

RURALRISE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

Job Title: Board Member | **Workplace:** Remote | **Location:** Namibia | **Job Type:** Volunteer

Company Description

RuralRise Community Empowerment Foundation is a Namibian non-profit organization focused on uplifting rural communities through youth empowerment, community-driven development, and sustainable solutions. The organization co-creates solutions with rural youth and community members affected by poverty, unemployment, and limited opportunity, rather than imposing external agendas. Through its flagship initiative, "From the Ground Up," RuralRise supports youth-led projects, builds leadership capacity, and opens pathways to civic participation and entrepreneurship. By amplifying rural voices and scaling community solutions, RuralRise aims to reduce rural-urban migration and address systemic inequality while unlocking the potential of rural Namibia. The organization collaborates with donors, partners, and allies who seek to invest in grassroots innovation and meaningful social impact..

Role Description

A Volunteer Board Member at RuralRise will contribute to the strategic direction, governance, and oversight of the organization's programs and initiatives. This volunteer, on-site role in Namibia involves attending regular board meetings, reviewing program plans and budgets, and providing guidance on youth empowerment, rural development, and community engagement. Board Members will support fundraising and partnership-building efforts by identifying potential donors and collaborators, contributing to proposals, and representing RuralRise at events, dialogues, and stakeholder meetings. They will help ensure that organizational decisions are aligned with the mission, values, and needs of rural communities, and may participate in committees focused on finance, programs, advocacy, or governance. The role requires collaboration with fellow board members, staff, and youth leaders to strengthen RuralRise's impact and sustainability.

This is a volunteer position requiring a commitment to rural development, youth empowerment, and collaborative decision-making.

Qualifications

- Experience in governance, nonprofit leadership, or community-based organizations, with the ability to provide strategic guidance and oversight.
- Background in rural development, social impact, youth empowerment, or community organizing, preferably within the Namibian or Southern African context.
- Strong communication, facilitation, and relationship-building skills to engage effectively with youth, community stakeholders, partners, and donors.
- Skills in fundraising, resource mobilization, or partnership development, including familiarity with grant writing, donor relations, or impact-focused collaborations.
- Capacity for ethical decision-making, sound judgment, and commitment to inclusive, gender-neutral, and non-discriminatory practices.
- Ability to commit time for regular board meetings, on-site engagements in Namibia, and occasional events or committee work.
- Prior board experience, knowledge of basic financial oversight, or understanding of nonprofit compliance would be beneficial.
- Fluency in English; proficiency in local Namibian languages and lived experience in rural communities are strong assets.

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