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JOB DESCRIPTION FOR MEDICAL DOCTOR VOLUNTEER

St. Joseph Hospital is one of the big hospital in Moshi Town and treats all medical conditions for patients.

The medical staff at the hospital are overworked due to lack of personnel and this is especially true in the number of qualified doctors on staff. Therefore, the workload is tremendous and any doctor who can volunteer his/her services for whatever time possible would be making a great contribution to the medical care of the Tanzanian people.

Any medical doctor assistance volunteers at this hospital are expected to help the local doctors at the hospital with their routine duties be it on the wards, at the clinics, in the delivery room or assisting in the surgical operations of patients plus other specialized medical divisions of the hospital.

The duties of any medical doctor assistance volunteers are similar to their responsibilities in their native country. Thus they depend on previous experiences in their chosen field, their ability to adapt to the methods of care and treatment in Tanzania and the effort and time they are willing to contribute to this endeavor.

A high percentage of deaths in Tanzania are caused by four poverty-linked groups of diseases: infectious & parasitic diseases, illnesses of the respiratory system, nutritionally related diseases and diseases of the digestive system. The conditions most prevalent in Tanzania and the treatment provided is reviewed with the local doctors so that the medical doctor assistance volunteer is fully aware when such conditions presented themselves.

The hospital management personnel has requested that only qualified medical doctors apply for this position and it is preferred that they have some experience in their chosen profession. The scope of knowledge that a doctor can obtain at this placement through the sharing of knowledge and experiences with the doctors of Tanzania is unlimited. It all depends on the doctor's initiative and enthusiasm towards his/her medical contribution at this hospital.

Volunteer Job Descriptions

1. Consultation With Patients

A medical doctor assistance volunteer at this placement is expected to assist the local doctors in the consultation and diagnosis of in-patients and out-patients at the hospital. This would be a daily responsibility. The volunteer doctor is expected to keep a record on all patients seen.

2. Routine Duties

A medical doctor assistance volunteer is expected to perform some of the routine medical duties at the hospital such as daily rounds of the wards and the treatment of said patients on these wards, as well as any necessary documentation. The doctor will be assisted by staff if there are any language difficulties.

3. Surgical Assistance

A medical doctor assistance volunteer would be expected to assist the local doctors during operational procedures. This is a very big hospital and surgeries are performed every standard work day.

4. Delivery Room

Depending on the volunteer doctor's comfort zone and abilities he/she may be asked to assist in the hospital delivery room. It is always a very busy department at the hospital.