

Make A Difference and Create Lasting Change

If you know someone who has volunteered in a country such as Indonesia, Malawi or Peru, you may have heard how incredible and life-changing the experience was.

It's good to know that the number of people who are volunteering is increasing. However, with shrinking resources in the non-profit sector, the demand for skilled volunteers with a wide range of expertise to share is not being met.

There are so many great reasons to volunteer with CDF Canada. Sharing your skills and knowledge with others, rounding out your resume with new skills, learning a language, gaining a global perspective, selecting one of our projects for your thesis or finding personal and professional inspiration.

For those of you who have never considered volunteering, here are a few inspiring reasons to volunteer abroad that may encourage you to take the next step.

- Over the course of weeks or even months, depending on how long you decide to volunteer, you'll get to know and become part of a community. In a country like Malawi the community is very small, and after a short time you will get to know everyone, and they will get to know you. These relationships become very close-knit, and it is like you become part of an extended family.
- Doing a good deed locally is a good feeling. But overseas volunteering to help a struggling community could easily be the most impactful deed that you will ever perform. The impact you will make isn't just temporary, you will be part of changing a community for the long term.
- Gain a whole new perspective! Distance itself not only helps us to see things clearly, but it allows us to see first-hand the struggles that other communities have to face. As one volunteer said, "It brings home a new-found appreciation for the lives we sometimes take for granted."

If one of the opportunities below match your knowledge and expertise, we would like to hear from you! Submit your resume and cover letter to apply@cdfcanada.coop to be included in our volunteer database and help us to make an impact in communities around the world.

Position	Country
Forage Researcher	Mongolia
Coffee Specialist	Peru
Co-op Governance Specialist	Indonesia
Women Leadership Specialist	Indonesia
Development Ladder Assessment (DLA)	Indonesia and Malawi
Co-op Development Specialist	Malawi, Peru,
Business Strategy Specialist	Mongolia
Communication Specialist	Malawi and Peru
Microinsurance	Indonesia and Malawi
Marketing	Peru, Indonesia
Business Development	Malawi and Mongolia
Monitoring and Evaluation	Mongolia and Malawi
Gender	Mongolia, Malawi and Peru
Environmental Resilience and Climate Change Adaptation	Indonesia

Volunteering can be very fulfilling no matter what project you undertake. You may find that the experience enriches you in ways you never expected. You can also select a specific volunteer opportunity that will be a memorable and life-affirming experience as well. CDF Canada volunteers have a significant impact on the successful work that we do around the world! We place a high value on our volunteers as they are the backbone of our organization. We are proud to promote many amazing volunteers who have helped us reach our project goals in Africa, Asia and the Americas where our projects have been sustained long after our departure.

Project Summary

Peru

Our project in Peru is working with small and medium cacao and coffee farmers - improving their livelihood in their local communities. The project is looking for experts to share their knowledge, skills, expertise and to become a champion for CDF Canada.

Indonesia

Our project supports aquaculture small producers (seaweed, milkfish, and shrimp) to improve their livelihood while contributing to the country's target to become the #1 seaweed producer in the world.

We embarked to build 10,800 farmers' capacity and skills towards sustainable aquaculture practices to increase their yield and quality, strengthen their co-operatives' governance, encourage cooperation among co-ops towards a professional and profitable second-tier marketing co-op that accesses larger markets and value chains, and explore ways to improve environmental resilience and climate change adaptation.

If you are passionate about community development and have expertise to offer, you are our perfect volunteer candidate.

Malawi

This is a four-year project with the aim to increase the economic wellbeing and food security of 63,000 smallholder farmers engaged in maize, groundnut, bean and soya bean production. The project works through local co-operatives to increase agricultural production (improved seeds, environmentally appropriate farming techniques, micro-insurance), improve access to markets (develop marketing co-ops and negotiate bulk sales contracts with purchasers), and secure financial resources (develop savings and loan products appropriate for farmers) so that smallholder farmers have increased on-farm income and become more resilient to economic shocks caused by environmental changes and market volatility.

Mongolia

Mongolia is a four-year project dedicated to increasing the economic wellbeing of 3,000 herder families of goat, sheep, cattle, horse and camel livestock. The project's aim is to improve productivity and profitability of the herders through initiatives which include researching and testing fodder crops, introducing high yield breeding stock, improving livestock management practices, investing in value-added processing of livestock by-product and wool, developing new markets, and in building capacity of co-operatives to better serve their members' needs.