

# Volunteer Healthcare Corps Ethiopia

*Fighting HIV/AIDS ...*

*One Person at a Time*

**T**he 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 Ethiopia Diaspora Initiative is supported by the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Ethiopia. Working with Visions for Development, Inc. and three supporting Diaspora organizations, the Twinning Center identifies and places highly skilled Diaspora professionals at PEPFAR-supported ARV treatment sites and AIDS service organizations, where they serve as technical experts. These individuals know the language and culture and there is a strong potential for repatriation, which contributes to rebuilding Ethiopia's healthcare workforce.

Volunteers are placed at sites for a period ranging from three months to two years. Assignments in Ethiopia range from scaling up treatment and support services for people living with HIV and training lab technicians to developing clinic databases and improving monitoring and evaluation practices. Most volunteer assignments range from one month to three years in duration, and the Twinning Center provides each volunteer with coach airfare, housing allotment, 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 30 volunteers in Ethiopia and is currently recruiting for a number of open placements.

For more information, visit [www.TwinningAgainstAIDS.org](http://www.TwinningAgainstAIDS.org).

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