

**Job Title** Fundraiser for 1 year renewable

Salary £25,000/annum pro rata
Contract Part time 3 days a week

LocationWorking from home but will need to travelProject supervisorAsha Senapati, Past Chairman FOV UKLine managerRuth Tuckwell, Manager FOV UK

### Friends of Vellore UK

FOV UK is the UK-based charity which supports Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore in India. CMC is considered one of India's finest medical college hospitals and attracts patients from all over the country as well as neighbouring nations. Whilst many patients are able to afford their treatment, a significant proportion do not have the means to pay for healthcare and may not even seek treatment. FOV wants to ensure that everyone can receive appropriate medical treatment regardless of their ability to pay.

In addition, FOV supports several community and rural projects in and around Vellore which are affiliated with the hospital, and in which there are many poor and disadvantaged communities. One such community is that which is based in the Jawadhi Hills.

### Jawadhi Hills

80,000 people live in this rugged terrain in Tamil Nadu, 37 miles from Vellore and their history, extreme poverty and poor road access mean that their health, literacy and development indicators are tragically low. Most people are small-scale subsistence farmers or land labourers. Due to poor conditions, many migrate to find seasonal farming work in nearby districts, taking the children with them who then miss school for extended periods. CMC's Community Health and Development team (CHAD) are working in this area to improve health and provide development opportunities. However, they desperately need funds to make their vision for these people to live a healthy and productive life, in harmony with nature, a reality. FOV UK already supports nursing students, rural health workers and young people's education.

The COVID 19 pandemic has hit this community especially hard for a number of reasons, and accessible health care is all the more vital now.

For further information please visit <a href="https://friendsofvellore.org">https://friendsofvellore.org</a>

The Jawadhi Hills community has a high maternal and infant mortality, way above the average for Tamil Nadu (3/1000 vs < 1/1000 mothers) and 70/1000 vs < 40/1000 live births).

One reason for this is the lack of availability of 24-hour care, essential for these services which so often present out of hours. CMC with FOV's help is seeking to establish this facility.

FOV UK is working closely with its sister organisation in the US, the Vellore Foundation, to achieve this project, and has undertaken to provide one arm of the project, providing a labour room, a small nursery and a ward for antenatal and postnatal patients.

## Main purpose of position

The facility that FOV has undertaken to provide will cost approximately £50,000. FOV UK is seeking a fundraiser to achieve this goal in a year in addition to their salary and overheads. The post holder will be expected to visit the Jawadhi Hills in South India if possible. This was originally envisaged as being early on in the project, but due to the pandemic in India and subsequent travel restrictions, this is unlikely.

If this post is successful, the intention is to extend the post for 5 years, as there are many needy projects that require funding in and around CMC Vellore.

## **Key priorities**

- 1. To raise the profile of the Jawadhi Hills with the relevant funders, with emphasis on their plight due to COVID 19
- 2. To develop a campaign around this project
- **3.** To fundraise for the project mentioned above
- **4.** To raise £50,000 (or more) in a year plus salary and overheads total of at least £70,000
- **5.** To administer the project by way of support to funders, feedback and thanking funders
- **6.** Managing the funds, monitoring income & expenditure
- 7. Travel to Jawadhi Hills & CMC Vellore to witness the project on the ground when it is possible to do so

### **Additional responsibilities**

- 1. Public speaking to organisations likely to provide funding or giving funding
- 2. Out of hours work may be needed to raise the profile of the project
- 3. Any other reasonable duties as directed by project supervisor or line manager

# **Facilities provided**

- 1. A laptop and printer will be provided
- 2. There is plenty of material available by way of photographs and personal stories
- 3. Travel to India costs will be met by the employer, subject to regulations

# **Personal specifications**

Criteria	Essential	Desirable	How assessed
Skills / Abilities / Experience	Excellent communication skills	Relevant computer skills	Application and interview
	Excellent organisational skills	Experience in project management	
	Experience in fundraising		
	Ability to speak in public		
	Social media experience		
Qualifications / Training / Education	BA or equivalent		Application
	Good references		
Other requirements	Enthusiastic		Interview
	Ability to work well with people		
	Willingness to uphold and promote our vision		
	and values		
	Entrepreneurial		
	Access to office space at home		

Please apply with CV, supporting statement and references to Ruth Tuckwell at

friendsofvellore@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 30th July 2021

Expected interview date: Wednesday 4th August in London