



Overseas Volunteer Opportunity – Malawi Co-operative Development Project Officer

WHERE: Lilongwe, Malawi

START DATE: October 2018. Exact timing to be negotiated with the successful candidate

DURATION: 6 months

REPORTING TO: Program Manager for Malawi

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 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 INVEST Co-op Malawi Project seeks to improve the economic wellbeing of 50,000 small producers (Soya, ground nuts, beans, and maize). 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. CDF Canada is also proposing to partner with local agricultural, finance and insurance co-operative companies to introduce agricultural insurance products to these farmers to help them manage their risks. It is believed that offering insurance through an integrated co-operative model will lower risks, administration costs, and claim processing times.

The project partner in Malawi is the Malawi Union of Savings and Credit Cooperatives (MUSCCO) which is the apex organization for Savings and Credit Co-operatives in Malawi. MUSCCO provides training, liquidity management, representative and advocacy services to its member organizations to improved financial, management and governance capacity. MUSCCOs aim is to improve financial access to the underserved communities of Malawi.

ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT:

The Co-operative Development Project Officer will implement the findings of the Development Ladder Assessment (DLA) exercise with the existing cooperatives, recommend actions for cooperative business expansion and facilitate linkage between cooperatives and business opportunities. The volunteer will be based in the CDF Canada office in Lilongwe, Malawi and will be required to travel to communities. This is a 6-month position based in Lilongwe, Malawi.

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.***

Co-operative Development Foundation of Canada

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