



# Volunteer Healthcare Corps South Africa

*Fighting HIV/AIDS ... One Person at a Time*

The Volunteer Healthcare Corps (VHC) is an initiative of the HIV/AIDS Twinning Center that provides highly qualified professionals with the opportunity to work on the front lines of the global war against HIV/AIDS.

The VHC's South Africa Preceptor's Initiative is supported by the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in South Africa.

In an effort to support the rapid expansion of ARV treatment services in South Africa, the Twinning Center began actively recruiting infectious disease specialists and other experts in late 2007. With the goal of increasing the institutional and human resource capacity of HIV care and treatment centers, the South Africa Preceptors Initiative places highly skilled professionals at PEPFAR-supported sites, where they serve as onsite technical experts.

Preceptors volunteer at sites for a period ranging from three months to two years with the dual goals of increasing institutional capacity to deliver and expand quality HIV/AIDS treatment and care services and increasing staff competencies in HIV-related treatment and care. They mentor staff; support the provision of services as needed; and help with program expansion, quality control, and other support tasks beneficial to the host institution.

The Twinning Center provides each volunteer with coach airfare, safe housing, vaccination expenses, visa and work permits, medical evacuation insurance, a living allowance, and, in some cases, local transportation from port of entry to the placement site.

As of May 2009, the Twinning Center has placed nine volunteers in South Africa and is currently recruiting for a number of open placements, including assignments for a PMTCT expert, health economist, and monitoring and evaluation specialists.

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