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Georgetown, Guyana
<b>LENGTH OF PLACEMENT:</b>	12 months
<b>START DATE:</b>	February 9, 2012
<b>FUNDING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS :</b>	Must be eligible to work in Canada
<b>LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Fluent in English, level 4-5 To self-assess your level please see <a href="http://www.cuso-vso.org/Images/language_en_tcm77-20632.pdf">http://www.cuso-vso.org/Images/language_en_tcm77-20632.pdf</a>

### ABOUT CUSO-VSO

CUSO-VSO is a non-profit development agency that works through volunteers. Each year, we send hundreds of global citizens to work on collaborative development projects in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. We are one of North America's leading international development organizations that works through volunteers.

### ABOUT THE PARTNER

There is a chronic shortage of health professionals in Guyana therefore there are very few services for disabled people. The grave lack of resources resulted in very little provision or development in the area of rehabilitation. But, the Ministry of Health has committed to increasing access to rehabilitation services across the country to now reach and change the lives of hundreds of people with impairments in rural and urban areas. With small improvements to these services, and working with VSO, the lives of disabled people could be transformed; improving their quality of life, access to services and allowing them to exercise their rights – to be an asset to their community.

### THE VOLUNTEER'S ROLE

- Provide on-going professional development through training and mentoring to enhance technical skills of local counterparts in Georgetown and in other regions
- Provide basic organizational support to the various departments e.g. in the areas of communication, management information systems, data collection and use, logistics, clinical protocols /supervision
- Assist in setting up and enhancing referral systems

### SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree in Occupational Therapy
- Minimum 3-5 years of work experience as an occupational therapist, with experience working in one or more of the following areas: pediatrics, neurology, orthopedics, treatment of burns, hand injuries, psychiatry
- Experience supervising and/or training others



## TRAINING AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our training and support package covers the costs of being an overseas volunteer, allowing you to enjoy a modest but healthy lifestyle while you volunteer abroad. This includes:

- Attendance at a CUSO-VSO assessment day (candidates are expected to cover the first \$150 of the most cost-effective travel expenses and accommodation costs).
- Travel and accommodation costs associated with five day pre-departure training course held in Ottawa.
- Return airfare and visa/permit (this includes a return flight in the case of a family emergency).
- Coverage for required vaccinations, medications and health insurance.
- Accommodation while overseas.
- A modest living allowance, which varies depending on the country where you are placed.
- Quarterly payments to support you in your placement

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please apply online at <http://www.cuso-vso.org/volunteer/apply-online/>, quoting referral code **GUY0075/0043/0006** and the name of the placement.