

## **Job description for a public health volunteer in La Y de la Laguna**

(Duration: from 9 months)

### **1. Background**

Foundation Human Nature (FHN) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) that is implementing sustainable rural health and development projects in Ecuador.

### **2. Description of tasks**

Organizational support, coordination and sustainable implementation of three key public health measures:

- Medical brigades (collaboration with a network of community health workers, health personnel and Ministry of Health staff)
- Water filter project (sale and purchase of water filters)
- Development of the community health workers' network, support of the organization of capacity building activities and dissemination of new knowledge in local communities

#### General

- Representing FHN in the project region
- Improvement of communication on all levels
  - Project lead in Europe (monthly project updates, teleconferences, written final report)
  - Project lead on site (health committee)
  - Local division of the Ministry of Health (via health committee and local administration)
  - Health centre
  - District hospital
  - Villages
- Support of local administration of health centre

#### Other

- Opportunity to develop project proposals (in coordination with the project lead in Europe)

### **3. Qualification**

#### Education

- Medicine and health (e.g. nurse, midwife, physiotherapist, doctor, psychologist, public health specialist, health communicator)

#### Skills and characteristics

- Good Spanish language skills (at least B2-level) (will be evaluated during the selection process, no certificate necessary)
- Communicative, independent, self-confident, proactive, flexible, patient, persistent, humorous, social
- Experience from living/working in a low-income country
- Experience and tolerance in relation to living/working with people of different cultures
- Willingness to live/work – even under tough conditions – in a remote, tropical region

#### **4. Payment**

- 250 USD monthly pocket money
- Other costs related to the stay in Ecuador will not be reimbursed, e.g. vaccinations, visa, insurance etc.
- If applicable (after approval through FHN), financial support for implementation of project proposals

#### **5. Workplace**

- 22 days of work, and 8 days of holidays per month
- Minimum duration of volunteer work: 9 months

#### **6. Contact**

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