

Nurse Volunteer, King's Kongo Central Partnership

Terms of Reference

Trip Dates: 12th- 25th November, 2019
Location: Kongo Central province, DRC

Placement Duration: 2 weeks
Reporting to: Partnership Lead

King's Kongo Central Partnership

The King's Kongo Central Partnership (KKCP) is a long-term partnership between the King's Health Partners in London and the Kongo Central Ministry of Health and Education in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Partnering with the provincial ministry, the Universite Joseph Kasa Vubu (UKV in Boma) and the Hopital Provincial de Reference de Kinkanda (HPRK in Matadi), we seek to improve health outcomes in the area of trauma through trauma system development, clinical care, research and training.

The Kongo Central province (formerly Bas Congo) in the southwest DRC has known relative political stability for decades but the health needs of its population are still not met. The main arterial route running through Kongo Central connects the Atlantic port cities of Boma and Matadi with the capital Kinshasa. The burden of trauma due to road traffic collisions along this route is significant. Current medical facilities are ill equipped to deal with the number of injuries and to provide effective care for trauma patients.

Through short-term trips, and in country volunteer from 2016 to 2017, KKCP has developed a trauma registry, run training courses and workshops (basic surgical skills, hand washing, analgesia), contributed to direct clinical care and the development of local clinic protocols, carried out research in the area of trauma care in LMICs, trained 100 doctors and nurses in Primary Trauma Care and delivered the trauma and orthopaedic curriculum at the UKV medical school.

The Role

KKCP is looking to recruit a nurse volunteer for a short-term trip to Kinshasa, Matadi and Boma from the 26th May to 10th June 2018. As part of a team of 5 people from the UK, this visit will be focused on delivering contextually appropriate training and education at the Kinkanda hospital in Matadi. There will be a particular focus on nursing education and mentoring within the framework of the Nursing Now campaign. Specific areas of focus will be tailored to the volunteer's expertise but will include at least some of the following:

- Delivery of a hand hygiene workshop
- Delivery of a safer surgery workshop
- Development of a nurse education strategy with the hospital and at ministry level
- Mentoring of senior nurses

Planning is underway to recruit a DRC-based nurse volunteer and this short trip would provide a good introduction to the DRC and the partnership for those interested in applying for a more long-term role.

Person Specification

- **Qualifications:** Appropriate nursing qualification and current registration. Post-graduate training in surgical and/or anaesthetic care desirable but not essential. Diploma in tropical nursing desirable but not essential.
- **Experience:**
 - Essential: At least 2 years' nursing experience. Fluent French. Experience of working in a low-income country.
 - Desirable: Surgical, anaesthetic or ED experience and skills. Experience of running workshops in low and middle income countries.
- **Personal Characteristics:** Delivery-focussed, practical, resilient, tenacious, patient, emotionally intelligent, collaborative, quick to make sense of complex issues, culturally sensitive, and possessing excellent listening skills.

Support Provided to Volunteers

The post holder will be provided with: return flights to and from Kinshasa; all in country travel, food and lodging costs; DRC visa; vaccinations & antimalarials; comprehensive insurance.

To Apply: Submit a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and CV (maximum 4 pages) to Katerina_anies.peithi@kcl.ac.uk. Please include the role title in the subject line of the email. Closing date for applications Friday 6th September 2019. The recruitment process will be concluded by late September, allowing the successful candidate sufficient time to plan for the trip.