

Education Coordinator

Tacugama Background

Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary (TCS) was founded in 1995 by Mr. Bala Amarasekaran together with the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL), whom allotted 40 hectares of land to be used inside the recently upgraded Western Area Peninsula National Park (WAPNP). As of 2019, the sanctuary cares for 90 chimpanzees and unfortunately, each year more orphan chimpanzees continue to arrive at TCS. TCS confiscates and cares for chimpanzees that have been orphaned due to the illegal bush-meat and pet trade or human-wildlife conflict. TCS also works towards achieving chimpanzee conservation for wild chimpanzees in Sierra Leone and other areas of their habitat.

Everything the Sanctuary does starts with the chimps and transitions into wildlife conservation, research, environmental protection, advocacy, law enforcement, community preservation, livelihoods and education development initiatives. TCS also actively raises local and international awareness to promote change and address dire issues before it's too late. As a result, TCS has emerged as a globally recognized conservation model.

Tacugama Environmental Education Programme

The Tacugama Environmental Education Programme (TKEEP) aims to increase sensitization and environmental awareness in primary schools, to promote local stewardship of the land and chimpanzee conservation in both rural and urban areas. The programme has been implemented in 12 schools around Sierra Leone's Western Area Peninsular National Park (WAPNP) and 15 rural schools in the Moyamba and Pujehun Districts. Our long-term objective is to expand the scope and impact of TKEEP and in conjunction with the Ministry of Education integrate parts of the environmental workbook designed by Tacugama into Sierra Leone's National Curriculum.

Job Summary

The Education Coordinator will 1) coordinate the implementation of the Tacugama Kids Environmental Education Programme (TKEEP) in both urban and rural schools, 2) carry out the Environmental Management component of the Freetown City Council's 'Transform Freetown Strategy' for which Tacugama has been designated as the lead governing body and 3) develop the existing partnership with Dr. Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots environmental education program.

Responsibilities

- Represent TKEEP in network meetings, public forums, presentations, trainings, etc.
- Conduct teachers' workshops and maintain healthy relationships with involved communities.
- Coordinate with various schools to maintain effective communication within community.
- Prepare and maintain documents for all education plans and implement and maintain all administrative processes.
- Assist with Tacugama Community Outreach Programme events and sensitization campaigns as needed.

- Monitor and report any challenges and/or gaps identified to inform adjustments to plans and implementation schedules.
- Travel within Sierra Leone as required.

Education and Experience

- Bachelor's degree required. Master's degree preferred.
- 2-4 years of work experience in project support. Experience in the field of Education and experience working for an NGO would be a plus.
- Additional education may substitute for some experience.

The ideal candidate must work well in a fast-paced, flexible environment as well as provide a high level of cooperation with both stakeholders and external communities.

Terms of Contract

This is a full-time, six (6) day a week position. One year contract with possibility of extension.

To apply for this position please send up-to-date CV and cover letter to cm@tacugama.sl.

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.