

## Sources of Advice and Further Reading on working or volunteering overseas

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### Useful Websites

**General background** (country profiles, travel, health etc)

#### Foreign and Commonwealth Office

[www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)

Includes:

[Country Profiles](#) - general overview of the country concerned (history, political developments, international relations etc)

[FCO Travel Advice Notices](#)

[FCO consular publications](#) (downloadable) - encourage safer overseas travel and describe how it can help if things go wrong

[Contact details](#) of the UK's embassies, high commissions and consulates

#### Hospital for Tropical Disease

[www.thehtd.org](http://www.thehtd.org)

Includes:

[Department of Travel Medicine and Travel Clinic](#)

[Post Tropical Screening](#)

#### World Health Organisation

[www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

Includes:

[International travel and health advice](#)

[Avian influenza](#)

#### Department of Health

[www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)

Includes:

[Health advice for travellers](#)

[Getting medical treatment around the world](#)

#### American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

[www.astmh.org](http://www.astmh.org)

**Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**  
[www.rstmh.org](http://www.rstmh.org)

**London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**  
[www.lshtm.ac.uk](http://www.lshtm.ac.uk)

**Wellcome Trust**  
[www.wellcome.ac.uk](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk)

### ***Aid workers network***

[www.aidworkers.net](http://www.aidworkers.net)

### ***Animal diseases reference***

**Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations**  
[www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)

Includes: [Disease updates & disease cards](#)

**OIE (World Organization for Animal Health)**  
[www.oie.int](http://www.oie.int)

**Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA)**  
[www.cta.int](http://www.cta.int)

Includes: [CTA's Spore Bulletin](#)

**Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine (Edinburgh)**  
[www.vet.ed.ac.uk/ctvm/Default.htm](http://www.vet.ed.ac.uk/ctvm/Default.htm)

**Merck Veterinary Manual Online**  
[www.merckvetmanual.com](http://www.merckvetmanual.com)

**Vetgate**  
[www.vetgate.ac.uk](http://www.vetgate.ac.uk)

### ***Communication***

**Skype**  
[www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)

“Software that allows you to make calls from your computer enabling you to talk for as long as you like without worrying about the cost or the distance.”

## Further Reading

### **Broadening horizons, forging links**

Jack Reece MRCVS

*In Practice*, Vol 24 No 1, January 2002

This article may be found at: [www.bva.co.uk/profession/overseas/worldwide/volunteer.asp](http://www.bva.co.uk/profession/overseas/worldwide/volunteer.asp)

### **Working overseas - reports**

Accounts of working overseas, including those written by Catherine Henstridge (Pang Ngan Animal Care, Thailand), Helen Shreeve (SPANANA, Morocco) and Georgina Hyams VN (HAAW, Sri Lanka), may also be found at:

[www.bva.co.uk/profession/overseas/worldwide/volunteer.asp](http://www.bva.co.uk/profession/overseas/worldwide/volunteer.asp)

### **Working overseas on VSO postings - reports**

Reports and newsletters written by vets during their Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) postings, including those by Sue Guthrie (Nepal), Pete Gray (Uganda) and Erica Ayres (India), are at:

<http://www.bva.co.uk/profession/overseas/worldwide/vso.asp>

### **Suggestions for veterinarians working in Central Africa**

Michael R Loomis DVM MA DiplACZM

*2005 Proceedings AAZV, AAWV, AZA/NAG Joint Conference*

### **A Code of Practice for collectors of biological material**

*Biodiversity Assessment Review. A guide to good practice.*

London:HMSO 1996