



WUSC Corporate Volunteer Program FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) How do I apply?

First, find out about your company's application process.

Please visit the current advertised positions online. If you do not see a position that matches your skill-set, we encourage you to apply anyways as new opportunities come up frequently. The listed positions represent a small percentage of the skills and knowledge from which our local partner organizations could benefit.

2) What do WUSC corporate volunteers do?

The WUSC corporate volunteer cooperation program is all about capacity-building. This means volunteers train others in their field of expertise. Volunteers do not act as employees, but as advisors who transfer skills to local staff so as to build their host organization's capacity in a certain area.

Country preferences of volunteers are taken into consideration but we cannot guarantee that a volunteer will be sent to his or her preferred country. The options will be discussed with the volunteer.

3) Can spouses / significant others participate?

No, due to the short term nature of the assignment this is not feasible.

4) What type of accommodation is provided?

Accommodation will be consistent with local standards; they will be safe, clean and basic.

5) Can I make stopovers to and/or from the country I will be volunteering in? Can I extend my stay?

WUSC will issue the airline tickets with no stopovers or extensions built in. The Government of Canada, a major funder of the WUSC program, does not allow volunteers to go in advance of their assignment or to extend their stay following the completion of their assignment. For reasons of security and legal responsibility, volunteers cannot make changes to their flight itinerary, even if the volunteer covers the cost of changing their plane ticket. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

8) Do I have to pay for part of the travel costs?

You do not have to pay as your employer has accepted to cover part of the contribution.

Pre-departure training, vaccinations, visas, flights, accommodation, a per-diem for food and local travel required for work are provided.

9) In case of accident or disease while I'm abroad, am I insured?

Yes. The WUSC program provides all its volunteers with an insurance policy that includes important items such as hospitalization and medical evacuation, reimbursement of medication and vaccinations.

8) Is there an evacuation policy in case of serious problems in the host country?

Yes. We have a WUSC office in each of the countries where volunteer assignments take place. There is an emergency protocol established in each country. Our staff in the host country is responsible for assisting volunteers in case of serious social, medical or environmental problems in the host country.