

Overseas Volunteer Opportunity – Peru

Cacao Specialist

WHERE: Piura, Peru

START DATE: April 2019. Exact timing to be negotiated with the successful candidate

DURATION: 30 days.

REPORTING TO: Program Manager for Peru

DEADLINE: Open until filled

Note: *This is a voluntary assignment. Domestic and international economy airfare, ground transport, visa, travel insurance, out of country accommodation, and a meal/incidental allowance will be covered by CDF Canada. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident.*

BACKGROUND:

The INVEST Co-op program seeks to improve the economic well-being of 70,000 small producers in Malawi, Peru, Mongolia and Indonesia. Through an integrated co-operative approach, the program will benefit producers by increasing production and productivity, increasing access to markets, and increasing access to financial services. The program will also focus on building the capacity of local co-operatives and working with governments to create an enabling environment for co-operatives to do business.

The Peru INVEST Program was designed and will be implemented in partnership with the Norandino Agricultural Cooperative Ltd. The project will be providing capacity building and inputs for 13 primary organizations located in the Piura, Cajamarca, Lambayeque, and Amazonas regions and will provide direct and indirect benefits to 4,349 Norandino member coffee and cacao producers. The project will build the capacity of small holder farmers to increase the quality and quantity of cacao and coffee produce, as well as improve financial literacy and agriculture enterprise management skills. The project will further develop existing co-ops to assist women and men producer's ability to access new markets, extension services and low-cost quality inputs.

ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT:

The Chocolate Specialist will be based in Piura Peru and will travel to rural communities as necessary. The Chocolate Specialist will work closely with the project team to provide technical assistance to small cocoa producer groups in the form of trainings and orientations. The technical assistance will focus on enhancing the capacity of producers in harvest and post-harvest processing of cocoa, as well as to identify cocoa profiles that would be of interest for high quality chocolatiers or chocolate makers.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please submit your resume and cover letter using the [volunteer information form](#). You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Successful candidates will be required to obtain a police-check from their local police/RCMP detachment. **All applicants are thanked for their interest in CDF Canada; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**

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