

Category	Medical - hospital	
Location	Quetzaltenango	
Year of foundation	1844	
Number of permanent employees:	> 100	
Project description:	<p>This hospital is also part of the government health system, just as the clinics. It's one of the largest hospitals in the country, and the population gets free health care here. The hospital has all departments such as emergencies, pediatrics, surgery, external consultations, x-ray, etcetera.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the hospital is very much short on funds and resources, and there are too many patients for the capacity of the hospital, which limits the quality of patient attention.</p>	
Description of volunteer tasks:	<p>For our volunteers, the volunteer opportunities are in the external departments like the pharmacy department, the distribution room, the laboratory and the blood bank. In the pharmacy, the staff receives all the prescriptions from the nurses and doctors, and they prepare the receipts per patient. So these orders are given out several times per patient each day. The pharmacy staff prepares the order and hands it in.</p> <p>At the pharmacy they have 24/7 shifts, also at night and during holidays.</p> <p>In the distribution room, every day they prepare the orders of what the pharmacy needs. Besides that, help is needed in giving general advice and ideas how to store the medication in a safe and also efficient way.</p>	
Opening hours:	24 hours	
Requirements:	Spanish level:	Requirements:
	Minimum time commitment:	
	Work schedule:	
	Others:	
How to get to the project:	Volunteers can take a microbus from the city center to the hospital. It's Q1.25 each ride (the volunteer pays for that).	
Closing dates of the project:	-	
Lodging options:	Hotel, hostel or host family in Quetzaltenango. Prices can be found here .	

Photo impressions

