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Sustainable Development through
Humanitarian Aid Volunteering

EU Aid Volunteers

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Sending Organization: ASPEM

Requested Profile: Junior EU Aid Volunteer – Community-based Development - Agroecology

Country: Peru – Abancay (Apurimac)

Period: 1 year (July 2019-June 2020)

Hosting Organization: [Aprodeh](#)

Project description:

APRODEH has developed a long relationship with victims of political violence accompanying their complaints of human rights violations from legal defence, political and social advocacy to achieve progress in the search for justice, truth, reparation and memory. In this process, several achievements have been obtained in quite long periods, especially in the search for justice.

In the past few years APRODEH started working with rural communities in Toraya in the field of agroecology, as their memories of the internal armed conflict are linked to their needs for productive development. APRODEH supports its initiative with productive technical training and strengthening of its social capacities. This work has had difficulties but above all achievements for this community that has also impacted other communities in the district. This has allowed today to implement a public district development policy based on a consultation on their proposals and agro productive expectations of each community; their ventures have been made visible, valuing their reconstruction and resilience efforts based on their cultural traditions, among others. Currently, their cultural identity has been positively strengthened, together with their productive and social capacities from agroecology, which is tied with their ancestral knowledge and Andean culture. The positive experience of Toraya is being replicated in the Populated Center of Culluchaca (Huanta) Ayacucho and in Capaya District (Apurimac).

The work is still in an initial moment. The first year has been achieved to gain confidence with the population, also a baseline and participatory definition of implementation priorities in communal plots. It has also established a relationship with the secondary school and supported several of its main needs to improve its production and expand its crops considering that they have little access to water and the child population suffers from anemia. Partnerships have been established with state and civil society institutions that have a local presence.

Operational details & security context:

APRODEH Regional Headquarters in Apurímac is located in Abancay, the capital city of the region where the Regional Government is located, as well as many of the most important social, economic and political actors in the region. Abancay has no airport; volunteers can reach Cusco by plane and proceed by bus (6 hrs).

Capaya is a district of the province of Aymaraes, accessed by the Pan-American Highway that connects Abancay and Chalhuanca (capital of Aymaraes). It is 3 ½ hours from Abancay: the road from the Panamericana to Capaya is a dirt road, therefore, during the rainy season, the field work will not be prioritized.

After having experienced the internal conflict (Apurimac region was the most affected by the violence between 1983 and 2000), is now trying to solve its consequences as well as countering the effects of the impact of the extractive industries (mining and social conflict) and of the climate change.

Tasks:

Strengthening the agricultural abilities of the rural communities affected by political violence by:

- Elaborating and applying training methodologies in agroecology.
- Collecting information and systematizing agro ecological ancestral traditional activities.
- Advising and training on modern technologies, consistent with traditional agricultural systems that provide to their adaptation to climate change.
- Developing field visit report for agricultural activities.
- Training scholars and youngsters of Capaya and Abancay on healthy food and organic growing.
- Supporting advocacy actions, at political and social level, to promote agroecology.
- Supporting visibility actions to promote the diffusion of flagship products and the access to a wider market and to influence the approval of local and regional policies.

Required competences:

- Ideal with experience in climate change.
- Knowledge about Latin America.
- Ideal knowledge about Peru.
- Ideal previous training in Human Development.
- Ideal pre-training in rights approach.
- Previous experiences as a volunteer.
- Social sensitivity and empathy.
- Ability to speak, synthesize and write in Spanish.
- Organizational skills.
- Ability to adapt to different cultures.

Eligibility and exception criteria:

The candidate for EU Aid Volunteers must be a citizen of the EU or a third country national who is a long-term resident in an EU Member State, and must have a minimum age of 18 years.

The selection process is based on equal opportunities for all people and all candidatures will be treated similarly.

Minimum Requirements:

- Degree in agronomy or environmental studies
- Specialization in agroecology or relevant experience in the field
- Experience in working with youth and adult in training/educational activities
- Good command of written and spoken Spanish and English

Learning Opportunities:

During the deployment the volunteer will have the opportunity to participate in training session organized internally or by partner organizations. APRODEH will also offer spaces for dialogue and training on various topics, including safety and health.

Working conditions:

The regional headquarters of Abancay of APRODEH carries out work at regional level, has 7 members. Normally, there is also the support of 1 foreign volunteer and 2 national volunteers. The work schedule is from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The volunteer will participate in the preparation and execution of field activities that involve stays of 2 to 3 days in the communities. The local authorities usually offer the use of the communal house or its facilities for the development of activities and accommodation with access to basic services, also offering spaces for meetings and workshops. The activities that require a greater dedication of the established schedule imply the accumulation of hours for their recovery at the most convenient time for the volunteer. The offices of APRODEH have all the basic requirements for the development of their work, the expenses of their work activities are assumed by APRODEH.

Living conditions:

The volunteer will leave in Abancay, a small city with beautiful landscapes and Andean cultural heritage. The population is mostly bilingual, with Quechua as its mother tongue, and mainly dedicated to agriculture. The culture is ancestral: social, medicinal and agricultural traditions are kept alive. APRODEH will assign a tutor to guide the volunteer professional and personal performance from the establishment of a work plan, goals and products to achieve. The person responsible for local volunteering will be available to support the volunteer performance and the solution of any unforeseen problems or problems that may arise.

Financial conditions:

EU, Sending and Hosting organizations will cover costs for:

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Vaccinations
- Visa
- Medical checks before and after deployment
- Training
- Insurance during deployment

Each EU Aid Volunteers will receive:

- Monthly subsistence allowance of 354 € (calculated on the local living costs)
- A resettlement allowance of 100 € per each month of service

Application process:

To apply for this position please:

- **Fill in your Spanish [application form](#) online**
- **Download, fill in and submit your [self-assessment questionnaire](#) in Spanish** (you can attach it to the application form online or send it by e-mail to enrica.valentini@aspem.org)
- **Submit [your Europass CV in Spanish](#)** (you can attach it to the application form online or send it by e-mail to enrica.valentini@aspem.org)

All documents must be received by **December 20, 2018 at 12:00 (CET)**.

Documents submitted by e-mail shall mention your name and the exact title of the EU Aid Volunteers vacancy you apply for in the subject. Attachments shall be named in as it follows: Name-Surname_SAQ_Peru-AE-Apurimac (for self-assessment questionnaire) and Name-Surname_CV_Peru-AE-Apurimac (for CV).

**Please note that each form is made of multiple sheets, so make sure you fill in all parts.*

Selection process:

- January 2019: the pre-selected candidates will have an on-line interview with ASPEm and Aprodeh. Only pre-selected candidates will be contacted.
- By February: the candidates interviewed will know if they are pre-selected to participate to the pre-departure training (online -1 month- & face to face -2 weeks- organized by the European Commission).
- Between March and April 2019: the pre-selected candidates will participate to the online and face-to-face pre-departure trainings.
- The final selection announcement will be done after the pre-departure trainings by the beginning of May 2019.
- Selected candidates will participate in the induction training in Cantù, Italy, in May 2019.

**Please be aware that this schedule is only tentative and the actual dates for selection, training and deployment may change depending on the actual availability of training sessions and the duration of visa application processes for the different destinations, etc.*

*** Be informed that additional candidates may be shortlisted for a single position and proposed for the EU Aid Volunteers training. This is to ensure that for each position, substitute volunteers may be chosen to replace the candidate in case he or she resigns or is no longer available. Where more than one candidate has been shortlisted for a single position, final selection takes places following the training.*

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