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Volunteers

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1. Requesting Organization

Name: Libre Expresión
Address: Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Describe the role/mandate of the organization

Year of establishment: 2005

Size of organization: small

Number of staff: 3

Other pertinent information:

'Libre Expresión' is a Honduran non governmental organization, which started in 2004. 'Libre Expresión' wants to give Honduran children a complementary education in the field of art and culture, by means of photography, in order to enhance their creative abilities and strengthen their self-esteem. 'Libre Expresión' became officially registrant for the Honduran Government the 4th of October 2005 under registration number: P.J. 06062005-310. Libre Expresión is part of www.onlinevolunteering.org.

Field of activity:

Education with a strong component in HIV-AIDS prevention
Awareness and advocacy

The dynamics of the digital divide in the global information economy provoke a big challenge for social development and education in poor countries. Knowledge is power and nowadays it is acquired by gaining access to information and communication systems. For most of disadvantaged people in developing countries

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there is the danger of not taking part and of being left behind the progressive growing of the information system. We believe that through communication, people create their identity, both individual and collective and can have genuine access to the global information economy. Communication tools offer multiple ways in which people can express views, dreams, sentiments, aspirations, fears, problems as well as strengths and capabilities, that is at all "their potential for development". If people have communication tools in their hands, they have a VOICE and can become visible agents of change. In Honduras there is a low level of schooling among disadvantaged children and young people. They continue to limit their ability to overcome their poverty by using communication tools. The formal Honduran education system does not address communication issues and tools. We aim to establish a permanent educational mainstream that matches the needs of local marginalized youngsters to facilitate them in their growth. Many organisations do not go further than provide general information about aids/hiv prevention, or giving a course in leadership to young people of marginal neighbourhoods. They do not give them opportunities to relate them with other organizations and projects. Until now Libre Expresion gained a lot of experience through their 2 year experience in realizing about 16 projects for 3500 children and young people of different backgrounds and 250 teachers of secondary public schools. Now she identifies the urgency to create a long-term program in order to fulfil the needs of some talented individuals and facilitate them in their growth in order to create change agents for the local Honduran society: communication and leadership programme, Institute of Image.

In July 2007 Libre Expresión will start a pilot which will serve as fundamental input for the realization of a 2 year leadership program involving 20 young selected leaders from marginal neighborhoods of Tegucigalpa in order to become multiple local change agents, to promote communication and expression for social change and create youth leadership in general and leadership in aids/hiv prevention.

During the pilot the selected young people from previous projects of Libre Expresion will participate in the investigation phase (possible partners, needs of actors like governmental institutions, private company and civil society) and will create the content of their own leadership program; will identify their needs in knowledge, skills, contacts. The pilot will result in a participative curriculum / manual for the 2-year leadership programme. After the two-year programme scholarships will be given to the selected change agents to realize their chosen study or professionalisation. They will apply their knowledge in their communities, will participate in conferences and events, create and organize their own campagne for example about HIV/prevention, will implement new training sessions to other new members (in a positive chain-mechanism), and will focus on possible convention with local medias or local companies.

Is your organization assisted/funded by other organizations/companies:

Private sector: Kodak Honduras, Travel agency Alas

Civil society: Cordaid, local NGO's: Compartir, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos.

Governmental institutions: Ministry of Education, Ministry of Art, Sports and Culture

Terms of Reference

Assignment title: Education and/or Information Communication Technologies specialist

Preamble:

As a United Nations Volunteers (UNV) assignment, this post is based on the values of free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity, which are the foundations of volunteerism. Volunteering brings benefit to the individual volunteer. It makes important contributions, economically, as well as socially. It contributes to creating social cohesion and capital, through helping to build trust and reciprocity among citizens.

The United Nations Volunteers is the UN Organization that supports sustainable human development globally through the promotion of volunteerism and mobilization of volunteers. It serves the causes of peace and development through enhancing opportunities for participation by all peoples. It is universal, inclusive and embraces volunteer actions in all its diversity.

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Volunteerism is diverse and is embedded in all cultures and traditions. In this context, as a United Nations Volunteer you are encouraged and expected to relate to local volunteerism and to be identified with the concept. You are expected to regard your national colleagues as peers and together uphold trust as volunteers among yourselves and within the communities and the organization you are assigned to.

Detailed Terms of Reference:

'Libre Expresión' empowers vulnerable populations to express themselves through the use of photography as the main tool, together with other artistic media, to educate, communicate and encourage social engagement.

The volunteer will contribute to the following objectives:

- To build and strengthen leadership among our participants;
- To empower the beneficiaries in social matters, such as: No to child labour, HIV/AIDS prevention, gender equity, human rights and other;
- To raise awareness among national and international actors about the circumstances of vulnerable populations from their own perspective;
- To promote art and culture as essential elements for an integrated development of a society and its economy;
- To promote integrated efforts among the different actors of society: the government, enterprise and civil society.

The volunteer will be supporting the following area(s) of the MDGs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve maternal health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Achieve universal primary education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combat HIV/AIDS malaria and other diseases |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promote gender equality and empower women | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure environmental sustainability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce child mortality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develop a global partnership for development |

Detailed description of the tasks to be carried out by the University Volunteer:

Under the supervision of the coordinator of 'Libre Expresión', the volunteer will:

- Assist in the implementation of a pilot leadership program for a selective group of youngsters to be trained to become multiple local change agents, especially in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention and human rights;
 - Provide technical support for the development of innovative workshops about
 - o HIV/AIDS prevention and human rights;
- And/or:
- o Information Communication Technologies
 - Organize activities and events that promote the work of the children connected with 'Libre Expresión' and the work of the UNV Program;

Assignment target :

- Contribution to the pilot leadership program;
 - o Set up educational manual for HIV/AIDS prevention based on existing material of the foundation
- And/or
- o Set up a manual to integrate ICT4D in the leadership program
 - Two organized Forum/Conference "Xpres";
 - o to collect input for the leadership programme (invite representatives of governmental institutions, civil society, private sector and children / youngsters)
 - o to train journalists, representatives of media tools (tv, radio, newspaper) about how project and treat people with aids/hiv and/or to train journalists in development of Information Communication Technologies and collect their needs.
 - Assistance in participation of 'Libre Expresión' in International Day of HIV/AIDS December 2007

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Required Volunteer qualifications:

- Education: Communication, pedagogy, social science
- Language: Spanish and english
- Specific skills in requested area:
 - Experience in teaching, giving workshops;
 - Experience in organizing cultural events and know-how of media and communication tools.
- Computer/software skills: Able to work with office-programmes and managing websites would be an asset.
- Additional skills:
 - Needs to be a person with an open and friendly approach who is very comfortable working with young national and international people in a non-formal environment;
 - Needs to be able to work individually, be creative and take initiative but also have good team work skills;
 - Experience working in an empowering capacity;
 - Good communicator with a democratic approach;
 - Well organized, highly efficient and flexible;
 - Ability to work in a challenging and multicultural environment.

Other Information:

- Location of assignment: Tegucigalpa

- Type of accommodation available¹: he/she will need to rent an apartment / there might be opportunities to share.
- Approximate cost of available accommodation: \$200
- Security provision and approximate costs: -
- Means of local transport for the volunteer: None. Travel and subsistence expenses covered while working out of Tegucigalpa.
- What other facilities will be offered to the university volunteer(s)?: computer at the workplace,

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Visa requirements: _____ visa needed _____

¹ The accommodation for university volunteers has to be compliant with the Minimum Operating Residential Security Standards (MORSS). It needs to be cleared by the UN Field Security Officer prior to the fielding of the volunteers. They need to be estimated or budgeted at the TOR request when filling the form, if any.