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## A Health Promotion Specialist with National Family Planning Coordinating Board, West Timor, Indonesia

### What is the background to this placement?

Maternal and child death rates in remote regions of West Timor are double Indonesia's national average, due to poverty, isolation, the low status of women, and weak obstetric care. VSO is working to make motherhood safer for women and their babies, with a vital role played by health promotion within remote communities. As a Health Promotion Specialist for the District Family Planning Board, you'll empower women and their families to plan pregnancy, safely space births, and decide family size. Championing safer choices, you'll also improve the access of rural women to accurate information on reproductive health.

### What does the role involve?

- Reviewing and developing the Board's community-based family planning promotion strategy
- Developing concepts for creative, culturally appropriate communications material through a variety of media
- Building the ability of colleagues to manage health promotion strategy, and design and produce effective communications tools
- Strengthening family planning promotion in the community by improving the confidence of village volunteers



### What qualification, skills and experience are required for this role?

You'll need experience of delivering health promotion strategies and campaigns, teamed with awareness of community health issues, especially in reproductive health. Familiar with information, education and communication and behaviour change communication approaches, you'll also have experience of developing communication materials and working across different media. Experience of mentoring or developing the skills and knowledge of others is desirable. You'll need the ability to adapt to a different way of working and living, and the patience and dedication to build trust with colleagues and communities. A commitment to cultural learning and the willingness to learn Bahasa Indonesian (we'll give you language training) is essential for this role.

### What support is provided?

We'll ask you to commit to 24 months to make a sustainable contribution to our development goals. In return, we'll give you comprehensive financial, personal and professional support. We'll provide you with extensive training before your placement, and our financial package includes a local salary, return flights, accommodation, insurance and more. When you return to your home country, we'll help you to resettle and many of our returned volunteers stay involved with us long after their placement ends.

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