

Cuso International – Volunteer Placements

Partnership Development Advisor

Location: La Paz, Bolivia

Partner name: Coordinadora de Organizaciones de la Sociedad Civil Canadiense en Bolivia

Length of placement (months): 12

Start date: Sep - Nov 2017 (flexible)

Funding Eligibility requirements: Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents only

Language Requirements: Spanish Reading: Level 4, Writing: Level 4, Speaking: Level 4; English Reading: Level 4, Writing: Level 4, Speaking: Level 4

The Volunteer's Role

The general objective of this placement is to improve the development actions of the Platform of Canadian Civil Society Organizations in Bolivia (aka COCAB in Spanish) and have a better formal representation as a Canadian Civil Society Organization with the Bolivian Government and other local international institutions. The selected volunteer will work to forge partnerships between COCAB and other partner organizations as well as strengthen the current working platforms and contacts.

The Platform of Canadian Civil Society Organizations in Bolivia (COCAB) is a non-for-profit inter-institutional network founded in 2011, that unites 18 organizations that have a direct presence in Bolivia and implement programs and projects nationally, or through strategic partners in the country.

As a volunteer, you will:

- Develop and improve the actions of Canadian cooperation through better coordination between the COCAB members and its allies.
- Support and improve the more formal representation of the Canadian Civil Society with the Bolivian Government and its relationship to other local and international institutions.
- Establish alliances with new contacts and potential members by promoting and strengthening the platforms of work and current partnerships.
- Coordinate and support the implementation of COCAB's Annual plan and Board's activities.

Essential Academic Qualifications:

- University Degree on International Development or another relevant field

Essential Professional Background:

- Experience in management and coordination of projects or similar.
- Experience in public relations and/or government relations.

About Our Partner: Coordinadora de Organizaciones de la Sociedad Civil Canadiense en Bolivia

The Platform of Canadian Civil Society Organizations in Bolivia (COCAB) is a non-for-profit inter-institutional Network founded in 2011, that unites 18 organizations that have a direct presence in Bolivia and implement programs and projects nationally, or through strategic partners in the country. The Network was formed with the aim of facilitating dialogue with the Bolivian state, international cooperation and development actors, thereby strengthening coordination, synergy and knowledge management of member organizations.

COCAB is a model of learning, coordination and synergy, strengthening in this way the contributions of member organizations to the improvement of the quality of life of the Bolivian population.

Representation of Canadian organizations in Bolivia allows us to report on their activities, thereby developing a space for access to information by interested persons and institutions.

<http://www.plataformacocab.com>

Terms and Conditions

Cuso International terms and conditions allow you to lead a modest and healthy lifestyle while being effective in your placement. This support package will cover basic living expenses for one volunteer and is not intended to cover home-based expenses (ex. loans, support payments, etc. (ex. imported items and international personal travel)).

Support Package

- Modest living allowance (varies depending country)
- Accommodation while overseas
- Return airfare and visa/permit costs
- Cost of required vaccinations, antimalarial medication and health insurance
- Comprehensive training and support program.
- Travel and accommodation for reintegration debriefing weekend
- Modest support for accompanying partners/dependents going on placement with you for 12+ months
- Access to Employee Assistance Program while overseas and upon return
- Cuso International assessment day (Candidates must cover the first \$200 of the most cost-effective travel expenses and all accommodation costs).
- Travel and accommodation for the five-day pre-departure training course and in-country training orientation

Fundraising

We ask each volunteer, regardless of placement length, to raise \$2,000. All volunteers receive support from Cuso International to help achieve the goal through fundraising. If the volunteer chooses not to fundraise or is unable to achieve the fundraising goal, he/she can make a one-time donation or become a monthly donor to support our work.

E-volunteering

Depending on the nature of the placement volunteers are encouraged to provide e-volunteering support to the local partner or Cuso International before or after the field placement.

Residency and Citizenship

In order to become a volunteer with Cuso International, you must be living in Canada for the time between your application date and the date you go overseas. Short vacations during this time are feasible. We may require your passport and would need to be aware of any travel plans you may have during this time. We must be able to contact you, and you must be able to contact us easily and promptly throughout the process. You will also require unrestricted access to Canada during the pre-departure process for assessment and training.

Leaving your country of residence can have significant effects on your citizenship status in that country. It is your responsibility to research the consequences of traveling to Canada during the pre-departure process and of going overseas for a long-term placement with the immigration authority where you live.