



The Rita Feinberg Fellowship Quality Assurance Consult – Thimphu, Bhutan

Goal: The volunteer will work directly with the Chief Program Officer of the Quality Assurance and Standardization Division, Ms. Jigme Choden, at Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital in Thimphu, Bhutan. The primary focus of this volunteer fellowship is to assist Ms. Choden and JDWNRH as they prepare to apply for hospital accreditation through the National Accreditation Body for Healthcare. The specific goals of this fellowship include:

1. Consult on the development of standardized clinical protocols, policies and/or procedures and their official implementation into hospital/departmental requirements;
2. Consult and assist with the development and implementation of formal clinical audits to demonstrate evidence of clinical protocol implementation;
3. Review and provide guidance on necessary steps for accreditation in alignment with the requirements and accreditation process of the National Accreditation Body for Healthcare.

JDWNRH Background: HVO has been working with JDWNRH for over 20 years on numerous projects, across multiple health specialties. However, health care administration and quality assurance is a relatively new area of collaboration for HVO and JDWNRH. The volunteer will be in a unique position to provide critical mentorship and consultation to Ms. Jigme Choden and her team as they take critical steps to improve their quality assurance practices and prepare the hospital to successfully prepare and meet quality standards for receiving accreditation.

Volunteer Requirements: A licensed health care provider with extensive experience in preparing for hospital accreditation by The Joint Commission (or other international equivalents). Experience specifically in quality assurance and the development of clinical protocols and auditing procedures to align with accreditation standards is important.

Length and Preferred Dates: 6 month placement, to be scheduled as soon as possible

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Fellowship Background: Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the availability and quality of health care in resource-scarce settings through the education, training and professional development of the health workforce. The core of HVO's model relies on the utilization of short-term volunteers. However, HVO recognizes there are critical needs at many of our partner institutions which are most effectively and sustainably addressed only through the placement of a long-term volunteer. The Rita Feinberg Fellowship has been established to enable HVO to better meet these needs and to provide financial support to volunteers able to commit to assignments of 3-6 months in length.

This fellowship will cover the volunteer's round-trip airfare and housing costs, as well as assignment-related expenses such as visa, medical/nursing council registration, etc. In addition, the volunteer will receive a modest stipend to cover food, transportation, and other incidental costs while on assignment (amounts for housing and stipend will vary based on location).