

# Projects and job descriptions

## Agriculture and processing of agricultural products

Allada is located 58 km from Cotonou. It is also the particular land for pineapple production in Benin. It is a calm and welcoming community where the project **IRA (Initiative pour la Relance de l'Ananas)** is established. It is an agricultural cooperative which works in the growing and processing of pineapple in pineapple juice. This is a true development cooperative in the locality because it intensifies the labor and reduces poverty. Volunteers will help in weeding of pineapple cultivation, harvesting pineapple, juice preparation, packaging, bottling, marketing...

**The association Vivogbè** is a rural women association of Kpovié (about 31 km from Cotonou). It is involved in the processing of palm nuts oil. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with hard working women in the treatment of palm nuts, cooking, grinding, oil extraction, bottling...

Pahou, 25 km from Cotonou is known as the city of vegetables. **The association of gardeners** is specialized in the cultivation of vegetables: cabbage, carrot, lettuce, peppers, tomato, cucumber, onion ... This association employs a large proportion of the population and is a true engine of poverty reduction in the region.

Volunteers will help in setting up the nursery trees, transplanting, fertilizer application, irrigation, site maintenance, harvesting... help the actors in their daily tasks.

## Environment project

This project is done in two different communities for community development association.

**The Support Project for the Restoration of Natural Resources (PARRN)** is an integrated project set up in order to fight against deforestation in the villages of Kpovié and Tokan in the south of Benin.

At Kpovié, it is a gardening, reforestation and composting project; while at Tokan, there are activities in rabbit breeding, reforestation and production of provender.

For both projects help is needed especially in May and June for the reforestation. It is important to mention that a percentage of volunteer program fees will be used in purchasing plants. The volunteers will therefore help in cleaning up sites to be reforested, picketing, planting seedlings of acacia and maintenance of reforested sites. Regarding other activities, they will help in the activities of gardening, rabbit breeding, production of provender and compost making.

## Education and school support

Volunteers have the opportunity to work in education in any community they want.

They can be placed in kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools and a special school integrating the disabled.

Volunteers will assist staff in their daily work: animation, teaching English, making subject form, organizing various educative and recreative workshops. The need in primary schools is very high. A school class may consist of 60 students.

**Hibiscus School** is a special school located at Cotonou, which includes disabled children of all kind. The aim of that school is to give equal rights to all children no matter their status. Skilled volunteers in working with disabled will be welcomed. Especially, on Friday afternoons, the children are free but they are in workshop under the supervision of the teachers. Here are the workshops activities: theatre and poetic recital, tales (stories), traditional songs and dances with a professional, sewing (dressmaking) and cooking, reading

and games playing (puzzles, crossed words, lotto, ludo, card), initiation to computer, music and dance.

“**Equilibre Benin**” is an interesting project for therapist, social worker or any volunteer having skill in working with disabled. The project has an administrative office at Cotonou and the technical one's at Calavi, about 20 km from Cotonou. The activities are functional consultation, rehabilitation and speech therapy, equipment making, assistance in school and socio professional training for adult. Also, they organize awareness campaigns in surrounding villages on vaccinations and support for families with disabilities.

### **Orphanages and child care**

To contribute to children welfare, education and happiness, the orphanages and welfare centers need volunteers. Depending to each orphanage and welfare centers, activities can change. But commonly activities are bathing children, playing games, teaching French or English, painting, drawing, making educative activities. Volunteers can bring useful materials to be used in the orphanage during workshops. Orphanages and welfare centers are in Cotonou, Allada, Abomey, Bohicon, Covè, Avrankou, Dassa and Comé.

**The Center for Listening and Orientation (Carrefour d'Ecoute et d'Orientation)** is a center based in Cotonou that welcomes street children, abandoned, victims of forced marriage, abused, having had contact with drugs, prison, theft or in various difficult situations. The project helps children for a professional training. Volunteers must demonstrate their interest through their experiences, skills or studies related to psychology, sociology, animation, conflict managing....

They will assist in subject teaching, drawing, painting, playing games, listening to complains and resolving conflicts, making workshop and educational activities

**The Centre Yenten** is an orphanage based at Avrankou 38 km from Cotonou, and hosts orphans and children in difficult situation. The activities are bathing, educational activities small level agricultural activities, gardening, playing games and workshops animating, poultry, rabbit and pork breeding and others...Volunteers live on site.

### **Health**

In all the hosting communities, we have partnership with hospitals and clinics where medical students and health workers can do internship for 3 weeks and more. The volunteers will be supervised by a doctor and will assist in daily consultations of patients; treatments.

Volunteers can observe in the fields of general medicine, surgery, gynecology, maternity, laboratory, physical therapy, ophthalmology, pediatrics, emergency ... and help to become familiar with tropical diseases and local practices. They will also share their experiences in the field. Volunteers are asked to come with medical equipment and a white uniform and a PEP kit.

If they come in groups (4 or more), sensitization activities in the areas STD, malaria, vaccination will be organized in small villages.

### **Broadcasting**

Skilled volunteers or those who are interested in broadcasting (radio, newspapers, television and communications agency, writing articles, translating articles, making reports, sound and video making, camera using, investigations, animations) are welcomed in such a project. Projects can be done in almost all communities.

### **Crafting**

Abomey, 139 km from Cotonou, is the historical city of Benin.

We have a partnership with handicrafts-men of the Abomey History Museum and others where volunteers will learn or work in the field of weaving, smithing, basketry, drawing,

painting, sculpture...

The volunteers help in the making of various objects of art.

### **List of projects by community**

#### **1. Cotonou**

La Ronde (Daycare, Kindergarten and primary school)

Hibiscus (Kindergarten and primary school integrating disable children)

Arc-en-ciel (HIV Aids)

Centre de santé de Minontin (health center, all units)

Press (Journal le Municipal)

Orphelinat des Sœurs de Charité (orphanage)

Orphelinat les Messagers de la paix (orphanage)

Carrefour d'écoute et d'orientation des enfants en situation difficile (orientation and care center for children in difficult situation)

Equilibre Bénin (center for disable children)

VIDJITO, Garderie (daycare )

Novatrice, agence de communication (communication)

#### **2. Calavi**

SOS village d'enfants (kindergarten and primary school, art classes, social integration of orphans)

#### **3. Allada**

Ecole maternelle de Gbégamey (kindergarten)

Ecole primaire Merveille divine (primary school)

Orphelinat et école primaire des sœurs St augustin (orphanage)

Centre de dépistage et de traitement de l'ulcère de burili (health and nutrition)

Centre de Santé ST Pierre (health center)

Soja Soyo (processing of soy bean)

ONG FOGEDEA: (agriculture and processing of pineapple)

CEPADES ONG (Health and environment education)

#### **4. Abomey**

Centre hospitalier départemental Zou Collines (hospital)

Ecoles primaires, Ecole secondaire (schools)

Orphelinat des Sœurs OCPSP, petits et grands (orphanage)

Projets en artisanat au musée (art project in museum)

## **5. Bohicon**

Ecoles primaires et secondaires (school, kindergarten and primary)

Orphelinat Chiara Luce Badano (orphanage)

Clinique Sedegbé (health center)

Centre de santé de Bohicon (health center)

## **6. Covè**

Ecoles maternelles primaires (kindergarten and primary school)

Projets en artisanat (art)

Hôpital de zone de Covè (hospital)

## **7. Zagnanado**

Ecoles maternelle et primaires (kindergarten and primary schools)

Centre social (social center)

Centre de santé de Zagnanado (health center)

## **8. Dassa**

Hôpital de zone de Dassa (hospital)

SOS village d'enfants

ONG vie durable (community development)

## **9. Comé**

Ecole maternelles et primaires (schools)

Hôpital de zone de Comé (hospital)

Centre de santé de Comé (health center)

## **10. Akodéha/Tokan**

Ecoles primaire (primary school)

Environnement, entretien de site reboisés et reboisement (environnement, reforestation)

Elevage de lapins (rabbit breeding)

Production et vente de provende (provender production)

## **11. Pahou/Kpovié**

Ecole primaire (primary school)

Environnement, entretien de site reboisés et reboisement (reforestation)

Projet de transformation de noix de palme en huile de palme (processing of palm nut)

Jardinage/maraichage (gardening)

Agriculture: diverses cultures (agricultures, various cultures)

## **12. Porto Novo**

Ecoles primaires et secondaires

Hôpital de zone (hospital)

ONG action sociale, développement communautaire (community development)