

Communication Therapy International

Resource Pack

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About the CTI Resource Pack

Among the people who are working in or who have worked in developing countries, there is an obvious and natural need to pass on information and to share experiences. Similarly, people thinking about taking up this work have a similar need to find out as much as possible beforehand about what to expect, and to know of good sources of information and support once they are there.

This Resource Pack aims to utilise the knowledge and experience gained by people who have worked in under-resourced settings by putting information into one document. Hopefully, this then provides a ready source of "tried and tested" information which is easily accessible to people preparing to undertake this work. It is hoped also that this information will be a useful resource and reference for those currently working in the field.

This Resource Pack is divided up into sections according to the different areas of information. Inevitably there are instances where information could have been included in one of several different sections. In these cases cross-referencing has been attempted.

To search for particular areas of interest, for example, jobs in India or work with the deaf, use the **Find** option at the top of the page, typing in the key word then enter. It will then highlight the targeted words throughout the pack.

The information contained in the Resource Pack is not exhaustive, but tries to reflect what has been found to be most useful and relevant to date. Details presented here are currently accurate. However, situations change and details can quickly become out of date. CTI relies on its readers to keep informed and up to date, so please send in any additions or amendments to be included in the next edition.

Thank you.



How to find work

- There are various ways of finding work in countries where services for people with communication disability are recognised as a need and services are just developing.
- These include through a volunteer agency, such as with VSO, Skillshare International, IVS or others; fixed-term contract posts; private posts arranged directly with charities or individuals in the country; and posts which require sympathy with the organisation, e.g. religious missions.
- Many posts need experience with children, in particular in areas such as hearing loss, learning difficulties and physical disabilities, although this is not exhaustive.
- Teaching/training and informal sharing of skills with colleagues and care givers is usually an essential requirement. The development of new services, and the identification and inclusion of people with disabilities in their community, may also fall to the speech and language therapist or specialist teacher.
- Several papers have been written by speech and language therapists from the UK involved with working overseas. Refer to back copies of the "Bulletin", "Therapy Weekly" and "Speech & Language Therapy in Practice". There is also a special edition of the Journal Folia Phoniatica 2003 Vol 55 on developing services and related issues.
- The organisations listed here are involved with providing places for speech and language therapists to work in countries needing specialist support or acting as links with organisations providing related services.
- The situation with posts will vary with time and anyone interested should contact the organisations for up to date information.
- Every country has its own locally-based organisations and services for people with disabilities. It is also worth contacting the embassy or high commission within the country: they may have information about local organisations and services involved with people with disabilities.
- Please note, this list is not exhaustive, but does contain the more well-known organisations. Please send details of any other agencies to CTI for inclusion in the next Resource Pack.



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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Abundant Life Ministry for Blind and Deaf Children (ALMBDC)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>P.O. Box 3 Belo, Boyo Division, North West Belo-Bamenda Republic of Cameroon</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+237 741 27 57</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>almbdc2000@yahoo.com</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main objective to provide equal education, health, and environmental opportunities in order to eliminate illiteracy, ignorance, and poverty that has deeply rooted the rural population. • Mainstream education is to help both the disabled, orphans, abandoned/street and able children to develop permanent friendships so that even after elementary education, the disabled children will not live in isolation. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Deaf and blind children</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Action on Disability and Development (ADD)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>23 Lower Keyford Frome Somerset BA11 4AP</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>01373 473064</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>01373 452075</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>ADD@GN.APC.ORG</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.add.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADD supports the self-help initiatives of disabled people in their work for basic human rights and equal opportunities, using a community development approach. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>People with disabilities</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>AVSAR (Alliance of Volunteers for Service, Action, and Reform)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>13A, 2nd floor, Anand Nagar, Mumbai India</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+91 - 9820888974</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@avsarindia.org or info@goyalmd.com</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.avsarindia.org</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services Provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVSAR is a non-profit organization dedicated to help expand and improve the services of grassroots organisations which function as the primary source of healthcare for much of India's population • Recruiting worldwide volunteers to share their skills in medicine, business, and public health • Appropriate for students or newly qualified SLTs for short term placements |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Rural community groups in India</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) – Bangladesh</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>The Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed PO CRP-Chapain, Savar, Dhaka 1343, Bangladesh</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>(880) 2 7710464/5</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>(880) 2 7710069</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@crp-bangladesh.org</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.crp-bangladesh.org Application on http://www.crp-bangladesh.org/volunteer_provolform.htm</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services Provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialises in spinal cord injuries, but promotes the inclusion of Speech and Language Therapy as part of its rehabilitation programme • Takes volunteers for both short and long-term placements |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>CRP provides treatment and rehabilitation for people with different types of paralysis but outpatient clinics include treatment for cerebral palsy, polio, stroke and accident victims etc.</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Department For International Development (DFID)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>94 Victoria Street London SW1E 5JL</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>0845 300 4100 (UK only) +44 (0) 1355 84 3132 (from outside the UK)</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>+44 (0) 1355 84 3632</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>enquiry@dfid.gov.uk</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.dfid.gov.uk</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides financial support for the four largest sending agencies, i.e. ICD, VSO, Skillshare Africa and UNAIS. • Will provide a comprehensive list of addresses of UK- based organisations involved in development work. • Has a joint funding scheme to support projects. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Communities in developing countries requiring educational, health and social development advisers</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Hands Around the World</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>P.O. Box 117 Monmouth NP25 9AR UK or P.O. Box 62 Lydney GL15 6WZ UK</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+44 (0) 1600 740317 (Monmouth) +44 (0) 1594 560223 (Lydney)</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@hatw.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.hatw.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sends groups of volunteers on short-term projects to places of need such as hospitals, schools and community centres. • Also sends individual skilled volunteers to similar places of need, particularly in a training role, hopefully followed by further input a short time later. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Some projects focus on disability. Countries such as Brazil, India and various countries in Africa</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>HealthCare Volunteer</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>Offices worldwide Headquarters HealthCare Volunteer 6825 Cielo Vista Dr. PMB# 29 El Paso, TX 79925</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>health@healthcarevolunteer.com</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.healthcarevolunteer.com/volunteers/</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connects volunteers to health-related volunteering opportunities for free • Links professional skills to appropriate placement with other agencies |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Health promotion across the world</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Health Exchange</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>8-10 Dryden Street London WC2E 9NA</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+44 (0) 20 7836 5833</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>106032.3370@compuserve.com</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://healthexchangenews.com</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps a register of health workers who are actively seeking work in developing countries. This register is then used by the sending agencies who may be trying to fill a post. • Produces "The Health Exchange" magazine. This includes features, news and jobs, and covers issues, ideas and approaches to health in developing countries. • Runs preparatory short courses and workshops for health workers planning to work in developing countries. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Health Workers in developing countries</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Healthlink Worldwide</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>56-64 Leonard Street, London. EC2A 4LT UK</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+44 20 7549 0240</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>+44 20 7549 0241</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@healthlink.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.healthlink.org.uk/projects/disability.html</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works in partnership with over 50 organisations in more than 30 countries improving the health of local community, providing training in health communication and advocacy and developing tools and techniques to strengthen communication capacity |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>People living with HIV and AIDS, disabled people, children and young people and vulnerable women</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>i-to-i Meaningful Travel</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>261 Low Lane Leeds, LS18 5NY England</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>UK:44 (0) 870 333 2332 USA: 800 985 4852 Australia : 1300 88 15 90</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@i-to-i.com</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.i-to-i.com (see also http://www.internabroad.com)</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term (12 weeks) community and school placements |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Special Needs/community development in Asia, Africa, Central and South America</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Jian Hua Foundation (JHF)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>9/F, Mongkok Harbour Centre; 638 Shanghai Street Kowloon, Hong Kong</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+852 2336 5312</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>+852 2337 2965</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@jhf-china.org</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>https://www.jhf-china.org</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JHF organises teams of medical and nursing specialists to share their expertise in China • In the city of Tianjin, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and special education experts have been working with needy children and training local staff. This work goes hand in hand with a classroom sponsorship program. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Disabled children and orphans</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>MAITS</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>80 South Audley Street London W1K 1JH</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>020 7491 9003</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>020 7491 9005</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p><u>info@maits.org.uk</u></p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p><u>www.maits.org.uk</u></p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects in Bangladesh, India, South Africa, Uganda, Cambodia and Pakistan • Will provide funding for flights, visa, medical and insurance needs as well as arranging board and lodging with the local institution. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Targets a range of special educational needs and disabilities, including Autism, Global Development Delay and Multi-Sensory Impairment.</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Operation Smile International</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>220 Boush Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510 USA</p> <p>Application forms from: John Stoffka, Volunteer Records Specialist, 6435 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509, USA.</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+757-321-7645 +757-321-7615 (for applications)</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>+757-321-7660</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.operationsmile.org</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialises in cleft lip and palate and facial tumours • Has a Speech Therapy Council, currently chaired by a therapist who makes assignments to the missions, coordinates materials and pre-trip training, etc. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Children and adults in less developed countries with oral/facial abnormalities</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Peace Corps</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>1-800-424-8580</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.peacecorps.gov</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace Corps Volunteers serve in 74 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, and the Middle East. Collaborating with local community members, Volunteers work in areas like education, youth outreach and community development, the environment, and information technology. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>In order to join the Peace Corps, you must be over age 18 and be a U.S. citizen.</p> |



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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Projects Abroad</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>Aldsworth Parade, Goring Sussex BN12 4TX UK</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+44 (0) 1903 708300</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>+44 (0) 1903 501026</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@projects-abroad.co.uk</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.projects-abroad.co.uk</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers work in large hospitals in the city of Niteroi, Brazil • Projects Abroad offers voluntary placements in Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech and Language Therapy to volunteers who have some experience or qualifications in these areas. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Adults and children with a wide variety of communication needs. It is recommended that volunteers interested in these placements can speak a basic level of Portuguese, or are confident at speaking Spanish</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Skillshare International</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>126 New Walk Leicester, LE1 7JA, United Kingdom</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+44 (0) 116 254 0517</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>+ 44 (0) 116 254 2614</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p><u>info@skillshare.org</u></p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p><u>www.skillshare.org</u> <u>www.skillshare.ie</u> (Ireland)</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International volunteers in Africa and Asia work with partner organisations and the local communities in a wide range of roles in health, education, environment, economic empowerment and sport |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Varies depending on programme but has included disabilities</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>Plot No 35, Sivananda Nagar, (Opp Senthil Nagar Bus Stop), Kolathur, Chennai 600 099 India</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+91 44 265 11450 24 hr Helpline +91 44 265 11450 / 265 10778 098843 07815 Mobile</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>info@sriarunodayam.org</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>www.sriarunodayam.org</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to integrate 'mentally challenged' children into society |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Children with learning disabilities</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>True Travellers</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.truetravellers.org</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of opportunities worldwide, including the development of services for children with varying disabilities • Currently requiring Speech and Language Therapists |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Community development including opportunities for children in countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>United Nations Association for International Service (UNAIS)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>Hunter House 57 Goodramgate York YO1 2LS UK</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>01904 647799</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | <p>01904 652353</p> |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>unais-uk@geo2.poptel.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>http://www.international-service.org.uk http://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en/vol/</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involved in projects in Mali, Burkina Faso, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Brazil and Bolivia. Seeking speech/language therapists for posts in Bolivia. • Contracts are for a minimum of 2 years. • Emphasis on providing skilled and experienced people to work with locally organised groups. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Children and adults with speech and language difficulties</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>317 Putney Bridge Road London SW15 2PN</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>+44 (0)20 8780 7200</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>enquiry@vso.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>www.vso.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works in many countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, the Pacific and the Caribbean. • Contracts mostly for a minimum of 2 years, although some short term placements are available. • Emphasis on sharing skills through working in a variety of settings |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>Children and adults with a range of disabilities, including speech, language and communication</p> |

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|  <p>Organisation</p> | <p>World Service Enquiry (WSE)</p> |
|  <p>Address</p> | <p>237 Bon Marché Centre 241-251 Ferndale Road London SW9 8BJ</p> |
|  <p>Telephone</p> | <p>0870 770 3274</p> |
|  <p>Fax</p> | |
|  <p>Email</p> | <p>wse@wse.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Website</p> | <p>www.wse.org.uk</p> |
|  <p>Activities or services provided</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides overseas placements, information and career advice to people who want to volunteer or work in international development and aid, at home or overseas • Data search and one-to-one interviews are also part of the service offered by WSE. |
|  <p>Target group</p> | <p>A range of posts available within health, education and community development</p> |