

# New Year 2019

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# Pos+Abilities

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Healthcare and Education



*We have some Exciting Updates for the New Year!*

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## Villages of Hope





We are proud to announce our partnership with the Villages of Hope, an organization whose mission is to bring lasting hope to orphans and vulnerable children throughout Africa by providing them with holistic (emotional, intellectual, physical, social, spiritual) and loving care so they can embrace adulthood as contributing members of society.

Villages of Hope operates 10 villages across five countries, providing education, nutrition, shelter, and healthcare to the children in their care, and they are eager to partner with us to offer rehabilitation care through their clinics.

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### Pos+Abilities and the Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative



As campaigns against malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis are showing great success, chronic musculoskeletal disorders have emerged as the single

success, chronic musculoskeletal disorders have emerged as the single greatest health burden on the East African economies. With that understanding, GPN began considering the way it could best impact our communities in Tanzania. We talked with our longstanding friends at TAHEA and Magu District Council, and reached out to like-minded NGOs, such as the Villages of Hope.

With careful planning, and a generous grant, GPN was awarded the means to co-found The Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative, a collaboration to increase accessibility to rehabilitation services for children and families affected by disability.

Partnering with the Magu District Council, the Tanzania Home Economics Association, and Villages of Hope, our aim is to service rehabilitation clinics in northern Tanzania, and to deliver the first post-graduate educational program in rehabilitation for clinical officers in Tanzania.

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### What's is in a Name?

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## Healthcare and Education

As we considered the potential of this initiative, we thought of the renewed possibilities available to the children and families involved, as well as those who would receive this new stream of education in support of their communities. In order to capture the spirit of these new possibilities for those affected by disability, we have aggregated our clinical and health education programs under the name of Pos+Abilities. Conceptually, Pos+Abilities speaks to improved opportunities and greater hope for the future.

While Global Peace Network remains the name of our registered charity in Canada, and remains on official documentation, we hope that the rebranding of

our programs on as Pos+ Abilities will better communicate the focus of our activities going forward. Pos+ Abilities is proud to be a founding member of the Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative to increase accessibility to rehabilitation services for children and families affected by disability.

### Get involved!!



Part of our ongoing success has been our ability to send 100% of our donations to our programs in Africa. To do this, we rely on a group of amazing individuals who give of their time to make change possible.

At this time, we have a need for administrative volunteers in Canada and clinical volunteers for short term overseas positions.

Additionally, thanks to a generous award granted for this purpose, we have an opening for a full time salaried position in Tanzania.

### Clinician/Clinical Instructor Wanted (salaried position)





Pos+ Abilities is looking for a full-time clinician and clinical instructor to manage our projects on the ground in Tanzania. The appointment is for 1 year, renewable for a total of 3 years, ideally commencing in mid-2019. This is a salaried position and includes return airfare and accommodation. We also provide a vehicle and a local driver. The successful candidate is expected to provide direct patient care, supervise clinical volunteers on 3-month rotations, and oversee our educational program for local health care providers.

The ideal candidate would have clinical and teaching experience in a low-resource environment and be comfortable working with multidisciplinary teams. Knowledge of East African culture and the Kiswahili language would be great assets. This position would especially suit a mid- to late career clinician. Our centre of operations is Mwanza City in northern Tanzania, and we service clinics in rural and semi-rural settings with limited access to diagnostic facilities and specialist services.

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## Clinical Volunteers Wanted





Pos+ Abilities is looking for clinical volunteers who can commit approximately 3 months to assist children and families affected by disability. Physiotherapists, chiropractors, occupational therapists, nurses and prosthetists will find this the experience of a lifetime, working with multidisciplinary teams in rural and semi-rural clinics in northern Tanzania. We provide some assistance with travel and accommodation, and volunteers will work under the direction of a resident clinician/clinical instructor. Tanzania is a peaceful country with some of the most striking natural attractions in Africa – think of Mount Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti Plains. We have been working with local governments and communities for more than a decade, and have a great network to provide support for volunteers. These positions would especially suit new graduates and those looking for a short, but meaningful sabbatical from their normal clinical routine.

### Volunteering in Canada

We have a need for someone with administrative experience in Human Resources as well as someone with a flair for fundraising.

For any of these positions, please contact [Brian@globalpeacenetWORK.ca](mailto:Brian@globalpeacenetWORK.ca)

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