

CARDS – Volunteer job description

Information about the Charity:

Founded in the 1980's, the mission of the Community Action for Rural Development Society (CARDS) is to support deprived and oppressed communities, in several regions of the south-western Tamil Nadu state, India. CARDS is organized around four main areas: education, health and sanitation, livelihood, and environment development.

The activities of the Society are sub-divided in several projects, including:

- the distribution of educational materials and the construction of sanitary blocks for rural schools,
- after school education in 20 different villages of the region,
- the provision of a rehabilitation service for people struggling with addiction,
- the implementation of health and sexual education prevention programs,
- tailoring and embroidery training for women,
- conversion of agricultural waste into renewable energy,
- forest conservation programs.

These are carried out by eighteen staff members and five volunteers.

Information about the project:

CARDS is looking for two volunteers to support water and sanitation educational projects from October 2023. Under the supervision of two CARD employees, the volunteers will design, prepare and conduct classes on the importance of safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices to improve their health and hygiene conditions. One volunteer will work with children of Sita Rajaram Public School (ages 11-15) for three days per week, and the other volunteer will work with students of Sita Rajaram Polytechnic College (ages 16-18) for three days per week. The school and college have centres in areas away from the main schools. The volunteers will then travel to these other locations for two days of the week to deliver one class per day of after school education to groups of different grades/course branches (approximately 30 students per group).

Skills required/other:

- Qualified persons in water and sanitation for development (BSc or MSc).
- Experience in preparing lesson plans and teaching.
- Interest to work with rural poor children and teenagers.
- No driving licence required
- Ability to speak English – other languages are not required

