Unless one works for expatriate institutions, payment is in Cedis which are not convertible to hard currency. Salaries are very low by Canadian standards and are readily spent in helping to defray the high costs of living in Accra.

Dependants who wish to may enrol in university courses or attend courses which some qualified women have set up to teach skills in ceramics, macrame, needle-point, painting, etc.

KENYA (Nairobi)

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: No Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 2 Community Coordinator contract work exists: Yes Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No

Job opportunities for foreigners are restricted due to the government's policy of "Kenyanization". The policy has been in effect for some time but the government does accept that there remain requirements for foreigners in certain job categories. This is particularly so in various professional and technical fields. Fully qualified teachers are able to obtain work permits for teaching in private schools, including the International School of Kenya, which operates under the auspices of the American Embassy and the High Commission.

For individuals with training and experience in general administration, secretarial and clerical work, employment opportunities are more restricted as jobs are only available with diplomatic missions and international organizations.

Potential Employers

Canadian High Commission
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Centre for Human Settlements
Australian High Commission
International School of Kenya
UNICEF
British High Commission
United Nations Environmental Program
École Française de Nairobi
American Embassy

MALI (Bamako)

Reciprocal Employment Agreement: No Approximate number of spouses working as locally engaged staff: 0 Community Coordinator contract work exists: No Registered Nurse position exists at the mission: No