TITLE: Youth Engagement Officer

PARTNER(S): MVIWATA Manyara

COUNTRY AND PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: Tanzania, Babati

CONTRACT DURATION: 12 weeks

DESCRIPTION:

Uniterra is a leading Canadian international volunteer cooperation and development program, jointly implemented by the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Uniterra contributes to improving the socio-economic conditions of poor and marginalized communities in 14 countries and with over 170 partners in Africa, Asia and the Americas through the exchange of expertise and knowledge of Canadian and international volunteers. Uniterra believes that economic growth, when inclusive, is the most powerful driver of poverty reduction. The purpose of the Uniterra program is to improve the lives of some of the world’s most vulnerable populations by stimulating growth and facilitating access to the benefits of growing and diversified markets. To make this happen, we are working with our local partners to enhance the income of poor and marginalized women and youth through better access to employment and income generation opportunities. Uniterra country program staff work with our local partners to design Uniterra assignments in the context of the country strategy, supporting the inclusion of women and youth in key economic subsectors.

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Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima Tanzania (MVIWATA) is a national membership organization of small scale livestock, crop and fish farmers in Tanzania. MVIWATA - Manyara works in five districts of the Manyara region, bringing regional farmer groups and networks together to amplify their voices on economic, social, political and cultural issues through empowerment, advocacy and lobbying. There are more than 7,000 farmers in the region, and about 3,000 are registered. MVIWATA - Manyara is implementing a program toward the economic empowerment of family farmers, especially women and youth, by linking them to opportunities and value chains, and supporting individual skill-building and organizational sustainability.

The organization is seeking a volunteer to help the staff develop a youth engagement strategy.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support the partner in establishing a strategy to engage youth in organization interventions and profile successful youth entrepreneurs
- Assist in developing innovative activities that aim to enhance youth entrepreneurial skills
- Work with the MVIWATA Manyara team to explore new entrepreneurship ventures for youth.
- Ensure the participation of women and youth, as well as their representation, in all activities of and all program benefits; and
- Write reports required by MVIWATA Manyara and the Uniterra program.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Work, academic, internship or volunteer experience in the area of youth inclusion or entrepreneurship
- Demonstrated ability to take initiative
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in cross-cultural environments
- Written and oral fluency in English.