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**WOMEN'S SPACES PROJECT
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION 2024**

Young Professional Volunteer Title: Communication officer

Host Organization: Development Workshop (DW)

Location: Huambo, Angola

Project: Women's Spaces: Implementing Equal Rights to Land, Housing and Livelihoods

Work Period: Six (6) months - Volunteer Program

Project Description:

Rooftops Canada Women's Spaces project is contributing to the enhanced implementation of women's equitable rights to and control over land, housing, and livelihoods in urban environments in Angola, Kenya, South Africa, and Uganda. WSP will also contribute to poverty reduction and deliver meaningful change to poor and vulnerable women and girls living in urban and peri-urban informal settlements. The project is implemented by rooftop partners in the countries. This project is directly aligned both with Canada's Agenda 2030 commitments and its Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP). WSP is financially supported by Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

Overview of YP Placement

Young Professionals are a major focus of the Women Spaces Project, especially as it relates to enabling partners to achieve the project objectives. Technical Advisors will provide strategic support to the objective of the project in partner organizations. In Angola, implementing partner Development Workshop Angola (DWA) is a major player in the government's decentralization program. The project will focus on capacity building of local authorities, and community and women's organizations to co-produce land maps and data, and co-manage customary, social, and informal land tenure. They embark on this using participatory land management tools. These tools will be customized and shared with other project stakeholders. The project will further embed the protection of gender-equal land rights into these tools and will scale them up through the national government's land tenure program while assisting the ministry responsible for the promotion of women's rights to meet its gender equality objectives. The communications officer will help to ensure that the project has a solid communications system that can periodically share relevant information with the different partners to inform local public policies that promote gender equality, especially for women.

Over six months, the YP will be engaged in a list of responsibilities. Rooftops Canada will cover the costs (travel, visas, insurance, and vaccination where necessary) associated with the placement as well as provide a decent stipend throughout the placement period.

Job Description:

- Create and develop innovative forms of communication, in line with new technologies, aimed at spreading the effects of the project's messages and actions to various partners.
- Develop a system for documenting and sharing good practices and success stories from the project's activities;
- Create a digital social network to improve the spread of the "Ondaka" community newsletter
- Producing content for digital communication (websites and social networks used by the organization);



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- Organizing and coordinating the project's internal communication related to meetings and ensuring the follow-up of agreed actions;
- Proposing improvements to the organization of evaluation systems for training courses and workshops aimed at basic community organizations and civil society organizations.
- Designing and editing project documents, including reports,
- Creating and managing a photo and video database

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Public Relations, Communications, or in relevant field
- Proven experience as a communications specialist
- Experience in web design and content production is an advantage
- Experience in writing and editing documents
- Knowledge of photo and video editing software
- Excellent communication skills in English and Portuguese (optional)
- Excellent organizational and planning skills
- Proficiency in Portuguese is an advantage

About Rooftops Canada:

Rooftops Canada-Abri International (RC-AI), the international development program of Canadian co-op and social housing organizations, has 35 years of experience and partnerships in SSA, including over \$30 million in Government of Canada project co-funding. It has helped influence policy and develop highly innovative practices related to housing development, management, and finance; responses to HIV/AIDS; local economic development; linking urban food security, urban agriculture, and housing spaces; while consistently mainstreaming gender equality, human rights and participatory governance. That expertise will help guide project implementation through a Project Steering Committee. RC-AI will also manage short-term TAs from the Canadian non-profit housing sector, related legal rights organizations, and some regional sector specialists; learning exchanges to and from Canada and within SSA; and a communications program with the Canadian co-op and social housing sector.

About DWA

Development Workshop (DW) is the leading non-governmental actor in Angola since the 1980s. Its mission and purpose are based on the search for innovative solutions, adapted to the local context. DW supports the Government of Angola and other stakeholders through public policy development, technical assistance, capacity building, and civic education, training, and follow-up. The long-term objective of DW is to defend the assets of the poor and to promote policies in favour of them that provide greater equitable access to services and resources. Research was also one of the first opportunities for DW to introduce the use of geographic information systems (GIS) and to form government partners in its use. The results of the research were in turn used as evidence in the influence of policies and enrichment of the debate on the Land Law between 2002 and 2004.