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CATHOLIC MEDICAL MISSION BOARD

CMMB Medical Volunteer Program



Developing countries around the world are facing a critical shortage of health workers. The World Health Organization estimates that over 4 million more health workers are needed to bridge the gap, with 1.5 million needed for Africa alone. In addition to the lack of personnel, existing health staff are often in need of training and stronger management systems.

CMMB's Medical Volunteer Program (MVP) addresses the global human resources for health crisis by recruiting and placing volunteers at healthcare facilities in resource-poor countries around the world. Building on CMMB founder Dr. Paluel Flagg's vision of establishing a volunteer medical mission program, the MVP has sent licensed medical professionals to provide care directly to those in need for nearly 100 years. The program also places public health and

non-medical professionals to address broader health needs within communities and strengthen health management and information systems. These "MVPs for Change" provide and increase access to health services while building local capacity to ensure long-lasting impact.

Volunteering With Us

CMMB's MVP seeks licensed medical and healthcare professionals as well as non-medical professionals with relevant expertise to serve in resource-poor health facilities **for 1 year or longer** (some short-term volunteers supported through partner organizations). The MVP recruits volunteers year-round on a rolling basis, but volunteers are generally deployed to their field assignments in the Fall of each year. Some immediate needs occur throughout the year. The types of professionals we seek include (but are not limited to):

Medical/Health

- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Registered Nurses
- Physical Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Pharmacists
- Dentists
- Nutritionists
- Lab Technicians
- X-Ray Technicians
- Speech Therapist
- Public Health Professionals
- Psychologists
- Anesthesiologists
- Nurse Anesthetist

Non-medical

- Administrators
- Counselors
- Information Technology Professionals
- Social Workers
- Professionals with degrees in:
 - Business Administration
 - Communications
 - Journalism
 - Law