

WOMEN'S SPACES PROJECT YOUNG PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION 2024

Young Professional Volunteer Title: Communications Officer

Host Organization: Shelter and Settlements Alternatives Uganda (SSA Uganda)

Location: Kampala, Uganda

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. The Young Professional will provide strategic support to the objective of the project in partner organizations.

SSA is Uganda's implementing partner for a five-year project called Women Spaces: Equal Rights to Land, Housing, and Livelihoods in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Project will strategically contribute to Uganda's efforts to grapple with land tenure issues by developing and sharing best practices and regional experiences focused on gender equality. This initiative is being implemented in four peri-urban districts (Kamuli, Mityana, Kayunga, Wakiso - Entebbe) near Kampala. The Communications Officer will help to ensure that the project maintains its strategic vision and outcomes by documenting and communicating the progress of the project

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:

- Assist with documenting all project activities and progress
- (case stories, interviews, pictures, mini-documentaries)
- To assist in designing project communication newsletters, magazines, and different IEC materials

- Suggest strategies to the Project Management for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of communication and visibility of the project;
- To support staff to upload and update social media platforms and other communication channels
- To assist in the development of creative quarterly, annual, and other reports about the project

Qualifications:

- University Degree preferably in Communications, Development studies, Social Work, or a related field.
- Strong working knowledge of issues related to poverty, gender, international development and/or human settlements.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English
- Working knowledge in data collection, analysis, and compilation
- Strong working knowledge in documentation and effective communication

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 Shelter and Settlements Alternative Uganda (SSA Uganda):

Shelter and Settlements Alternative Uganda (SSA Uganda) is a network organization established in 1999 comprising civil society organizations, communities, individuals, and private sector stakeholders working together in the development of human settlements in Uganda. SSA supports grassroots communities to identify and better their housing situation. SSA's main purpose is collectively lobbying, advocating, and sharing information for better policies, programs, and practices toward sustainable improvement of human settlements in Uganda. SSA's vision is a nation with decent, affordable, and sustainable Human settlements for all.