



## **Agriculturalist / Farm Manager**

### **Swaziland**

#### **Description of Assignment**

Viatores Christi (VC) works in the area of development cooperation in the faith based development sector. We specialise in the recruitment, training and placement of skilled volunteers on projects identified by a mission partner which meets the needs of the beneficiaries. We also specialise in the monitoring and implementation of projects as well as in the provision of experts in developing countries for targeted consultancy. Since 1960 we have recruited, trained and placed over 2000 volunteers in 48 different countries. Today we have volunteers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

**Assignment Title: Agriculturalist / Farm Manager**

**Type of Assignment:** International Development Worker

**Project Title: Youth Agriculture Training Centre**

**Duration:** 12 months +

**Location, Country: Manzini, Kingdom of Swaziland, Southern Africa**

**Expected Starting Date:** Q3 2015

**Brief Project Description:** Founded in the late 1970s, this Youth Care project is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that provides care in meeting the basic needs of food, shelter, education, training and life skills to marginalized young people at risk. In January 2014, this project, with the grateful support of the German Government, was granted a budget to construct a new Youth Agriculture Training Centre. The aim of the centre is to provide practical agriculture skills training programmes to Swazi nationals to enable them to become qualified self-employed farmers and to be agri business aware. Initial training programmes envisaged are: pig rearing, permaculture and bee-keeping. It is anticipated that the Youth Agriculture Training Centre project will become self-sustaining after three years. The farm consists of a total of 177 hectares which is currently non-productive. It is hoped to plan and develop mango/avocado orchards on part of the farm.

**Organisational Context:** The VC Volunteer Agriculturalist/Farm Manager will report to the director of the project and also to an advisory committee.

**Type of Assignment Place:** assignment without family

**Description of tasks:** The VC Volunteer Agriculturalist/Farm Manager (reporting to the director of the project and also to an advisory committee) will under the following tasks:

- Devising and implementing of a farm management plan (60ha) to ensure future sustainability
- Mentoring / supervising current local farm staff
- Assisting with the design, planning and implementation of certified practical modules in
  - pig rearing and management
  - permaculture
  - apiary related courses
- Networking with local relevant stakeholders including Ministry of Agriculture.
- Planning, designing and implementation (or teaching/lecturing) of practical/vocational agriculture based training courses.
- Providing on going reporting and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of project
- Other relevant tasks as required

**Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Agricultural Science Degree from an accredited University /College or Equivalent qualification
- Farm management experience; crop cultivation (to include permaculture and fruit) and animal production (especially pigs);
- Experience in the planning, design and implementation (or teaching/lecturing) of practical/vocational agriculture based training courses.
- Experience in mentoring / supervising
- Fluency in English
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work with a wide range of people in a respectful and collaborative manner
- Good IT skills
- Good understanding of development issues
- Willingness to work with youth

**Living Conditions:**

Modest with all facilities

**Conditions of Service**

A 12 month contract – other details TBC