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NURSE REQUIRED FOR BABY ABANDONMENT PROJECT IN UGANDA



Hundreds of babies as young as a few hours old are being dumped by their desperate mothers in toilets, car parks, or on the roadsides of Uganda's capital Kampala. With all the current care homes full, life often looks bleak – and short – for these vulnerable children.

For Ugandan mothers leaving their babies is the last resort, factors such as poverty; diseases, including malaria and HIV/AIDS; rape and incest; domestic violence; and rapid urbanization all contribute to a huge number of destitute mothers feeling as if they have no other choice but to abandon their babies.

Child's i Foundation was set up by Founder Lucy Buck in 2008 to establish a 'Child Abandonment Project' in Kampala to try and put an end to the endemic problem of child abandonment in Uganda. Developed with leading experts in social care in the UK and Uganda, this unique model has three parts: a support programme to help mothers at risk of abandoning their babies; a transitional home to provide short-term life-saving care; and a family placement programme to ensure every child grows up in a loving family.



Our babies' home will provide short term life saving care to up to 24 babies' at any one time whilst we find suitable Ugandan parents for them. We plan to open our doors to the first babies in April 2010 and we are urgently looking for an experienced Nurse to join our fantastic team out in Uganda starting immediately.

The position requires a Nurse with management experience. It is essential that this person has specialist skills with neonates and premature babies. A knowledge of tropical diseases and previous experience working out in Sub Saharan Africa would be an advantage.

We are looking for someone to set up and manage our Centre for a minimum of 12 months from March 2010.

As part of our management team you would be required to:

- Facilitate training of all other local nurses, carers and volunteers.
- Overall responsibility for the running, staffing and administration of the Centre and the health and wellbeing of the babies.
- Implementing policies and procedures of Child's I Foundation, ensuring compliance with Health & safety and Child Protection policies and guidelines laid down by the Government of Uganda.
- Organise and implement rosters for nurses, carers & volunteers

The position would include a local salary, a return flight, living in shared accommodation with the rest of the management team, 3 meals a day and health insurance including medevac.

This once in a lifetime opportunity would suit an experienced nurse with a sense of adventure. If you have the passion and drive to be part of this amazing project we would love to hear from you.

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