

Apply today and you could be...
A General Practitioner at the International Hospital Kampala in Uganda

What's the context and purpose of the role?

Uganda has experienced significant economic growth for over a decade and poverty has fallen substantially. Within Sub-Saharan Africa, Uganda has been a leader in the fight against HIV and AIDS with prevalence dropping from 18% to 6% during the past ten years. However, due to numerous resource constraints, Uganda remains one of the 25 poorest countries in the world. One of these constraints is the limited availability of quality primary health care to poor communities. The Ministry of Health has developed a strategic plan, which aims to increase the physical access to quality care by improving the management of health services. Based in the International Hospital Kampala, you'll develop out-patient services and home-based chronic care for disadvantaged communities in Kampala, and ensure that patients can access better quality primary care.

What does the role involve?

- Managing the out-patient department and treating patients in collaboration with clinical officers
- Supporting the treatment of chronically ill patients, particularly those living with HIV and AIDS, at home
- Improving the follow-up system of patients by strengthening information management
- Providing clinical follow up and supervision at peripheral health centres across Kampala, working with nurses and community health officers
- Supporting the overall improvement of community based health services for poor communities in Kampala



What skills, experience and personal qualities are needed for the role?

You'll be a qualified doctor with skills in general practice and a minimum of 3 years' post qualification experience. An interest in HIV and AIDS issues and some management or planning experience would also be useful. You'll need to be patient, flexible and resourceful, and have good team working skills in order to build relationships with colleagues and members of the community. A positive attitude and good sense of humour always help to integrate into the local culture and get the most out of your volunteering experience!

And the rest...

Landlocked Uganda lies across the Equator, bordering Tanzania, Sudan, Congo, Kenya and Rwanda. It's a naturally fertile country with 25% of its area covered in rivers, lakes and swamps. Uganda's climate is pleasant and comfortable. You'll be based in the capital city Kampala, which is less crowded than many other African cities. There's a friendly and social atmosphere with a real mix of people from all social, religious and tribal groups. On the social scene, the city has a variety of good restaurants, bars and cinemas so you shouldn't have trouble keeping busy in your free time!

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