

**Association Friends of Raoul Follereau – AIFO-Liberia**

**Vacancy Announcement No.15**

**Project: VOICE/EU**

**Issued on: March 26, 2021**

**Deadline for Application: April 8, 2021**

**Position Title: Sign Language Interpreter-Teacher, Voices for Inclusion and Civil Society Empowerment (VOICE)**

**Qualified women and men with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Please be informed that this is a national position, so the terms and conditions of Liberian employees will apply.**

AIFO Liberia is currently seeking to recruit **Two (2) - Sign Language Interpreters/Teachers** for the training of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students under the project “Voices for Inclusion and Civil Society Empowerment (VOICE) - Disabled People Organisations stepping up for people with disabilities rights in Liberia”, funded by the European Union (EU) – CSO-LA/2020/421-002.

**The European Union**

For more information on the European Union and the Delegation of the European Union to Liberia, please refer to [website](#) of the Delegation of the European Union to Liberia.

**AIFO Liberia**

The “Association Friends of Raoul Follereau” (AIFO) is an Italian non-for-profit organisation that has been present in Liberia since 1997. AIFO Liberia offers opportunities for people affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities (PWDs), women/children and members from vulnerable and marginalised communities to lead a better quality of life. AIFO Liberia focusses on healthcare and economic empowerment to provide a better quality of life and create large scale positive change. AIFO Liberia is accredited by the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Republic of Liberia; accreditation number 0094.

**VOICE Project**

The project titled: “Voices for Inclusion and Civil Society Empowerment” (VOICE), is a two-year innovative project (01/02/2021-31/01/2023) funded by the European Union. The project aims at enhancing the capacity of civil society organisations, to promote and empower persons with disabilities and to ensure that people with disabilities can fully enjoy their rights in Liberia. In particular, the action aims at enabling the umbrella federation of people with disabilities, the National Union of Organization of the Disabled (NUOD), the Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs) and their members to effectively demand the respect and fulfilment of the human rights of all People with Disabilities (PWDs), in line with the Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD) to which Liberia is a signatory since 2012. The primary beneficiaries of the project are deaf and hard of hearing persons who will be supported to ensure that they have equal access to work and employment opportunities. It is implemented in the counties of Montserrado, Bomi and Nimba, in partnership with Williette Safehouse.

## **About the Role**

This is a **10-Month** contract, with possible extension. The duty station is Saclepea, Nimba County with necessary travel to other project counties. The VOICE Sign Language Interpreter/Teacher will be working full-time in collaboration and consultation with the AIFO project team and partners and he/she will report to AIFO VOICE Project Manager.

## **Objectives**

Main tasks and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

### **1. General functions**

- Responsible for the supervision, planning, monitoring and evaluation of all student activities during the class section.
- Responsible for the training of deaf and hard of hearing persons in the area of:
  - Sign Language Training at academic school
  - Sign language interpretation at TVET School and Fellowship programme
- Work along with AIFO Project Team and TVET authorities for the proper lesson planning and coordination of the deaf and hard of hearing students' activities under the programme.
- Coordinate with Dinyee Community Elementary & Semi-Senior High School staff for the realisation of the capacity building of the deaf and hard of hearing students.
- Prepare a Sign Language Training and Livelihood and Skills training programme progress status reports and including performance evaluation of students enrolled in the programme.
- Conduct regular meetings with selected students, caregivers, and other community members to ensure smooth operation of programme implementation.
- Maintain sound relationships with other partners and stakeholders that are involved in the programme.

The above list includes indicative overall, high-level duties and responsibilities; SMART objectives will be prepared by the individual in collaboration with the supervisor and will be reviewed by his / her supervisor regularly for prompt actions.

### **Requirements to achieve role's objectives:**

- MUST be a Liberian or has a work permit to work in Liberia
- University degree in a relevant field of study
- Ability to analyse what is being spoken by hearing speakers and translate this effectively to the deaf and hard of hearing students
- He/She should demonstrate high level of professionalism
- Proven record of work experience no less than 5 years in the area of sign language and interpretation and/or teaching
- Excellent organisational skills in classroom management
- Strong communication and facilitation skills
- Advanced English is must (strong reading, writing and speaking skills)
- Advanced IT/computer skills
- Resident of Saclepea or Nimba county preferred, or willing to relocate to Saclepea, Nimba county for the contract period
- Must sign and abide by AIFO's organizational Code of Ethics and Conduct and Teacher's code of conduct
- Self-motivator and team player with integrity who has the ability to approach challenges with flexibility and a positive attitude

**HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, send your CV, a cover letter detailing how you meet the job specification and two references to: [aifoliberia@gmail.com](mailto:aifoliberia@gmail.com) indicating in the subject of the email: Application for **"VOICE Sign Language Interpreter Position"**.

We apologise in advance, but only qualified and shortlisted candidates will be contacted. We encourage applicants to submit the application well before the deadline date. The selection respects the principles of equal opportunities (Law 903/77).