# Education options going to the field

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#### What about the children's education?

- Helping parents establish their education plan
  - Pre-assignment education discussion paper
  - Life and work as a family in a different culture
  - Education plan
  - Working with parents
  - Matching education plan and assignment
  - Benefits of using this tool

#### What about the children's education?

- Pre-assignment education questionnaire
  - What will life be like in a different culture?
  - What is important for you for your children's education?
  - What are the strengths, challenges, needs of each child?
- Long-term education plan
  - Optimum scenario for each child
  - · Flexibility needed
  - Creativity needed sometimes

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- Educational profile for each child to be completed
- · Questionnaire about each child to be completed

# What about the children's education?

- Working with parents
  - · Parents complete questionnaire individually and together
  - Meeting with consultant to discuss plans and options
  - Developing a plan

# What about the children's education?

- Benefits of using this tool
  - Different aspects of life, work and education highlighted
  - Educational hopes and expectations can inform assignment options
  - Provides long-term perspective for work and education for whole family
  - Highlights individual strengths, challenges and needs of each child

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- Proven benefits of using this tool
  - · Family 1 with two children
    - Plan A: homeschool in village allocation, School, Higher Education in Home country
    - Plan B: both children at school in bilingual school
    - Plan C: one child completes school in this system, second child transfers to school in mother tongue
  - Parents aware of children's strengths, challenges and needs
  - · Long-term plan kept in focus

# What about the children's education?

- Proven benefits of tool
- Family 2 with three children
  - Plan A: homeschool up to High School, return to passport country for first child to attend university.
  - Plan B: first child to take gap year in passport country, rest of family stay in place of assignment, all three return to home country for higher education while parents remain in place of assignment
- Regular reviewing and discussion with young people
  - Plans could be changed
  - · Long-term perspective for each child retained

#### Tools from other sources

- WEC pre-departure long-term planning questionnaire
- Review questionnaire
- Resources available in new book 'Serving at the ends of the earth' or download files on request

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