

**Subject:** Volunteer Environmental Coordinator in Somaliland

Candlelight for Environment, Education, and Health, a local Somaliland nonprofit is looking for a volunteer environmental coordinator to help expand our environment program!

**About:**

We are a non-profit organization based in Somaliland. We strive to bring about positive changes in communities through an assortment of interventions focusing on environmental conservation, provision of quality education to women and youth, and awareness creation on health issues including reproductive health.

Our vision is to be recognized and respected as a local organization that continues to nurture Somaliland communities that environmentally conscious, literate, healthy, economically self-reliant, and peaceful.

Somaliland ceded from the Union with Somalia in 1991. Since then, even though the country did not receive international political recognition, it has been enjoying in peace and stability for over two decades now.

Candlelight has been active in the field of environment since year 2000 and is known for its dedication to the environmental work. Candlelight has also a long track record in the natural resource management projects implementation and has carried out a number of researches in this field. Its unique way of working enabled it to forge good working relationship with its stakeholders including the communities, the local authorities and funding agencies. In addition, Candlelight effectively participated in a number of initiatives in developing environmental policies and regulatory frameworks such as acts at national level, most notably the National Environment Policy and the National Environmental Act.

The livelihood of the vast majority of Somali people is intertwined and mainly dependent on the access to, and use of terrestrial resources, livestock being the dominant production system upon which the Somali economy and culture are based. Ecological degradation and land misuse or/and overuse leads to decreased productivity, which will, in turn, have a negative social-economic impacts on the communities, directly affecting the rural people.

**Volunteering:**

We are looking for a Volunteer to help the environment department of our organization improve its service delivery. The team consists of a number of project officers leading different projects in the areas of water, range management, renewable energy, humanitarian work and disaster risk management. Work varies but mostly you will be involved in leading the team coordination in the environment department and polishing narrative reports. We also want the volunteer to help in the grant writing initiatives of the organisation, particularly in the areas of environment/agriculture and livelihoods in general. We are looking for a volunteer for at least 3 months, and for longer if you are available.

While most of the time you will be based in the main office, you will regularly do field travels with the company of the program staff – a good chance to learn more about the country and its people, while at the same time your will be offering your expertise.

Also, you will also be provided an opportunity to learn Somali language for free.

Housing and a stipend are provided. The position is open until filled.

## **How to Apply**

If you would like to participate send us a message and your CV to [fardusjama@candlelightsom.org](mailto:fardusjama@candlelightsom.org) or chat with us on skype fardus.awil059 or whats app +252 63 4421059. For more information on the organization please see our website [www.candlelightsomal.org](http://www.candlelightsomal.org)