

Role Title	Early Childhood Care and Education Technical Support Volunteer
Location	Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
Employer	Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Bangladesh
Duration	6 -12 Months
Role purpose	This role involves providing comprehensive technical support to ensure the successful execution of the Education programme, encompassing Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) and Government Primary School (GPS) support within the VSO ACTIVE project. S/he will ensure all sorts of technical support to map and implement contextualized Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE) curriculum; ensure a child-friendly learning environment; capacity building of mother/sister/aunt/community volunteers by developing low-cost/no-cost modules, training packages; promoting education to the communities, participate in different working groups under related cluster, highlight VSOB's contribution for education and showcase VSOB's education programme. This role will also participate in evidencing learning documents and study under the Active Citizenship Through Inclusive Volunteering & Empowerment (ACTIVE) project.
Project Background and Contextual Information	VSO Bangladesh is implementing the Active Citizenship Through Inclusive Volunteering & Empowerment (ACTIVE) project in Cox's Bazar and other districts of Bangladesh. ACTIVE Project Bangladesh's main goal is to create a climate and gender-responsive environment for marginalized communities and become active citizens in Bangladesh. This is an integrated project aiming to provide access to quality education for children and strengthen the education system by focusing on Early childhood development, primary education support and school improvement plans. The project also aims to increase the empowerment of adolescents, women, and youth through capacity development, linkage, and access to services in government line departments and private sectors focusing on agroecology and sustainable livelihood. Additionally, the aim is to develop youth platforms all over the country and create opportunities for youth-led development and advocacy initiatives to achieve targeted Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) goals.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

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Work Location: Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

Role Purpose: The volunteer will work with partner organizations to provide comprehensive technical support for the successful implementation of the Education program within the ACTIVE project Bangladesh, focusing on Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Government Primary School (GPS) support. The volunteer is responsible for ensuring technical assistance in mapping and implementing a contextualized ECCE curriculum, fostering child-friendly learning environments, and building the capacity of various community volunteers.

Task Responsibilities

Curriculum implementation and mapping:

- Mapping of existing early childhood development curriculum.
- Implement early childhood development curriculum for host community children.
- Piloting early childhood care and development curriculum and ensuring necessary edition.
- Directly support capacity building of community volunteers.

Learning materials development and capacity building

- Develop Early Childhood Care and Development learning materials.
- Develop lesson plans and teachers' guides.
- Ensure teaching aids with low/no-cost local resources.
- Develop Training of Trainers (ToT) module and manual on early childhood care and education (e.g. low-cost/no-cost material development training, lesson plan and classroom management, basic orientation package on early childhood development, teaching-learning process) & facilitate.
- Follow up field practice and ensure refresher training.
- Community engagement and parenting guideline development and develop tools to monitor these trainings/activities.

Structured monitoring and learning sharing:

- Develop an early childhood care and development monitoring checklist.
- Practice the early childhood care and development monitoring checklist for formative assessment.
- Provide support and input for baseline, project evaluation and case study development.
- Best practice documentation for structured monitoring.
- Organize 'Learning Sharing' with like-minded organizations.
- Presenting VSO Bangladesh's early childhood care and development intervention in different platforms/forums.
- Provide support in blogging/article writing, and video documentary development.

Support implementing partners:

Support implementing partners for smooth field implementation under the education programme

Competence required.

Education:

• Completed study in education (Specialization in Early Childhood Education will be preferred) or any other relevant field.

Experiences:

- Significant and relevant experience in Early Childhood Development education project/programme.
- Experience of course design and education program development.
- Practical knowledge of inclusive education strategies.
- Experience of designing and facilitating training workshops.
- Working experience with GPS and TPD would be advantageous.

Skills:

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills including presentation and training skills.
- Ability to work in and facilitate in a multi-stakeholder, multi-level, multi-sector, and cross-cultural environment.
- Proficient in written and spoken English.
- Good IT skills.

Competencies:

- Building and sustaining working relationships.
- Open Minded and Respectful.
- Seeking and Sharing Knowledge
- Facilitating positive change
- Adaptability and Resilience

- Provide technical assistance, direction, and constructive feedback to the implementing partner, overseen by the line manager.
- Support implementing partners and community volunteers to organize centre/school-based events.

Primary and Secondary School Engagement:

- Technical support big sister/mother and teachers with capacity building and school improvement plan.
- Technical support for SMC and parenting engagement
- Technical support for girl's education promotion.

VSO has zero tolerance for abuse and exploitation of vulnerable people, we expect all our volunteers and employees to commit to protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm and abide by our safeguarding policy.