

TITLE: Waste Management Advisor

PARTNER (S): Amargadhi Municipality

LOCATION OF ASSIGNMENT: NEPAL , Amargadhi

CONTRACT DURATION: Flexible duration (3-8 months)

DESCRIPTION:

Uniterra is a leading Canadian international volunteer cooperation and development program, jointly implemented by the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC).

Uniterra contributes to improving the socio-economic conditions of poor and marginalized communities in 14 countries and with over 200 partners in Africa, Asia and the Americas through the exchange of expertise and knowledge of Canadian and international volunteers. Uniterra believes that economic growth, when inclusive, is the most powerful driver of poverty reduction. The purpose of the Uniterra program is to improve the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable populations by stimulating growth and facilitating access to the benefits of growing and diversified markets. To make this happen, we are working with our local partners to enhance the income of poor and marginalized women and youth through better access to employment and income generation opportunities. Uniterra country program staff work with our local partners to design Uniterra assignments in the context of the country strategy, supporting the inclusion of women and youth in key economic subsectors.

For more information on the Uniterra program, our approach and countries of focus please visit: Uniterra.ca.

PARTNER DESCRIPTIONS:

Amargadhi Municipality is located in the far-western Region in the Dadeldhura district of Nepal. With several historical places and popular temples, the Amargadhi Municipality is one of the most important tourism destinations of Nepal. Agriculture and business are the main sources of employment for the people in the Municipality. Nepal has been restructuring its federal system and the local governments are autonomous and responsible for the overall services at the municipality level. Newly- elected governments are in the process of developing local acts, policies, and guidelines. However there is an urgent need for providing various services to their citizens.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct a baseline study of waste management in the municipality;
- Research best practices in waste management;
- Prepare a five-year strategic plan for waste management for the Amargadhi municipality;
- Consolidate the results, document best practices and participate in the implementation of exit strategies;
- Include women and youth in all project activities; and
- Prepare reports for the Uniterra Program and the partner organization.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in environment and/or management
- A minimum of three years' work experience in waste management
- Ability to develop and implement a waste management strategic plan
- Flexibility and adaptability in a cross-cultural environment and rural setting
- Patience and tolerance to ambiguity
- Ability to focus both on results and processes
- Openness to learning

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS AND SUPPORT:

- Support and guidance prior to departure and while on assignment in country.
- Participation in a pre-departure training where you will have the opportunity to learn about the program, gain practical skills for living and working in an intercultural context and meet other volunteers. Travel, meals and accommodation are covered.
- In-country orientation and briefing upon arrival in country.
- Language training in country where required.
- Return flights, visas and work permits.
- Cost of required country specific vaccinations and antimalarials.
- Health insurance.
- Modest monthly living allowance while overseas.
- Accommodation while overseas.
- Vacation leave entitlement.
- Return debriefing in Canada after completion of assignment. Travel, meals and accommodation are covered.
- An incredible opportunity to enhance your professional skills and participate in an experience of a lifetime!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada between the ages of 18-70.
- Departure date is contingent upon the timely completion of all administrative requirements (e.g. visa processes, medical clearance, police checks, and travel documentation).
- With the support of the program, all volunteers shall undertake to make a minimum financial contribution of \$1,500 for participating in the program.