Care for Africa Board

Non-Executive Director, Fundraising

About the Organisation

Care for Africa is an Australian not-for-profit organisation working with communities in the Tarime District of northern Tanzania. For nearly 20 years we have built a proven, community-led model of change anchored in four pillars: water, health, education and women's enterprise. The organisation is at an inflection point and we are looking to expand our proven model of community development. We are building our Board capability to match the ambition of our mission.

Care for Africa is governed by a small, committed voluntary board. The board's focus is on governance, strategy and accountability. Board Members contribute their expertise directly through oversight and direct contribution, with the operational detail managed by the CEO and other volunteers.

Position Overview

Care for Africa is seeking to fill a voluntary Board position with an individual who will bring expertise to lead the organisation's major giving and strategic financial partnerships. The Director will work collaboratively with the Board and CEO to diversify and grow funding from Australian and international sources in support of our Tanzania-based programs. Board Director terms are for three years, with eligibility for re-appointment.

This role is for someone who brings genuine high-value networks and relationship capital, and who wants the deep fulfilment of knowing exactly where those connections lead. You understand how high-net-worth individuals, family foundations and corporate partners think, and you are ready to put that knowledge in service of work that is grassroots, accountable and lasting. You will lead the board's thinking on how Care for Africa cultivates, solicits and stewards transformational gifts and partnerships.

Commitment Required

- Read and prepare for all board papers and meetings
- Attend approximately six board meetings per year and one strategy session
- Participate in board communications and occasional working group activity between meetings
- Contribute your specialist expertise to strategic discussions and oversight

Key Responsibilities

- Advising on and overseeing a major gifts strategy, including cultivation pipelines, solicitation approaches and stewardship of significant donors
- Identifying and facilitating introductions to high-net-worth individuals, family offices, philanthropic foundations and/or corporate partners with capacity to give at the $10,000-plus level
- Championing a planned giving and bequest program as a long-term funding stream
- Providing board-level oversight of corporate partnership and sponsorship activity, including assessing strategic alignment and mutual benefit
- Representing Care for Africa at relevant industry, philanthropic and corporate events
- Contributing to board discussions on organisational reputation, positioning and stakeholder engagement

Skills and Qualifications

- A personal and/or professional network of high-net-worth individuals, corporate decision-makers and/or family foundations with philanthropic interest
- Senior experience in wealth management, corporate affairs, philanthropy, financial services, law or a related field
- A track record of cultivating and closing significant gifts and/or corporate relationships, whether in the for-profit and/or not-for-profit sector
- Alignment with community-led development

A background in international development is not required but would be useful.

Contact

Expressions of interest close 30 October 2026.

Please include a CV and a cover letter of no more than two pages, outlining your interest in the role and the skills and experience you would bring to it and to the Care for Africa Board.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact:

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