

Terms of Reference

Volunteer for the Ambohimahamasina Youth Centre

Introduction

Feedback Madagascar / Ny Tanintsika (FBM/NT) (www.feedbackmadagascar.org) is looking for one or more volunteers to help in the operationalization of the Youth Centre (YC) that has been built at Ambohimahamasina, in the village's administrative centre. The Youth Centre has been planned as a place of exchange, leisure, information and youth training. The four youth counsellors already there have their offices in the building (advisors for reproductive health) and are actively involved in awareness activities. The Centre is already semi-furnished, but is lacking a variety of books (library), games and IEC (information-education-communication) tools. This rural village abuts the newly protected 'COFAV' (Ambositra – Vondrozo Forest Corridor) area under great threat from various pressure sources. The population is largely young; more than 50% is under 15.

Mission

To improve the well-being, and particularly the health situation, of the target area's population.

To ensure perpetuation of the actions that have been initiated and the tangible long-term impacts on the living standard of the affected population.

Responsibility

The volunteer will be responsible for:

- Seeking finance for the YC's equipment and operationalization
- Ensuring the operationalization of the Ambohimahamasina Youth Centre (YC).
- Ensuring a systematic update of the Feedback Madagascar web page for this project.

Tasks

- Help set up the YC management structure.
- Help plan and implement YC-related activities.
- Contribute to the preparation of project / fund-raising documents.
- Undertake fund raising for the YC and youth development activities.
- Investigate the potential of developing a YC-linked volunteer programme and, possibly, coordinate the programme.
- Help find project partners, notably for obtaining books / materials for the library and for developing a youth training programme.
- Contribute to FBM/NT publicity and communication; Participate in the regular update of the web site.
- Attend the weekly field team coordination meeting.
- Submit a monthly report, including timesheet / individual accomplishments plan, and a personal monthly planning (timetable).
- Participate in collecting data required for the project.
- Contribute to the identification, development and implementation of strategies, approaches and tools to strengthen capacity-building for the staff and project beneficiaries.
- Represent FBM/NT and participate in achieving its objectives.

Hierarchical contacts

The volunteer will work under the Regional Coordinator and Programme Manager in line with the NT organization chart.

Work contacts

The volunteer will work closely with the entire FBM/NT team and particularly the Programme Manager, the Head of the Health Unit, the Community Project Manager and the accompanying on-site technicians.

He will supervise the local Ambohimahamasina players (youth counsellors, youth peer educators, youth groups, etc.).

He will also work closely with the decentralized state departments.

Objective / result

He will contribute to the operationalization of the Ambohimahamasina Youth Centre and the FBM/NT mission.

Means of assessment

- The operationalization of the YC.
- The preparation of quality project / fund-raising documents.
- The results of the fund raising enterprise.
- The amount and type of support for the target groups and FBM/NT members.
- The help provided for expanding the partnership.
- The personal monthly work plan and schedule of accomplishments / timesheet.
- The periodic (self-)assessment.

Required qualifications

- Bac +3 (BA) in public health, social sciences or other relevant field.
- Proven experience in the same field (preparation of project documents, help at Youth Centres / libraries / other, project management).
- Dynamic and showing initiative.
- Upright, methodical, rigorous, professional and well organized.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Fluent in French and a knowledge of English.
- Speaks Malagasy or is willing to learn.
- Computer literate; access to a laptop would be an asset.
- Willingness for development work.
- Very mobile; ability to walk and move frequently between villages.

Minimum duration of the voluntary work

12 months

Practical and logistical Information:

Location: The village of Ambohimahamasina in Ambalavao District of the Upper Matsiatra region. It is 39 km from the district's administrative centre (the town of Ambalavao) via a semi-paved track.

Accessibility: Bush taxis serve Ambohimahamasina almost daily (apart from Sunday). There are more bush taxis on market days (Monday and Thursday).

Accommodation: Room provided by FBM/NT at Ambohimahamasina and also at Fianarantsoa (near the regional office). Water from a standpipe near the house. There is no electricity. Cooking facilities (with gas / coal / wood) to be provided by the volunteer.

Catering: The volunteer's responsibility.