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# Opportunities with Jersey Overseas Aid, the Island's International Development Agency

**Despite its size, Jersey plays a significant role on the international stage. Literally millions of individuals around the world have benefited from projects led, and delivered by, Jersey residents. From Rwanda to Mongolia, Ghana to Bangladesh, Jersey has made a real difference.**

## And you could too...

Jersey Overseas Aid, Jersey's official aid agency, offers opportunities throughout the year for Islanders to get involved in international development and contribute to worthwhile projects abroad. Our Community Work Projects (CWPs) are open to everyone and have been a core element of our work since 1972. Through our different bursary programmes professionals, young people or career-changers can access financial support to exchange and share knowledge whilst learning new skills and experiencing new cultures. Meanwhile, JOA's paid internship offers the rare opportunity for a Jersey resident to gain practical experience overseas, paving the way for a career in a notoriously difficult sector to crack.

Jersey's overseas aid work not only represents the best of our caring, outward-looking Island; it actively contributes to the strength and vibrancy of our own community. This brochure outlines the many ways in which Jersey residents can get involved in this rewarding and effective work. Further information can be found on our website [www.joa.je](http://www.joa.je)

"Just do it! An incredible experience. Such a great deal to learn; from the local people, the project and how charities provide aid, to the team you work alongside. JOA makes real, achievable and long lasting change to people around the world and raises awareness in a unique and powerful way. Trips of a lifetime!"

JOA Volunteer,  
Rwanda 2017







# Small Island, **BIG IMPACT**

## – Our Community Work Projects

**For nearly 50 years Jersey residents have brought life-changing benefits to those most in need. Jersey volunteers have brought clean water to those without, built classrooms, orphanages and clinics where there have been none, and provided one-to-one care for those who have no one. For many it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, bringing with it a sense of achievement, life-long friendships and extraordinary memories.**

The projects require no prior experience, and - unlike many organised overseas volunteer programmes - offer good value for money that achieve realistic and need-orientated goals. Projects are typically two to three weeks, and made up of between 8 and 12 individuals led by an experienced leader. Each participant contributes a modest amount towards their own travel expenses and JOA funds the additional costs of travel, plus insurance, medical kits, vaccinations, food and accommodation. JOA also funds all the materials and supplies necessary in order to complete the projects.

Conditions can be challenging and there are few creature comforts, but being part of an Overseas Aid project team is a highly rewarding experience. We ask very little in return but all potential team members will need to be interviewed and, in addition to being physically fit, we ask all participants to remember they are Jersey ambassadors when they are abroad.

We typically run two or three trips every year. To find out more about which projects are happening this year or to see images of previous years, visit our website [www.joa.je/community-work-projects](http://www.joa.je/community-work-projects)

Leading a CWP adds an additional sense of achievement, not to mention a higher level of responsibility and organisation. We are always on the lookout for experienced team leaders - if you feel you could lead a CWP, please get in touch ([t.lebas@joa.je](mailto:t.lebas@joa.je)). Aside from personal expenses, CWP leaders will not be expected to contribute towards the project.





"I've been on two JOA trips and they were a life-changing experience. Anyone can do this, feel inspired and come away with a lasting sense of self achievement and you will have made a big difference to someone else's life too."

**JOA Volunteer,**  
Ghana 2014





# Having a Go

## – JOA's Volunteering Bursary

Volunteering for a charity abroad is one of the most rewarding things one can do – not to mention one of the best ways to really get to know another country. However, working for nothing isn't free. JOA's Volunteering Bursaries provide a modest contribution towards your living costs while you give up your time for others.

JOA provides grants of £500 for Jersey residents to volunteer abroad. Whether it's part of a bigger trip or a dedicated mercy mission, a working holiday or a taster of a new career, if you're helping others we can help you. You'll need to be working with a recognised organisation for a minimum of two weeks, and doing something that demonstrably helps those less fortunate than ourselves. Teaching and conservation work count too!

To download an application form please visit [www.joa.je](http://www.joa.je)



# Deploying our Expertise

## – JOA's Professional Bursary

**Transferring knowledge and providing technical assistance is one of the most efficient forms of aid. It can also greatly benefit the individual who is sharing their skills in a new context - deepening proficiency, adding new perspectives and experience, and providing a great sense of professional satisfaction.**

JOA's Professional Bursary Programme enables Jersey residents with relevant skills to spend time overseas utilising their expertise to help communities and organisations in need of professional assistance. We provide funding of up to £4,000 for extended placements abroad, sometimes partnering with employers who realise this is a great way to develop staff as well as to give something back.

Maybe you're a social worker who could help traumatised Syrian refugee children, an accountant who can get a Nepali charity's financial management in order, or an IT expert who can take an East African social enterprise to a new level, we'd love to hear from you. More details can be found on the website ([www.joa.je](http://www.joa.je)), but if you have an idea please contact us and we'll discuss whether we can support it.









# Jersey International Development Network

The Jersey International Development Network brings together Islanders with an interest in international development or humanitarian aid. We discuss current crises, debate the latest trends, and hear from leading actors in the sector. The network provides an opportunity to learn more about how overseas aid works and how Jersey is making a difference on the international stage. It's also a chance to join the dots of our philanthropic island, bringing together interested actors from charities, finance, government, philanthropy and the private sector.

The network aims to meet every three months and subscribing is open to all. Please visit the JOA website to register and find out more.





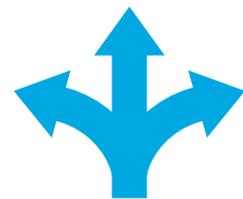


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# JOA's Internship

## – A Stepping-Stone to a Career in International Development



Whilst a career in international development can be incredibly rewarding, getting your first job can be hard. This exciting internship programme – run in partnership with leading UK charities - gives someone from Jersey the chance to spend twelve months learning the ropes with the professionals, including six months on assignment in a developing country.

The main goal is to equip the successful candidate with the skills and experience necessary to enable them to take frontline roles with international relief and development organisations.

The intern spends two months in JOA's office in St Helier, before transferring to the partner's UK headquarters where they will have an opportunity to work in a number of departments across the organisation. Full support will be provided throughout the year and a mentor will be appointed who will oversee learning. They will then be ready for their first field posting, in one of the charity's overseas projects.

No age limit applies, and career-changers are welcome - we look to recruit individuals who are serious about embarking on a fulfilling but demanding new path, including being prepared to spend significant time in challenging places.

Details about the Internship, including blogs from current and past interns, can be found on JOA's website.



**Lauren Midgley**  
2018 JOA Intern with HelpAge International including 6 months in Myanmar

"The JOA internship has been an incredibly rewarding experience. Through working at the INGO HelpAge International, I have deepened my knowledge of international development and have been exposed to a broad spectrum of work. It has given me the rare opportunity to work overseas for 6 months and see for myself the impact international charities can make. I have no doubt that this internship has given me the skills, experience and contacts needed to start my career in the development sector, and I look forward to seeing where this career will take me".



## Get Organised - Supporting Jersey Charities

**We may be an island but we are anything but insular. As well as raising funds, Jersey-based charities implement projects all over the developing world. In 2017, for example, JOA donated almost £1m to Jersey organisations conducting life-changing work in 11 countries. We also offer support to increase their effectiveness, building capacity on the island to implement better projects and help others more efficiently.**

Perhaps you're looking for grant funding for a project, or maybe you just need some help with your accounts. Perhaps you'd be interested in some training on governance, or safeguarding, or how to do due diligence on the organisations you work with. If you represent a Jersey-registered charity working overseas, please get in touch. We actively want to support you!



# WHAT IS JERSEY OVERSEAS AID?

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## JERSEY OVERSEAS AID (JOA)

IS AN INTERNATIONAL AID AGENCY FUNDED BY THE STATES OF JERSEY THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING LIFE-CHANGING ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SINCE 1968. WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY £10M, JOA REACHES MORE PEOPLE EVERY YEAR THAN LIVE ON THE ISLAND.

## JOA HAS FOUR PRIMARY FUNDING THEMES:

01.



INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
GRANTS

02.



EMERGENCY  
& DISASTER  
RELIEF

03.



JERSEY  
OVERSEAS  
CHARITIES

04.



COMMUNITY  
WORK PROJECTS  
& BURSARIES

Jersey Overseas Aid is governed by **six unpaid Commissioners**, three States members and three non-States members, who are appointed by the States of Jersey. They are ultimately responsible to the States and are the final arbiters of all funding decisions. The Chair of the Commission represents Jersey as the Island's Minister for International Development.



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The daily management of the organisation and its grants is conducted by professional staff members who have experience of selecting, implementing, overseeing and evaluating development and emergency projects all over the world, from Bhutan and Egypt to the Gaza Strip and Uganda.



### 01. International Development Grants

These are multi-year projects awarded to registered UK and international charities. Jersey concentrates its major development grants on a handful of carefully-chosen themes, such as Dairy and Financial Inclusion, selected for their effectiveness in bringing lasting change to the lives of the poor and for being areas where the skills and knowledge on the Island can be used to add particular value.



### 02. Emergency & Disaster Relief

Jersey has been present at nearly every major global emergency since JOA's foundation, responding to hurricanes, droughts, famine, earthquakes, and outbreaks of disease. The Island also supports civilians affected by conflict, particularly in Yemen and Syria, some of the worst humanitarian crises in a generation. Having received humanitarian aid ourselves, we're proud to be in a position to save innocent lives abroad.



### 03. Jersey Overseas Charities

Jersey-based charities actively implement projects all over the developing world. In 2017, JOA donated almost £1m to Jersey organisations conducting life-changing work in 11 countries.



### 04. Community Work Projects & Bursaries

Since 1972 Jersey has sent Islanders to volunteer for a few weeks on projects abroad. They bring a personal message that Jersey cares, and in many cases create enduring links between communities in Jersey and developing countries.



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