



Volunteer Arts Therapists for a Mission in Sudan with The Red Pencil (International)

The Red Pencil (International) aims to provide a culturally rich environment for arts therapists to further develop and enhance their experience of working in a humanitarian context.

Based in Dubai, Geneva and Singapore, The Red Pencil is an international humanitarian organisation whose expertise is to bring the benefits of the arts (drawing, music and dance), at a therapeutic and professional level, to vulnerable and less fortunate children and families who are victims of overwhelming life circumstances such as long-term hospitalisations, conflict areas or natural disasters, for which they have no words. The creative process of arts allows them to express the unspeakable, to experience release and relief, to gain self-confidence and feel empowered to move on towards a more hopeful and happier life.

At The Red Pencil, we are dedicated to their resilience and long term recovery.

We are excited to have a new mission being launched in Sudan and are looking for 2 arts therapists to develop and lead Arts Therapy sessions with our partner organisations.

For a humanitarian mission to be thoroughly effective and sustainable, a 3-step programme is carried out over the course of one year. The same team of art therapists visits the targeted country to attend to the same beneficiaries thrice, so as to provide long-term and meaningful support. Each trip lasts about 2 weeks, with a period of 2-4 months between each trip.

The programme will comprise of group arts therapy sessions with the beneficiaries as well as training for caregivers. The sessions will highlight the benefits of arts as a medium to access deeper feelings and bring about relief and regulation for both beneficiaries and staff.

Mission Overview

With the conflicting situation in Sudan caused by fights between the government and rebel groups, many intellectually and physically challenged individuals now live in poverty, classified as the most stigmatised and marginalised people in society. They often live in isolation, excluded from their communities, education systems, healthcare and other vital services. Sometimes they are even hidden away from their families. With no access to healthcare and rehabilitation, added to the stigma, many women and children in these groups face oppression and a heightened risk of domestic and sexual violence.

The Red Pencil is collaborating with two partners, Suha Atelier and Dar al Hanan. Suha Atelier is part of Dar Al Hanan, a fellow organisation that offers professional, educational, academic and behavioural assistance to individuals who are intellectually challenged. These organisations operate across 10 centres in urban areas of Khartoum, the capital city of Sudan. The mission will be deployed following The Red Pencil's humanitarian 3-Step model and include the following components:

- Group arts therapy sessions (10 persons per session) for a period of 2 weeks each
- Training and supervision for the local staff

Timeline:

- Step 1: 22 April- 4 May 2018
- Step 2: 5-17 August 2018

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- Step 3: 7-19 October 2018

Classification:

- Psychosocial support & Arts Therapy

Beneficiaries:

- 40 – 60 beneficiaries who are intellectually challenged (such as Down syndrome) and around 30 staff members who work with the beneficiaries on a daily basis.

Sector:

- Not For Profit (NFP)

Location:

- Khartoum, Sudan

The Arts Therapist Role

The role of the 2 arts therapists is to ensure that all interventions are comprehensive and culturally-sensitive and to assure the building of capacity in the local community through the provision of trainings and supervision.

About you:

- Certified and experienced arts therapist
- Demonstrated experience with group therapy with adolescents or intellectually challenged individuals
- Experience working in low income countries
- Demonstrated experience with capacity building of local staff of non-profit organisations
- Fluent in English and Arabic

Compensation:

The transportation (including return flight), insurance, food and accommodation are covered by The Red Pencil and its partner organisations.

Application process

If you are interested in this opportunity and meet the requirements please submit your application to welcome@redpencil.org by 23 February 2018, using the subject line: **Art Therapist application – Sudan**.

Your application must be submitted in English and include:

- A covering letter of no more than 2 pages including a statement of purpose i.e. What you plan to work on, project key points, mediums you work in, equipment used etc. Please also tell us how you think your experience will benefit this particular mission
- A current Curriculum Vitae or Resumé
- Evidence of your qualification/s
- Full contact details including name, address, email and current phone number

If shortlisted you will need to provide a police check, references and examples of previous work.

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