

Dienste in Übersee is searching on behalf of partner organisations of Bread for the World:

Psychologist (f/m/x) for peace and reconciliation work in Colombo, Sri Lanka

Background

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCC) is an association of several Christian churches and ecumenical organisations in the country. The NCC is located in the capital Colombo.

The NCC is involved in dealing with the consequences of the 30-year civil war, which ended in 2009 with the military victory of the Sinhalese-dominated government over the mainly Tamil insurgents. The Christian churches represent only a minority of the Sri Lankan population, but have members in all ethnic groups and groups affected by the conflict. This makes them particularly well qualified to promote reconciliation in a society where the Sinhalese majority are mainly Buddhists and the largest minority, the Tamils, are mainly Hindus.

As a professional at the NCC, you will work in a program that contributes to overcome hatred, feelings of revenge and mistrust and thus to a social reconciliation process. Actors are supported in their special role in such processes at the local and regional level, with a focus on women, youth and children as well as plantation workers and farmers, but also former combatants. Communities that are affected by internal conflicts and mutual hatred as a result of the war are supported on the path to a peaceful and constructive coexistence. The affected groups are given the opportunity to express their traumatic experiences of suffering and violence.

Job Scope

You will support people from different generations heal bitter experiences from the past through different activities. You make sure that the participants experience this healing process as transformative and enabling them to live together more peacefully. In more detail, you will be responsible for the following:

- You will support the psychosocial work with drama and art therapy methods, as well as approaches of "Healing of Memories" in workshops.
- You will further develop existing approaches and methods for the Sri Lankan context.
- You will be involved in the training of multipliers and trainers, both conceptually and practically.
- You will accompany the work of the NCC and its member organisations in conflict-affected communities.
- You will support the program management and fundraising.

Profile

- You have a university degree in psychology or a comparable qualification.
- You have professional experience in the field of peace and reconciliation work in post-conflict situations.
- You are familiar with working with church communities.
- You enjoy organising and providing training and are able to express complex content in a simple and understandable way.
- Your knowledge of English enables you to communicate confidently with the target group and your colleagues.
- You have a high level of intercultural sensitivity and experience.

Citizenship of a Member State of the European Union or Switzerland is required.

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