



OVERSEAS PLACEMENT: Teacher of the Deaf, Rwanda

PARTNER NAME: Butare Center for the Deaf
LOCATION: Butare, Rwanda
LENGTH OF PLACEMENT: 12-24 months

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

Butare Centre for the Deaf is one of the oldest and largest schools for the deaf in Rwanda, having been founded in 1973 by the Catholic congregation of the Brothers of Saint Gabriel. There are around 155 children currently attending and there is a long waiting list. Children go part time to a local mainstream school where they are performing very well in comparison to their hearing peers.

THE VOLUNTEER'S ROLE

This volunteer will continue the work of previous volunteers and continue to strengthen the capacity of the centre to teach the children and to integrate them into mainstream schools. The volunteer will also support teachers in schools and centers across Rwanda. Previous volunteers have already made links with these schools and the new volunteer will work to maintain this support.

Placement objectives:

- Rwandan Sign Language signs are incorporated into the teaching curriculum.
- Teachers at the Centre have developed their skills in teaching methodology, English and Information Technology to be able to teach their students effectively.
- Students are following a varied program of activities according to a set curriculum
- Resources are developed and used
- The process of the children moving from the centre to the local primary school at Ngoma is improved and supported
- Contact with the parents and children involved in the pre-school education program have been made and developed

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Essential qualifications for this volunteer placement:

- Teaching qualification in special needs education
- A minimum of three years experience in a classroom setting where special needs education for children with hearing impairment is the central focus
- Ability to provide coaching and mentoring with a strong emphasis on developing the skills of 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 **RWA205-2-3** and the name of the placement.