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Its main purpose is to promote peace, understanding, justice, development, and information exchange among Kenyans and within the international community. KVDA also seeks to promote inter-cultural education, international peace, inter-human understanding and solidarity as well as sustainable community development through voluntary service; the phrase **"Development against Dependence"** captures KVDA's philosophy

KVDA works in partnership with local communities to champion their own development without imposition of values. Local people everywhere are the masters of their own destiny and efforts must be made by all to harness this great potential. Volunteers have specific roles to play in very difficult circumstances dictated by deprivation and impoverishment and they must guard against attempts to imagine that they can offer magic solutions to the myriad of development challenges encountered at the grassroots.

The voluntary service project offers the volunteer the unique opportunity to be part of the transformative process to stimulate the local community to reinforce their work ethic. Volunteers are not experts but people driven by the selfless desire to strengthen solidarity among the needy communities and ensure their active participation in the development process.

Vision: Envisages KVDA as an organization with a large membership working towards the improvement of quality of life of the community

Mission: KVDA aims to Mobilizing all-purpose resources to support community development initiatives

Strategic objectives

1. Communities are aware of development issues, mobilized resources and taken responsibility of their own development.
2. Young people have access to experiential education by offering voluntary service

Kenya Voluntary Development Association

"Development against Dependence"

KVDA WORK CAMPS PROGRAM FROM MARCH – DECEMBER 2020

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KENYA: COUNTRY PROFILE



CAPITAL: Nairobi

REGIME: Republic

PRESIDENT: Uhuru Kenyatta

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: William Ruto

CURRENCY: Kenyan Shilling (KES)

BORDERING COUNTRIES: Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia

LAND AREA (KM²): 571,466

POPULATION (MILLION): 39.4

DENSITY (POP/KM²): 67.7

URBAN POPULATION (%): 21.0

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: English

NATIONAL LANGUAGE: Kiswahili

MAIN TRIBES: Kikuyu, Luhya, Luo, Kalenjin, Kamba, Miji Kenda



MAIN RELIGIONS: Christianity, Islam

TOTAL FERTILITY RATE: 4.6

INFANT MORTALITY RATE: 52.0

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH: 58.9

HIV ADULT PREVALENCE (%): 6.3

(Source: Kenya Demographic and Health Survey 2008/09)

WORKCAMPS IN KENYA JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

CAMP CODE	NAME	LOCATION	DATES	TYPE	VOLS (MAX)	AGE	PARTICIPATION FEES
KVDA/STV/03A	Mahiakalo Child Development Centre	Bukhungu Location of Kakamega County	14.03-30.03.	KIDS/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/04A	Ushuhuda Network for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Webuye	Webuye in Bungoma County	04.04-25.04.	MANU/KIDS	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/04B	Hope Link Development Project	Rusinga Island on Lake Victoria located in Homa-Bay County	04.04-25.04.	KIDS/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/05A	St. James Community Orphans' School	Mfangano Island on Lake Victoria located in Homa Bay County	02.05-23.05	AGRI/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/06A	Kenya Institute of Organic Farming	Kiambu County	06.06-27.06.	AGRI	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/06B	Oloisukut Group Conservancy	Trans-Mara County	06.06-27.06.	ZOO/CULT	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/06C	Community Health Volunteers	Shinyalu in Kakamega County	06.06-27.06.	ENVI	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/06D	Esibila Primary School	Vihiga County in Western Kenya	06.06-27.06.	EDU/KIDS/MANU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07A	Gibarori Primary School	South West Kenya in Migori Country	04.07-25.07.	RENO/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07B	St. Joseph's Nyamosense Special unit School	South West Kenya in Migori Country	04.07-25.07	KIDS/DISABILITY	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07C	Mahiakalo Child Development Centre	Bukhungu Location in Kakamega County	04.07-25.07	KIDS/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07D	Roddy's Eco Cover Environmental Project	Western Kenya in Vihiga County	11.07-31.07	STUDY/ENVI	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07E	Cranes of Dago Thim Self Help Group	Nyahera, Kisumu County	11.07-31.07	MANU/SOCI	20	18-99	300

KVDA/STV/08A	Nyamira Missionaries Cultural Development	Nyaramba in Nyamira County	01.08-22.08	CULT/MANU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/08B	Nyamanche Primary School	Kegonga in Migori County	01.08-22.08	MANU/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/08C	Esiarambatsi Health Center	Western Kenya in Vihiga County	08.08-29.08	MEDI	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/08D	Epang'a Primary School	Western Kenya in Vihiga County	08.08-29.08	RENO/KIDS	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/08E	Ng'onzini Primary School	Coast Kenya in Kwale County	08.08-29.08	MANU/KIDS/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/09A	Shining Star ECDC and Orphans School	Muhuru-Bay, South West Kenya on Lake Victoria in Migori county	05.09-26-09	RENO/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/09B	Kito International	Kawangware slums in Nairobi County	05.09-26-09	EDU/SOCI	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/09C	Esikoma Community Health Volunteers	Marachi Central/Butula in Busia County	05.09-26-09	HEALTH	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/10A	Miwani Primary School	Coast Kenya in Malindi County	03.10-24.10	RENO/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/11A	Oloisukut Group Conservancy	Kilgoris, Rift Valley in Narok County	07.11-28.11	CONSERVATION	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/12A	Shimba Hills Forest Guides Association (SHIFOGA)	South West Kenya in Kwale County	05.12-22.12	HERITAGE	20	18-99	300

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VOLUNTEERS

Most volunteers in our camps are 18 years and above with the majority of them teenagers mostly from Kenya, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Americas

WORK

The work is often manual like construction, painting, renovation, organising activities, landscaping/gardening; but one of the main aims of the work camps is to encourage and increase intercultural learning between the volunteers and the hosting communities. No special skills are required essentially to underscore the significance of self-development. The working hours are six per day from Monday to Friday with free weekends. Most work camps are arranged in rural communities in the heartland of the African culture to provide the volunteers with the unique opportunities for experiential learning.

CAMP FACILITATOR/ LEADER

KVDA work camp facilitator is present in all camps. (S)he is either a volunteer with work camp experience or an individual with deep affinity to youth work and community development.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

There are plenty of opportunities to visit local places of interest and enjoy spectacular sites to behold in Kenyan countryside, lakes and forests. Don't forget that Kenya is a major tourist destination famed with the wildlife and the renowned **Maasai Mara Game Reserve** that is a fascination that every volunteer in Kenya should not miss and this opportunity is offered through the educational tours organized by KVDA.

PARTICIPATION FEE

KVDA is a non-Governmental organization with no public funding and we ask both the incoming and outgoing volunteers for the participation fees that contributes towards our administration costs. Our fees are uniform for **Euros 300** for every project outlined in this program and that is all inclusive

of the costs within the project that includes airport transfers, accommodation, transport to and from the project and meals during the project

HEALTH AND INSURANCE

There is no insurance cover provided on the projects due to financial constraints. Since the travel to the work camp and loss of personal property are also not insured, we expect all the volunteers to take their own travel insurance. Drug abuse is prohibited on KVDA work camps and the use of alcohol is restricted on the work camps and especially within the heartland of rural communities. However, volunteers are at liberty to have adventure while on the excursions conducted over the weekends away from the hosting communities.

LANGUAGE

The language on all our work camps is English and all volunteers are expected to be able to communicate in English. Kiswahili is the national language in Kenya but English is the official language and this makes it easy for English speakers to get on well while in Kenya. However, language should not be the main impediment to disqualify or discourage volunteers from applying for specific projects as there is room for learning through practice.

WHAT TO CARRY FOR THE PROJECT?

Since the work is usually practical/manual we recommend that the volunteers bring rubber boots, working clothes and gloves. Bring enough warm clothes as the evenings may be cold. A sleeping bag is a necessary for all work camps. Some music, cooking recipes and photos from the home country are recommended, especially for the international evenings!

TYPES OF WORKCAMPS

- Renovation – RENO
- Projects with Kids - KIDS
- Social Projects - SOCI
- Construction - CONS
- Study projects - STUDY

- Environmental - ENVI
- Medical-MEDI
- Projects involving manual work-MANU
- School projects with teaching- EDU
- Agricultural projects-AGRI
- Health issues-HEALTH
- Project with key focus on the people's way of life-CULTURAL



MARCH 2020

PROJECT NAME: MAHIAKALO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

CODE: KVDA/STV/03A

DATES: 14TH TO 30TH MARCH 2020

ORIENTATION: 14TH MARCH 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 15TH MARCH 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 30TH MARCH 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 31ST MARCH 2020

LOCATION: BUKHUNGU LOCATION, KAKAMEGA COUNTY

THEME: YOUNG WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF YOUTH WORK AND VOLUNTEERING

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHO WE ARE?

Mahiakalo Child Development Centre is a department of Mahiakalo Church of God that deals with holistic development of children within the community it serves. We nurture children in the four development areas that is physical, spiritual, socio-emotional and cognitive to ensure that at the end of the program the child becomes a fulfilled Christian adult.

Mahiakalo CDC is located in Kakamega County, Municipality Division, Bukhungu Location, Shirere sub-location, Mwiya village.

Majority of the children who are on the project are orphans, partial orphans, children under foster care or guardian and are from a very poor background.

Vision Statements

To be an excellent Christian based bridge in holistic child development and community empowerment.

Mission Statement

Mahiakalo Child Development Centre is committed to advocate for children by facilitating holistic development through support & mentorship to enable them attain self-reliance and execute Christian virtues.

Target Population

The Centre accepts any child between the ages of three (3) and six (6) who are less fortunate within the society and lives within a radius of 5 km from the church.

Strategies

- Education
- Child protection
- Caregiver empowerment
- Medication
- Nutrition

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: KIDS/ EDU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Manual work at the institution
- To educate children through teaching and exposing them to various functions such as camps, workshops, rallies etc
- To teach children healthy life-skills
- To provide children with opportunities for physical activity
- To encourage parent involvement and empower them through trainings in IGAs
- To support parents and strengthen families

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

These are usually symbolic gestures to enhance the solidarity of volunteers and the hosting community. Kindly contact KVDA for details in case you are willing to support a worthy cause in the community either by offering a donation or long-term intervention on the project.

THEME: YOUNG WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF YOUTH WORK AND VOLUNTEERING

- Non formal education sector and employability of youth with fewer opportunities and young women.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To develop the active participation of young people and young women with fewer opportunities to the non-formal education sector and to the local communities;
- To share best practices on employment paths within NGOs and youth sector;
- To exchange the different working methods about non formal education and active citizenship;
- To realize training courses for youth workers, active participants, youth organizations and multiplier actors in order to empower their capability to develop deep-rooted projects at local level.
- To develop new working methods that would support employability;
- To empower the youth and NGOs capability in developing partnerships and networks;
- to promote activities encouraging the policy dialogue in the field of youth;
- to contribute the development of the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of voluntary service organizations in the youth field.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 14th March 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 15th March 2020.

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- This will be done subject to provision of full flight details.
- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.
- Volunteers will stay at KVDA Residence in Nairobi at a subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES

The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the 3-week work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfers from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Volunteers will stay in a house provided by the local people with very basic living conditions.
- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns.
- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- The Government policy to install ICT in primary schools has seen connectivity to the national power grid for most educational institutions in Kenya and this makes it easy for volunteers to use electric appliances while at the project.

- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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APRIL 2020

PROJECT NAME: USHUHUDA NETWORK FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN WEBUYE

CODE: KVDA/STV/04A

DATES: 4TH -25TH APRIL 2020

ORIENTATION: 4TH APRIL 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 5TH APRIL 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 25TH APRIL 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 26TH APRIL 2020

LOCATION: WEBUYE IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

THEME: ENABLING CHILDREN TO ACCESS QUALITY EDUCATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The institution was established in 2011 and registered as a community based organization in 2012.

It major focus is to address the challenges facing the local community and foremost the high poverty levels, disease and social exclusion. HIV/AIDS is among the leading scourges of the times within the local community and this call for urgent strategic intervention to manage the difficult situation.

The School has a population of 150 children and there are 13 teachers employed to take care of the institution.

Further, the School faces grave challenges with regards to infrastructural development and it urgently requires construction of classrooms to accommodate the increasing student population.

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: MANU/KIDS

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Brick making for classrooms construction.
- Social work
- Guiding and counseling within the community
- Field visits and face to face meetings with the local people
- Participate in home visits to enhance inter-cultural education and solidarity

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

These are usually symbolic gestures to enhance the solidarity of volunteers and the hosting community. Kindly contact KVDA for details in case you are willing to support a worthy cause in the community either by offering a donation or long-term intervention on the project.

THEME: ENABLING CHILDREN TO ACCESS QUALITY EDUCATION

- **Primary Education** While the free primary education (FPE) program has increased access to primary education especially among poorer households; ancillary costs of primary education (such as school uniforms) continue to hinder the educational attainment of many children. In addition, the provision of quality education remains a challenge. This was highlighted by a recent study by Uwezo (2010) which found disappointing levels of learning among primary school children. The continued and consistent dominance of private schools in the KCPE has further raised concerns about the rising disparity in quality between public and private schools.
- As students from richer households increasingly enroll in private primary schools, designing policies that address the achievement gaps in public primary schools will overwhelmingly benefit students from poorer households that are unable to access private schools. Evidence from randomized evaluations suggests a number of key cost-effective interventions that could be introduced to address the inequities in access and achievement in primary school.
- In 2009, the secondary school net enrollment rate was approximately 50% (World Bank, 2009), while the primary-to-secondary school transition rate was equally low at 55% (MOE, 2010). Despite the recent reductions in secondary school fees, these fees still present a major financial obstacle. The 2005 Kenya Integrated Household budget shows that on average secondary school expenditures accounted for approximately 55% of annual per capita household expenditures. While the increased availability of bursaries (e.g. from the CDF) have provided many families with financial assistance, the pressing burden of secondary school fees prevent many students from attending secondary schools. These financial barriers are especially important for females and vulnerable groups such as orphans, and the poor. The continued poor public school performance in the KCPE can also act as a barrier

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 4th April 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 5th April 2020.

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- This will be done subject to provision of full flight details.
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PARTICIPATION FEES

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WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

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WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
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- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

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APRIL 2020

PROJECT NAME: HOPE LINK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

CODE: KVDA/STV/04B

DATES: 4TH -25TH APRIL 2020

ORIENTATION: 4TH APRIL 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 5TH APRIL 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 25TH APRIL 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 26TH APRIL 2020

LOCATION: RUSINGA ISLAND IN HOMA-BAY COUNTY

THEME: FOOD SECURITY

PROJECT OVERVIEW

HOPE LINK is a non profit community initiative project, formed to link the community with other players hence address the community Socio - Economic mitigation. The organization is registered as CBO. The organization has well management Team of young proficient, talented and skilled individuals with deep knowledge and understanding of community problems and needs. The organization has been carrying survey and forums on need assessment. We currently address challenges as they arise through open dialogues and mobilization. We carry activities that support and develop the child to be resilient and potential members of the society.

OUR MISSION is the well-being of children, women, widows, widowers, men and youths who are disadvantage due to economic, social, culture background in the society to have a healthy and transformed and interactive community.

MISSION

To formulate, coordinate policies through linkages and partnership formation for community empowerment.

VISION

A healthy empowered transformed society in health, education and economic capacity.

GOAL

To mitigate culture social and economic changes through community dynamic capacity building program

CORE VALUES

Accountable and transparent development, Team work, honesty and hard work.

Community and Child friendly

ACTIVITIES

- Manage a pre primary for development of destitute children.

- Enhancing community interaction through, hosting volunteers from different corners and backgrounds, who come to work and stay with us in work camp and as individual volunteers.
- Dissemination of the information to the community through dialogue, forums, workshops, road show demonstrations, outreaches.
- Advocacy on human right, Child abuse, Child, Child neglect, Education, Primary health Care.
- Food Security and Livelihood through capacity building and our own initiated project.
- Micro finance capacity building through revolving funds.
- Care and support to OVC widows and the aged by provision of health and education needs.
- Enhancing community interaction through, Hosting volunteers from different corners and backgrounds, who come to work and stay with us in work camp and as individual volunteers.

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: KIDS/EDU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Teaching kids
- Playing with kids
- Farming activities i.e. organic farming
- Environmental clean-up campaigns along Lake Victoria beaches.
- Health talks on general health, pre-primary health care. HIV/ AIDs awareness talks and brain storming.
- Home visit/cultural exchange

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

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THEME: FOOD SECURITY

- The achievement of national food security is to be a key objective of the agricultural sector. Food security in this case is defined as “a situation in which all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life” (Kenya Food Security Steering Group, 2008).
- In the recent years, and especially starting from 2008, the country has been facing severe food insecurity problems. These are depicted by a high proportion of the population having no access to food in the right amounts and quality.
- Official estimates indicate over 10 million people are food insecure with majority of them living on food relief.
- Households are also incurring huge food bills due to the high food prices. Maize being staple food due to the food preferences is in short supply and most households have limited choices of other food stuffs.
- The current food insecurity problems are attributed to several factors, including the frequent droughts in most parts of the country, high costs of domestic food production due to high costs of inputs especially fertilizer, displacement of a large number of farmers in the high potential agricultural areas following the post-election violence which occurred in early 2008, high global food prices and low purchasing power for large proportion of the population due to high level of poverty.

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MAY 2020

PROJECT NAME: ST. JAMES COMMUNITY ORPHANS SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/05A

DATES: 2ND -23RD MAY 2020

ORIENTATION: 2ND MAY 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 3RD MAY 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 23RD MAY 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 24TH MAY 2020

LOCATION: MFANGANO ISLAND, LAKE VICTORIA REGION

THEME: TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN THE SOCIETY

PROJECT OVERVIEW

St. James Community Orphans School is a community owned school whose idea was conceived to the challenges that the community has been with over the years. For a long time, parents have passed on leaving their children to be orphans who are either total or partial. Due to constant and continuous death and other related issues, the number of these orphans grew to an escalating rate which eventually led to call for intervention. It is this regard the school has taken good care of most of these orphans since school opened its doors on the 9th January 2012 hitherto

St. James Community School is located in Mfangano Island, Homabay county in Kenya. It's one of the many islands in Lake Victoria with several beaches. Being an island with many fishing beaches, it's prone to a unique lifestyle that contributes to high prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS which leads to many orphans

St. James School is addressing three major problems

1. Free education for these orphans
2. Poor nutrition
3. Alarming low levels of domestic income among caregivers households

In 2014, the school started with a population of 45 orphans represented in three kindergarten classes, with 3 teachers. To date the school is enjoying a population of 112 both total and partial orphans aged between 3 years to 12 years. The school has seven classes with 8 teachers.

LOCATION: The school is located within Mfangano Island, Waware sub-location, Mfangano north location, Mfangano division, Mbita Sub-county of Homa-bay County.

PUPIL POPULATION: 112

CLASSROOMS: 7

TEACHERS: 8

CLASSES: Baby class, Nursery class, Pre-unit class, Standard one to four

SPONSORS: Community sponsored

VISION:” To be an exemplary Centre of excellence in quality holistic, academic education provision within the community”

MISSION:” To provide accessible and acceptable education to the less fortunate professionally, and in a formal manner that can be realized from within and without the community”

MOTTO:” Arise and shine for a better life”.

OBJECTIVE: To be the school within the island in helping provide for the welfare and well-being of the numerous orphans and destitute left behind as a result of HIV/AIDS pandemic.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES: Since the school’s inception in 2012, the school has various volunteer activities. Among them being:

- a) In 2012 **(May-August)**, we received two volunteer teachers who helped the school in teaching `of physical ad vocation (P.E). The volunteers were from Italy.
- b) **(Jan-Feb)** 2013, the school, got one volunteer (male) from Japan who helped in the school garden.
- c) **(May-June)**, we had 2 volunteers (a couple) from USA, Michigan who helped the teaching of health and sanitation lessons.

Security for our volunteers has always been our number one priority. Moreover, the school is situated barely 600m from the police post

We also have a Government of Kenya dispensary within the same area to carter for health emergency that might arise

The school is committed to offering hope to children and especially who are vulnerable to societal risks and this call for community of efforts.

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES: Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: AGRI/EDU

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Farming
- Home visits to orphans and caregivers
- Sports with school pupils
- Workshops about children rights to the local community
- Advocacy against teenage pregnancy
- Social work majorly guiding and counseling for the HIV/AIDS program at the health center
- Field visits and face to face meetings with the local people
- Participate in home visits to enhance inter-cultural education and solidarity

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

These are usually symbolic gestures to enhance the solidarity of volunteers and the hosting community. Kindly contact KVDA for details in case you are willing to support a worthy cause in the community either by offering a donation or long-term intervention on the project.

THEME: TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN THE SOCIETY

Lack of information about reproductive health and high rates of child abuse have caused the upsurge of teenage pregnancy

Lack of information about reproductive health and high rates of child abuse has caused an high rate of early pregnancy

AIM: To reduce the cases of early pregnancy

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To improve and strengthen the health workers methodology on disseminating information among the young people on grassroots level
- To create a platform of social workers and peer educators to campaign against sexual harassment within the community
- To advocate on children rights within the community

ACTIVITIES

- Workshops about children rights to the local community
- Advocacy against teenage pregnancy

TARGET GROUPS

- Workshop: health workers, parents and peer educators
- Health Camp: parents, teachers, health workers and peer educators

METHODS group discussion, “café” method, planning discussion, expert analysis

INDICATORS

- Number of schools calling for peer educators after the health camp, for reproductive health education
- Number of community leader requesting for more advocacy through health camps
- Number of health workers getting more involved in organizing workshops for emphasizing and enhancing the effects of early pregnancy

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 2nd May 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 3rd May 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- This will be done subject to provision of full flight details.
- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.
- Volunteers will stay at KVDA Residence in Nairobi at a subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES: The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the 3-week work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfers from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

KVDA offers educational tours to spectacular sites including the renowned Maasai Mara Game Reserve at separate fees. Please contact us for specific tour information.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- The host community will provide a house to accommodate the volunteers with very basic living conditions.
- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns. Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is no electricity connection at the project but volunteers can charge their electric appliances at the nearest market center.
- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Below is the emergency contact for Kenya Voluntary Development Association:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: +254721 650 357

PROJECT DETAILED INFO SHEET: Will be sent to the volunteer sending organization as soon as the application is accepted by KVDA

CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project.

JUNE 2020

PROJECT NAME: KENYA INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC FARMING

CODE: KVDA/STV/06A

DATES: 6TH TO 27TH JUNE 2020

ORIENTATION: 6TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 7TH JUNE 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 27TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 28TH JUNE 2020

LOCATION: KIAMBU COUNTY, CENTRAL KENYA

THEME: ORGANIC FARMING PRINCIPLES

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) is an officially registered technical training institution NO. MOHEST/PC/1361 and Non-government

organization (NGO).

It is situated in Juja off – Thika highway, near Ndarugo Motel.

KIOF launched its first activities in 1987 – The Farmers Training and Extension Programme, which aimed at bringing the awareness of the challenges associated with conventional chemical farming (fertilizers and pesticides)

The advantages of environmentally – sound-farming methods, appropriate to small-scale farmers led to widespread public interest in the programme. Numerous requests were received from development organizations in Eastern Africa for training in organic farming.



After the initial strong growth, KIOF found that there was necessity to verifying some of the organic methods adopted by farmers.

KIOF therefore started looking into opportunities for on-farm trials and research so as to supply relevant back up data.

A Programme to incorporate youth training in organic agriculture was launched in 1995. This led to an Organic Agriculture Certificate course with the aim of assisting the youth to develop careers in Organic farming. A diploma programme was launched in 2004 and the Certificate Stream gradually phased out.

The Diploma Programme takes 2 years of theoretical and practical learning. Due to the growing interest in this field and high demand for profession knowledge in organic agriculture, KIOF launched a 2-year Distance Learning Diploma program in 2006.

A RENEWED APPROACH TO AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Organic farms and gardens have been operating years in many countries and climates. By reviving and developing sound husbandry practices they have shown that it is possible to combine good yields with high quality produce, lasting soil fertility and improved overall environment.
- The Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) aims at making this experience available to all farmers and other stakeholders.
- KIOF connects itself especially with the small – scale farmers who make up the majority of the farming community in Kenya. It is the small – scale farmers who are, in effect, the care takers of the natural environment. KIOF wants to stimulate better management of the environment by starting with sound agricultural principles on the farm.
- KIOF organizes training sessions for groups of farmers: women

groups, youth and other CBOs in the rural areas. KIOF comes into contact with these groups through various organizations, churches, government institutions and individuals.

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit`

PROJECT ACTIVITIES WHY ORGANIC AGRICULTURE?

- A problem in today's agriculture is the need for cash. This need moves the nation as a whole and especially the farmer into cash crop farming. Most of which are non – food crops.
- The family food production is often neglected.
- This leads to poorer diets and poorer health of the farming community. The remedy for this situation is organic farming.

A JOINT STUDENT EXCHANGE

KIOF, is a long-term training institution partnering with Rural Community in Development (RUCID) which is Uganda specialized in formal training in organic agriculture, community mobilization, processing and marketing of organic products (both local and export markets.

Scope

The nature of KOIF/RUCID collaboration include:

- I. Joint programs for school leavers and rural youth in training organic agriculture at certificate and Diploma levels.
- II. Awarding Certificates and Diplomas
- III. Exchange of students to Kenya and Mityana, Uganda.
- IV. Exposure to Biomedicine Medicinal herbs, product value addition and organic export marketing.

Practical Learning

Students who participate in this program experience “hands on” learning situations in:

- I. Organic production methods in crops and animal husbandry.
- II. Organic products processing, value addition, and certification.
- III. Organic packaging and marketing both locally and internationally.

Exposure

- “ Students get a rare opportunity of doing their studies in both Uganda and Kenya
- “ Students Learn to travel across the Kenyan borders and gain cultured experience of other communities

Some of KIOF achievements.

- ❖ Creating awareness and providing practical training in organic farming methods to farmers, equally men and women, the rural youth, extension officers, trainers and project managers.
- ❖ Conducting on farm trials and data gathering in organic farming in medium and high potential areas in Kenya.
- ❖ Gathering and disseminating information on organic farming throughout Eastern African region.
- ❖ Stimulating the formation of organizations and networks on organic farming in Eastern Africa.
- ❖ Facilitating marketing of organic produce.
- ❖ Facilitating the understanding of organic standards.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: AGRI

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday. They will work together with the local community members on the following activities:

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Volunteers will be assigned tasks to work on the farm and this will include office and field work



PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: ORGANIC FARMING PRINCIPLES

- Organic farming is based on mixed farming principles. Experiences show that mixed farming practices lead to better food and income stability. It does not exclude the cash crop but it puts it in the right place.
- The cash crop can become part of the farm's crop rotation which puts emphasis on diversity of crops thereby raising the ecological balance of the farm. It provides a more complete diet for the family. Diversity in production means less risk, and better food and health within the farm.
- Production is based on maximum recycling of organic wastes and careful handling of manures and composts, careful soil cultivation and use of natural rock minerals, if necessary.
- Weed control is based on crop rotation and physical methods. Pests and disease control is sustained by understanding and maintaining physical, biological and ecological balances. These include traditional methods which are now being scientifically proven.
- The use of trees for shade, mulching, soil improvement, fruit, fodder and fuel production is of great importance, and correct understanding of their place on the farm is part of organic practice. Besides, trees protect the land from strong winds and improve the climate of the area.
- A fresh look is taken at the question of marketing. This is done with a view to improved understanding of the needs of the grower and the requirements of the consumer.
- Thinking in terms of organic agriculture means reviving and developing sound husbandry practices which include the human and the social surroundings of the farm. The farm is able to function as an organism in which all parts support each other.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 6th June 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 7th June 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- This will be done subject to provision of full flight details.
- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.
- Volunteers will stay at KVDA Residence in Nairobi at a subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES

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INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfer from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

KVDA offers educational tours to spectacular sites including the renowned Maasai Mara Game Reserve at separate fees. Please contact us for specific tour information.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Volunteers will stay in the institute's dormitories that are shared with the students and there is electricity and water connection to the institute.
- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns.
- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated.
- Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is electricity connection to the institution and the volunteers have an opportunity to use electric appliances
- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project.

JUNE 2020

PROJECT NAME: OLOISUKUT GROUP CONSERVANCY

CODE: KVDA/STV/06B

DATES: 6TH -27TH JUNE 2020

ORIENTATION: 6TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 7TH JUNE 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 27TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 28TH JUNE 2020

LOCATION: TRANS-MARA COUNTY, RIFT VALLEY

THEME: EDUCATION/CONSERVATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **Oloisukut Group Conservancy** is a 23,000 acre area of community land which borders the world famous Maasai Mara Game Reserve popularly known as the Mara Triangle, to the North in the Trans Mara District, Rift valley province.
- Oloisukut conservancy is an intriguing conservation concept on land-use owned and managed by the community members of Oloisukut.
- The income generated from conservation has given the land owners a reliable and dependable alternative source of income from the traditional livestock.
- The conservancy has ensured that the northern part of the greater Mara-Serengeti ecosystem is secured for conservation and hence affording the wildlife the much needed dispersal areas.
- The area boasts of high density of game including the big five except for the Rhino. Over 300 different species of birds have been identified. Some of the common animal species are; Maasai giraffe, Burschell zebra, waterbucks, elands, lions, leopards, elephants and elusive and timid bushbuck.
- Oloisukut boasts the highest population of elands, giraffes and leopards in the Mara per unit area. Currently we have the biggest pride comprising of 18 adult lions with several cubs.
- Tourism in the conservancy is highly controlled, a move that is aimed at maximizing the client wilderness experience and minimizing environmental impact.

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: ZOO/CULT

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- **Animal conservation**
 - Regular ground patrols and safari walk.
 - Identifying animal species found within the area
 - Identify and name indigenous plants and uses.

- Monitoring wildlife movement

➤ **Cultural**

- Experience Maasai way of life
- Control cattle grazing, milking and caring for cattle
- Maintain of manyatta houses

➤ **School teaching programme**

- Teaching English
- Teaching Arts, Designs & Drawings
- Teaching music
- Playing football with girls and boys
- Playing other games with the children
- Planting of trees
- Gardening and land scaping
- Outreach programme in the local community.
- Extra activities learning life skills bead work, cooking using fire wood, e.t.c
- Ensure upkeep of the conservancy
- Work with other stake holders in ensuring up keep of the conservancy.
- Extra activities Bird watching for interested volunteers.



PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: EDUCATION/CONSERVATION

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 6th June 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 7th June 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- This will be done subject to provision of full flight details.
- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.
- Volunteers will stay at KVDA Residence in Nairobi at a subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES

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INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

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Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- The volunteers stay in School classrooms in very basic conditions where there are no beds and electricity.
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- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated.
- Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is no electricity connection at the project but volunteers can charge the electric appliances at the nearest market center.

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Below are the emergency contacts for Kenya Voluntary Development Association:

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CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project

JUNE 2020

PROJECT NAME: COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS

CODE: KVDA/STV/06C

DATES: 6TH -27TH JUNE 2020

ORIENTATION: 6TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 7TH JUNE 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 27TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 28TH JUNE 2020

LOCATION: SHINYALU, KAKAMEGA COUNTY

THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Community health volunteers is a community health volunteers established back in 2008 by the local volunteers based in Kakamega County, this project is based within Shinyalu Sub County of Kakamega County with its main office at Virhembe market in Shinyalu sub-county.
- The main purpose of this project was as a result of the immense destruction of Kakamega forest by both the locals and outsiders.
- Kakamega Forest harbours immense and unique biodiversity due to its association with both lowland equatorial forest of central Africa and mountane forest of Kenya. Because of these unique contributions and island status, Kakamega Forest shows a high level of diversity and endemism
- The IUCN has put Kakamega Forest as a top priority for biodiversity conservation in East Africa.
- The key environmental problems in Kakamega forest ecosystem includes soil erosion, cultivation in riverbanks, deforestation and cutting down of tress, encroachment of forest boundaries, illegal and unsustainable harvest of forest products, high population growth rate increasing

pressure on natural resource and food security.

- Land cover and historical analyses suggest that approximately 30 % of the forest has been lost since it was gazetted in 1933 and 15% of indigenous forest with the gazetted Kakamega forest was lost between 1972 and 2000, Although most of the large clearing and logging has stopped since the 1980, there remains a very high demand by the local community for timber products

OBJECTIVES

- Support community projects aimed poverty reduction through improved livelihood system and the of community natural resources and initiatives for enhanced management and governance
- Build the capacity of other self-help groups
- Public awareness education and actions to counter declining conservation status of Kakamega forest ecosystem and climate change impacts

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: ENVI

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Rehabilitation of Kakamega forest
- Jigger eradication
- Orphans support
- Community Health Volunteers support group
- Conduct mobile family planning clinics in remote areas

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 6th June 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 7th June 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

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PARTICIPATION FEES

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LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

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JUNE 2020

PROJECT NAME: ESIBILA PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/06D

DATES: 6TH -27TH JUNE 2020

ORIENTATION: 6TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 7TH JUNE 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 27TH JUNE 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 28TH JUNE 2020

LOCATION: ESIBILA, VIHIGA COUNTY

THEME: QUALITY EDUCATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Esibila Primary School is located in Emuhaya district of Vihiga county and it was started in 1952
- The pupils learn a maximum of eight years in Primary School with the pupils examined in the following subjects; English, Mathematics, Science, Christian Religious Education, Kiswahili and social studies
- The school has ten classes from the Early childhood education to Primary School
- The school has an enrolment of 858 pupils, 440 girls and 418 boys
- The school has 17 teachers employed by the Teachers' Service commission and two by the board of management.
- The student teacher ratio is 1:50

CHALLENGES

- The school has dilapidated blocks that are housing fifteen classrooms and the need urgent refurbishment
- The school requires a revamped sanitation system given the high number of students admitted at the institution
- The terrain at the school is rocky posing risks to pupils and especially

those who are in lower classes and they is need to urgently address it through refurbishment

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: EDU/KIDS/MANU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Brick making
- Teaching
- Sporting with the pupils
- Home visits to touch base with development challenges
- Inter-cultural activities in partnership with local community members.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

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THEME: QUALITY EDUCATION

- It also aims to provide equal access to affordable vocational training, and to eliminate gender and wealth disparities with the aim of achieving universal access to a **quality** higher **education**.
- **Quality education** is one of 17 Global Goals that make up the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 6th June 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 7th June 2020

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JULY 2020

PROJECT NAME: GIBARORI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/07A

DATES: 4TH -25TH JULY 2020

ORIENTATION: 4TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 5TH JULY 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 25TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 26TH JULY 2020

LOCATION: KURIA, MIGORI COUNTY, SOUTH WEST KENYA

THEME: ADVOCACY AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Gibarori Primary School is situated in Maeta Sub-location, Maeta location, Kegonga division of Kuria. It is situated approximately 3 Km from Kehancha town, headquarters of the larger Kuria East and West Districts.

The school was founded in 1981 by community members and has a population of over 580 pupils with over 10 teaching staff employed by the Teachers service commission (TSC).

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY

The local community is predominantly Kuria that spread across Kenya and Tanzania. They neighbour the Maasai community and they are traditionally

small-scale farmers and engage in small scale businesses revolving around agriculture.

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES: Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: RENO/EDU

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Brick making and construction work at the School
- Teaching pupils at the School
- Sporting together with the pupils
- Exposure to the challenges of Female Genital mutilation (FGM)
- Inter-cultural learning coupled with home visits for exposure to development challenges.
- Possibility to visit the historic sites like Hippo point on Lake Victoria in Kisumu City, renowned Kakamega Rain Forest and the Equator point at Maseno University; among other spectacular sites of interest in the region. However, this will be done most probably during the weekends.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

These are usually symbolic gestures to enhance the solidarity of volunteers and the hosting community. Kindly contact KVDA for details in case you are willing to support a worthy cause in the community either by offering a donation or long-term intervention on the project.

THEME: ADVOCACY AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

- Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a strong tradition in this community. It is illegal. But still the majority of the women are circumcised and each and every young woman is subjected to the cut.
- The church has preached against FGM for decades but in spite of the deep devoutness the priests do not have enough power over the souls.
- FGM has nothing to do with religion; it is a so-called culture and tradition in certain groups. The practice is deeply rooted in views on chastity, transition to womanhood, “purity” for marriage and basically a wish to control women sexually.
- In certain areas, the survival and fertility of the local community is assumed to be threatened if the girls are not circumcised. Many brave young girls who refuse FGM are regarded as “unmarriageable” and become outcasts.
- It is a brutal act, painful and has led to the spread of HIV/AIDS. Volunteers will work closely with community-based organizations in the area that are actively involved on the thematic focus of this project.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 4th July 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 5th July 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- This will be done subject to provision of full flight details.
- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.
- Volunteers will stay at KVDA Residence in Nairobi at a subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES: The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the three weeks’ work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfers from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

KVDA offers educational tours to spectacular sites including the renowned Maasai Mara Game Reserve at separate fees. Please contact us for specific tour information.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- The host community will provide a house to accommodate the volunteers with very basic living conditions.
- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns.
- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated.
- Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is electricity connection within the community where you can charge your electrical appliances

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Below are the emergency contacts for Kenya Voluntary Development Association:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: +254721 650 357

PROJECT DETAILED INFO SHEET: Will be sent to the volunteer sending organization as soon as the application is accepted by KVDA

CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project.

JULY 2020

PROJECT NAME: ST. JOSEPH'S NYAMOSENSE SPECIAL UNIT SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/07B

DATES: 4TH -25TH JULY 2020

ORIENTATION: 4TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 5TH JULY 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 25TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 26TH JULY 2020

LOCATION: KURIA, MIGORI COUNTY, SOUTH WEST KENYA

THEME: THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES: "THE DUTY TO PROTECT, RESPECT, PROMOTE AND FULFILL"

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The School is still at the initial stages started in 2012 under Nyamosense Primary School and Nyamosense Catholic Church. The management is in the process of registering the institution with the Ministry of Social Services in Kubwaha. The inhabitants are Kuria speaking people residing in the South West of Kenya. Their economic mainstay is farming, where farmers grow tobacco, maize, beans, sweet potatoes and other horticultural crops for sale. Cattle and goat trade also take place but the volume of trade has gone very low owing to the incessant cases of cattle rustling between the Kuria people and the Maasai and Kipsigis of the neighboring Trans Mara district. The area

has low levels of literacy especially among people aged from 35 years and above.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The idea was prompted by the growing need to sensitive members of the local community on the plight of Children with disabilities, who continue to suffer neglect and denial as the society remains conservative and unwilling to attend to children with disabilities. Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: KIDS/DISA

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Teaching pupils at the Special Unit School
- Care and support of orphans
- Interacting with children with disabilities
- Learn how to use sign language
- Brick making together with local community members
- Open forums for discussion on children rights
- Study lessons on retrogressive cultural practices like Female Genital Mutilation

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

These are usually symbolic gestures to enhance the solidarity of volunteers and the hosting community. Kindly contact KVDA for details in case you are willing to support a worthy cause in the community either by offering a donation or long-term intervention on the project.

THEME: RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: “THE DUTY TO PROTECT, RESPECT, PROMOTE AND FULFILL”

- People with disabilities faces a myriad of challenges and most of them are kept in the dark and never discussed. The society out of misinformation choose to segregate them and in some cases denying those basic rights, such as the right to education, right to socialize with other people and the attendant stigma that takes a psychological toll on the victims.
- People with disabilities are the most marginalized and vulnerable group in Kenya. They are often abused, exploited and excluded by society, denying them of their right to health, protection and education.
- The work camp provides an opportunity for all actors to renew their commitments towards improving the plight of marginalized and vulnerable by organizing activities aimed at including people with disabilities hence actively integrating them into the community development spectrum. There is a lot of stigma within communities towards homes and institutions with people with disabilities.
- The public needs to know that they can be useful citizens in the future and also contribute towards the development of the country. Because of the continued stigma, parents often hide their children and deny them their rights, thinking they are totally helpless. Volunteers together with community members and people with disability will create forums where the local will be enlightened and enabled to understand that “Disability is not inability”.
- The volunteers will work together with members of the local community to address the issue of stigma and access to basic facilities and the place of children with disabilities in the contemporary world

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 4th July 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 5th July 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi
- Airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details.
- The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence for accommodation at subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES: The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the 3-week work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfers from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

KVDA offers educational tours to spectacular sites including the renowned Maasai Mara Game Reserve at separate fees. Please contact us for specific tour information.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Volunteers will stay in a homestead with very basic living conditions.
- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns.
- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is no electricity connection at the project but volunteers can charge their electric appliances at the nearest market center.
- However, the Government policy to install ICT in primary schools has seen connectivity to the national power grid for most educational institutions in Kenya and this makes it easy for volunteers to use electric appliances while at the project.

- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Below are the emergency contacts for Kenya Voluntary Development Association:

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JULY 2020

PROJECT NAME: MAHIAKALO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

CODE: KVDA/STV/07C

DATES: 4TH TO 25TH JULY 2020

ORIENTATION: 4TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 5TH JULY 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 25TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 26TH JULY 2020

LOCATION: BUKHUNGU LOCATION, KAKAMEGA COUNTY

THEME: YOUNG WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF YOUTH WORK AND VOLUNTEERING

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHO WE ARE

Mahiakalo Child Development Centre is a department of Mahiakalo Church of God that deals with holistic development of children within the community it serves. We nurture children in the four development areas that is physical, spiritual, socio-emotional and cognitive to ensure that at the end of the program the child becomes a fulfilled Christian adult.

Mahiakalo CDC is located in Kakamega County, Municipality Division, Bukhungu Location, Shirere sub-location, Mwiya village.

Majority of the children who are on the project are orphans, partial orphans, children under foster care or guardian and are from a very poor background.

Vision Statements

To be an excellent Christian based bridge in holistic child development and community empowerment.

Mission Statement

Mahiakalo Child Development Centre is committed to advocate for children by facilitating holistic development through support & mentorship to enable them attain self-reliance and execute Christian virtues.

Target Population

The Centre accepts any child between the ages of three (3) and six (6) who are less fortunate within the society and lives within a radius of 5 km from the church.

Strategies

- Education
- Child protection
- Caregiver empowerment
- Medication
- Nutrition

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: EDU/KIDS

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Manual work at the school
- To educate children through teaching and exposing them to various functions such as camps, workshops, rallies etc
- To teach children healthy life-skills
- To provide children with opportunities for physical activity
- To encourage parent involvement and empower them through trainings in IGAs
- To support parents and strengthen families

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: YOUNG WOMEN EMPOWERMENT TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF YOUTH WORK AND VOLUNTEERING

- Non formal education sector and employability of youth with fewer opportunities and young women.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To develop the active participation of young people and young women with fewer opportunities to the non-formal education sector and to the local communities;
- To share best practices on employment paths within NGOs and youth sector;
- To exchange the different working methods about non formal education and active citizenship;
- To realize training courses for youth workers, active participants, youth organizations and multiplier actors in order to empower their capability to develop deep-rooted projects at local level.
- To develop new working methods that would support employability;
- To empower the youth and NGOs capability in developing partnerships and networks;
- to promote activities encouraging the policy dialogue in the field of youth;
- to contribute the development of the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of voluntary service organizations in the youth field.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 4th July 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 5th July 2020.

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi
- Airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details.

- The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence for accommodation at subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES

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INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

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WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns. Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- The Government policy to install ICT in primary schools has seen connectivity to the national power grid for most educational

institutions in Kenya and this makes it easy for volunteers to use electric appliances while at the project.

- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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JULY 2020

PROJECT NAME: RODDY'S ECO COVER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

CODE: KVDA/STV/07D

DATES: 1¹TH – 31ST JULY 2020

ORIENTATION: 1¹TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 12TH JULY 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 31ST JULY 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 1ST AUGUST 2020

LOCATION: VIHIGA COUNTY, WESTERN KENYA

THEME: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Roddy's Eco-Cover is a community-based organization founded in 2011 to champion environmental awareness with forestry as key concern
- The project was established by members of the local community with the aim of empowerment for the less fortunate members in the quest to tackle development challenges at the grassroots.
- Its major focus is on environmental concern to mitigate the effects of climate change and foster inter-cultural education among the local community
- The project is located at Ebuyangu village in Emuhaya constituency in Vihiga country that is situated in Western Kenya
- It is situated 430 Kilometers away from Nairobi city and its located in an area that is famed for cultural diversity due to the high population density
- The volunteers will be hosted in a homestead to experience cultural diversity and learn to live and interact with members of the host community in an atmosphere of cooperation and solidarity
- This project has hosted previously both local and international volunteers and it has great potential for the replication of its activities in equally challenging circumstances in other regions of Kenya

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: STUDY/ENVI

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Manual work and intercultural activities

- Agro forestry that will include tree planting
- Preparation of tree nurseries and weeding
- Land scaping and tending to bamboo trees in the natural habitat
- Cleanup activities
- Naming of trees
- Home visits
- Inter-cultural learning coupled with home visits for exposure to development challenges.
- Possibility to visit the historic sites like Hippo point on Lake Victoria in Kisumu City, renowned Kakamega Rain Forest and the Equator point at Maseno University; among other spectacular sites of interest in the region. However, this will be done most probably during the weekends.

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM/CHALLENGES

CHALLENGES FACING YOUTH IN KENYA: Below are some risk factors that affect entrepreneurship development in particular:

rites of passage: The absence of rites of passage means that youth are no longer well prepared for adulthood by the traditional means of providing youth with mentors who give them advice to equip them for adulthood;

education: Suitability of education/vocational training for the labor market. There is limited access to secondary schools and alternative forms of education are lacking. There is also a need for life skills training in the education curriculum. At present, students are trained just to pass exams;

inequality/regional disparity: There is inequality in many fields, and often this has a regional aspect. Youth in certain geographical regions are marginalized, with restricted access to opportunities that are available to other young persons. In urban areas, poor youth and those living in slum areas have severely limited access to services and opportunities;

society's attitude towards youth: Youth face discrimination purely on the grounds of age. This is legitimized by beliefs such as wisdom only comes with age, and that youth is merely a transition period. Society also perceives youth as irresponsible and troublemakers. This perception may contribute to difficulty in obtaining credit;

expectations of youth: Society's expectations of young people are not very clear. A gap in expectations has opened between what parents and older generations expect of youth on the one hand, and the expectations of youth themselves (influenced by their peers, and the media, etc.). Society's expectations of youth may overshadow personal expectations and overwhelm youth. There is also an assumption that white-collar jobs are best and little encouragement is offered to youth to take up blue-collar jobs;

displacement: Especially in slum areas, the demolition of homes has displaced many youths. Others were rendered homeless by the politically inspired ethnic clashes around election time in the 1990s. Homes on proposed road routes, close to power lines and railway tracks are being demolished. The social consequences, both short and long term, of such displacement are severe;

policies: Gaps in, and unsuitability of, existing policy can be cited, along with important problems of implementation. Absence of youth participation in actual decision-making or implementation of policies affecting them was also cited. Youth are merely used as tokens in the policy formulation process;

corruption: Corruption can be cited as one of the major risk factors affecting youth. It results in unequal access to resources. It is especially cited as a problem when youth are trying to establish businesses. Those who lack money to bribe have difficulty in getting assistance to set up their businesses;

TRANSITION: Kenya is undergoing transition in many areas and this affects youth particularly. For example, there is a transition from an agrarian to an information based society, yet knowledge is not keeping up with the changes. Changes in social expectations are also resulting in confusion. Children are obliged to take on the roles of adults when households are decimated by HIV/AIDS. The influence and support of the extended family is also declining;

CHOICE OF ROLE MODELS: Negative role models tend to be elevated. There is a dearth of positive models for leadership roles, exacerbated by the negative and corrupt image of leaders projected by the media. Parents, too, may often present negative role models in alcoholism and violence. The media glorifies negative role models, such as drug barons and advertisements for alcohol glamorize risky behavior.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 11th July 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 12th July 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi
- Airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details.
- The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence for accommodation at subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES: The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the 3-week work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

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EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- There is electricity in this homestead
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns. Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is electricity connection at the project and the volunteers have an opportunity to use electric appliances.
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LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project.

JULY 2020

PROJECT NAME: SHINING STAR ECDC AND ORPHANS SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/07E

DATES: 1¹TH -31ST JULY 2020

ORIENTATION: 1¹TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 12TH JULY 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 30TH JULY 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 31ST JULY 2020

LOCATION: MIGORI COUNTY, SOUTH WEST KENYA

THEME: HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN KENYA

PROJECT OVERVIEW

SHINING STAR ECDC AND ORPHANS SCHOOL is located in Migori County, Nyatike Sub-county, Muhuru division, Muhuru -East location in Tagache Sub-location, along Muhuru-Migori road.

The School was founded in 1999 by Mr. Hevrone Killmess Mairah due to lack of access to educational institutions in the area due to its remote setting, challenges posed by orphans the majority of whose parents are ravaged by HIV/AIDS pandemic and the high illiteracy levels within the community coupled high unemployment.

In 2000 the school had a good number of children and 3 teachers and the community enjoyed the being of Shining Star.

In 2001 the school was temporarily closed due to the conflict within the local community until 2002 when this was resolved and the community agreed to host the School at the local Church due to lack of classroom buildings.

2003 the land was bought and demarcation done.

In 2005 the first classroom was built by a volunteer called **Steffi Rahn** a 19-year old from Germany.

2009 started hosting volunteers from KVDA courtesy of the Germany Government sponsored program “Weltwaerts” that afforded young Germans an opportunity to volunteer in Kenya for the duration of one year.

2011 Shining Star was registered with the Kenyan Government as a learning institution.

2012 started building dormitory for both orphans and those having parents with the help of former KVDA volunteer from Germany named Daniel, which structure has since been completed.

2013 the School started goat farming and poultry farming that is still underway. It also set aside space for an orphanage home and new toilets that are already finished.

There are more plans in the pipeline e.g. Agriculture, Business loaning for the widows and youths, competitive sports between local clubs and the School where trophies, balls and other gifts will be awarded to the participating teams

The School has a population of over 360 children, 11 teachers and 5 support staff.

The School has classes from Kindergarten to Standard eight.

Shining Star ECDC and Orphans School is a community-based education institution and caters for the needs of the orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) that had been rendered destitute.

Fishing is the mainstay of the local community thanks to the expansive Lake Victoria. Due to the easy cash courtesy of the Lake, young people have been lured to drop out of School to engage in fishing and this has negatively impacted on the community since it has resulted in early marriages, school drop outs, early and unplanned pregnancies not forgetting the spread of HIV/AIDS that has resulted in increased number of OVC's in the community. Community empowerment is crucial in achieving the overall objective of attaining sustainable development.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Early childhood development; basic primary school education;
- In 2015 the School launched the secondary school section with the first students' intake launched in February 2015.
- Care and support orphans and vulnerable Children and HIV/AIDS families;
- Enhancement of community empowerment trainings; ICT promotion and development in the local area and capacity building for community-based organizations.

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: RENO/EDU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- School renovation
- Teaching Primary School and secondary school students
- Home visits
- Cultural days for various nationalities
- Translation of thematic focus of the project together with the local people

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN KENYA

- Even though awareness of HIV and AIDS in Kenya is high, many people living with the virus still face stigma and discrimination.
- Studies have shown that although people are aware of the basic facts about HIV and AIDS, many are not informed of the most in-depth knowledge that addresses issue of stigma.
- One report revealed that of healthcare facilities that have policies to protect people living with HIV against discrimination, only a third admitted to implementing such policies.
- People are still afraid to disclose their status and will often avoid health centers that provide HIV services from fear of being seen by neighbours or community members.
- Homosexuality is illegal in Kenya and therefore men who have sex with men face a high level of stigma and discrimination. In an attempt to find out to what extent HIV is affecting the gay community, a census for homosexuals would be the most effective methodology but with homosexual still illegal, it is unlikely to have the statistics to reflect the reality of HIV within the gay and lesbian community.
- Poverty is a major issue in the local community and is directly linked to the spread of HIV/AIDS because poverty drives HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS drives poverty. This highlights the need for a multifaceted response to both problems, but particularly to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Both these problems disproportionately affect women and youth. The goal is to try and enable the local members address community issues,

thus enhancing the economic and social empowerment of women and youth for poverty reduction in Muhuru-Bay, and linking this with activities to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS.

- These activities will also help strengthen rural community and their local economies. In the process being able to improve access to quality education for school children
- The volunteers will be required to join hands together with community members in addressing the theme of the camp in order to empower the community to coming up with a more pro-active way of enhancing the academic development of community children.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 11th July 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 12th July 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi
- Airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details.
- The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence for accommodation at subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES

The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the 3- week work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfer from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns.
- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- The Government policy to install ICT in primary schools has seen connectivity to the national power grid for most educational institutions in Kenya and this makes it easy for volunteers to use electric appliances while at the project.
- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Below is the emergency contact for Kenya Voluntary Development Association:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: +254721 650 357

PROJECT DETAILED INFO SHEET: Will be sent to the volunteer sending organization as soon as the application is accepted by KVDA

CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project

AUGUST 2020

PROJECT NAME: NYAMIRA MISSIONARIES CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (NMCD)

CODE: KVDA/STV/08A

DATES: 1ST -22ND AUGUST 2020

ORIENTATION: 1ST AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 2ND AUGUST 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 22ND AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 23RD AUGUST 2020

LOCATION: NYAMIRA COUNTY,

THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS TRAINING

PROJECT OVERVIEW



VISION

To be the best cultural performers and handicraft makers in Kenya

MISSION

To create an environment where personal and cultural change that support each other in the context of community.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To establish a presence of a successful supplier of soapstone carvings, clay and wooden artifacts locally and internationally.
2. To gain a substantial market share of the artifacts and cultural performance and tourist centre at local and international level.
3. To run orphanage home to cater for orphans and children from poor families for their shelter, food and education.
4. To engage into community development for empowering women and youth for them to be self-reliant in generating income and being in touch with socio-political realities in the country and at international level.
5. To engage into voluntary services at local and international level with interested organizations who have common objectives with our organizations to improves living standards of human beings across the world.

BACKGROUND

Nyamira missionaries was founded and registered with social development in 2002 in Kenya.

The organization is located at Nyaramba -Nyamira County in South Nyanza Region of Kenya.

The organization consists of 137 members consisting men, women, youth who vary the age of 18 years to even 80 years. The organization has the office at Nyaramba market in Nyamira county about 10 km from Nyamira town on way to Ikonge town ship center.

The organization is managed is managed by executive committee that consists of chairperson, vice chairperson, the secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and 5 members.

The organization runs the following projects;

NYARAMBA MISSIONARIES CENTER

The project attracts local and international travellers who come to relax and watch the following activities;

- a. The traditional Gusii cultural dances. These live performances that one session takes 1 hour. The dance troupe dances all Gusii cultural styles in African attires. It offers entertainment, education and information. The dance is quite vigorous and moving



- b. The artefacts are also displayed for general viewing and sale for both local and international visitors. These items are made by group members and it is one way of raising the income to up keep the organization and create self-employment for the members who always assemble at organization center to engage in this activity. They are professional and they have had exchange program with Burundi and Malawi in the past. The organization is looking for partners and volunteers from local and international level to run the program.



- c. The volunteers' rooms that are self-contained, clean, have warm water, and have even all facilities even for cooking for those local and international tourists who may wish to prepare for their own choice of food. The rooms are allocated at organization offices in good conducive environment with security and friendly neighbourhood. The organization welcomes local and international tourists to come for holidays and weekends to its facilities.



- d. The organization engages in African beautiful baskets weaving that takes place at its organization premises. They sell locally and internationally. Therefore, the organization is looking for partners and volunteers to create the market in Kenya and across the country.





AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES: Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: CULT/MANU

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Weaving
- Art work
- Women training on self-awareness and confidence building
- Women training on entrepreneurship skills and financial management
- Meetings and media campaign on women empowerment in leadership
- Home visits and topical discussion with the local people

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

These are usually symbolic gestures to enhance the solidarity of volunteers and the hosting community. Kindly contact KVDA for details in case you are willing to support a worthy cause in the community either by offering a donation or long-term intervention on the project.

THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS TRAINING

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To train women on entrepreneurship skills and financial management
- To empower men, women and community leaders on leadership
- To build capacity of women on life skills and self-confidence

ACTIVITIES

- Women training on self-awareness and confidence building
- Women training on entrepreneurship skills and financial management
- Meetings and media campaign on women empowerment in leadership

TARGET GROUPS

Activity 1: Young women aged 18 - 35
Activity 2: Young women aged 18 - 35
Activity 3: Young women aged 18 – 35

- Men aged 18-35
- Community leaders 35+

METHODS: Energizers, group discussions, group presentations, audio, videos, site visits, testimonies

INDICATORS

Objective 1:

- a) Number of women have increased knowledge on entrepreneurship skills and financial management;
- b) Number of women have started their own business

Objective 2:

- a) number of women and man having skills on leadership;
- b) number of women competing for leadership positions;
- c) number of women who are participating in community meeting

Objective 3:

- a) number of speeches to women in the community;
- b) number of women taking local leadership roles in the community

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 1st August 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 2nd August 2020.

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi
- Airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details.
- The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence for accommodation at subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES: The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the three weeks' work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfers from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- The host community will provide a house to accommodate the volunteers with very basic living conditions.
- Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns.
- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated.
- Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is electricity connection at the project and so the volunteers can use electric appliances.

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project

AUGUST 2019

PROJECT NAME: NYAMANCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/08B

DATES: 1ST -22ND AUGUST 2020

ORIENTATION: 1ST AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 2ND AUGUST 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 22ND AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 23RD AUGUST 2020

LOCATION: KURIA, MIGORI COUNTY, SOUTH WEST KENYA

THEME: GENDER SENSITIVITY: FOCUS ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Nyamanche Primary School started the year 1981 as a Government School. The School supports children from the neighbouring villages. It consists of 600 (six hundred) pupils, 350 girls and 250 boys. The school has 12 teachers, 1 female and 11 males. It has 10 classrooms, 2 offices and 1 kitchen. The school has good academic record in the County.

MOTTO;

“Strive for Excellence”

OBJECTIVES

1. To mould future leaders
2. Maintain high discipline
3. To reduce illiteracy level in the Community
4. Create platform for volunteerism.

CHALLENGES

- Cultural practice such as female genital mutilation

- Poor sanitation
- Lack of funds to facilitate the proposed development projects
- Dependency on external assistance
- Poor utilization of available resources

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The school was started with the aim of having members of the community have access to education and more so the girl child. In this community, differences between man and woman dictate a difference in their social roles and this reinforces a notion that men are more superior to women. Capacity building will provide both men and women with political insight and moral support in confronting gender issues. A woman's social status has led to marginalization. This was the very reason of starting the school so as to empower the girl child.

The project involves different types of activities. These include:

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: MANU/EDU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- School construction
- Teaching primary school pupils
- Tree planting
- Stones collection and pathways clearing
- Sensitization of the community on the side effects of FGM
- Home visits and topical discussion with the local people

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: GENDER SENSITIVITY: FOCUS ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

- Female genital mutilation is a strong tradition in this community. It is illegal. But still more than one third of the women are circumcised and each and every young woman is subjected to the cut.
- The church has preached against FGM for decades but in spite of the deep devoutness the priests do not have enough power over the souls.
- FGM has nothing to do with religion; it is a so-called culture and tradition in certain groups.
- The practice is deeply rooted in views on chastity, transition to womanhood, “purity” for marriage and basically a wish to control women sexually. In certain areas the survival and fertility of the local community is assumed to be threatened if the girls are not circumcised. Many brave young girls who refuse FGM are regarded as “unmarriageable” and become outcasts.
- It is a brutal act, painful and has led to the spread of HIV/AIDS. Volunteers will be required to liaise with other Non-Governmental organizations like Red Cross in creation of awareness to the community.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 1st August 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 2nd August 2020.

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi
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PARTICIPATION FEES

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project.

PROJECT NAME: ESIARAMBATSI HEALTH CENTER

CODE: KVDA/STV/08C

DATES: 8TH -29TH AUGUST 2020

ORIENTATION: 8TH AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 9TH AUGUST 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 29TH AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 30TH AUGUST 2020

LOCATION: VIHIGA COUNTY, WESTERN KENYA

THEME: REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION, PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

ESIARAMBATSI HEALTH CENTRE is one of the health centers established in the wider Emuhaya district to cater for the medical needs of the local people in the community. It's a community-based health center which cares for mothers, children's and also people living with HIV/AIDS. The centre also offers pre-and ante-natal cares to women. The local community is composed of the Luhya community which occupies the vast western Kenya region and the local people are hospitable and welcoming. HIV/AIDS is a major challenge in the local community that has resulted into many challenges that have had a negative impact on the socio-economic development of the community.

The health center is a community initiative that is currently run by the Ministry of health and has three nurses who work under a nursing officer in charge.

The center offers curative, preventative and promotion services.

Water is available from streams, rain water occasionally harvested and volunteers have the opportunity to learn to live in adversity and especially when Kenya grapples with the poverty challenge that is the single most obstacles to sustainable development.

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the project is to provide health care to the community using locally available resources.

The empowerment program reaches out to ensure that the local community is integrated into the day to day activities and the role of the volunteers is to play the role of the catalyst to re-activate the process.

Most community members are small scale farmers who are not even able to produce enough food to support their own families

TARGET GROUP: The target group consists of community members.

LOCATION: The project is located in Emuhaya District of the Western region of Kenya approximately eight hours drive from Nairobi city.

NATURE OF WORK: Volunteers placed in this project will be involved in the following activities:

- Medical work in the dispensary such as registration of patients, giving out patients following the doctors' description, observation and noting the progress of every patient, and cleanliness at the hospital.
- Family planning services, immunization, maternal and child health are some of the services offered at the project
- The volunteers will also be involved in awareness creation in the community to promote the sustainability of the livelihood among community members both in community forums and also in local schools. Moreover, volunteers placed in this project will engage the community members in a study topic: focus on public health and sanitation especially in the local schools to be able to develop a young generation that is equipped with information. Hence volunteers will be expected to work hand in hand with the hospital management to realize the goals of the placement in this project and thus enhance the capacity of the health facility.
- The volunteers will be assigned duties in the health facility by professional staff

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The facility offers health services to the local community members

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: MEDI

Volunteers will work for maximum of six hours daily from Monday to Friday and the schedule is flexible to suit into the capability of individual volunteers. The focus will be on the following:

WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Volunteers will be assigned duties in the health facility by professional staff
- Cultural days for various nationalities
- Home visits and topical discussion with the local people on thematic focus of the project
- Excursion to Lake Victoria in Kisumu and Kakamega Rain Forest

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch, flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION, PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

- Gender equality implies a society in which women and men enjoy the same opportunities, outcomes, rights and obligations in all spheres of life. Equality between men and women exists when both sexes are able to share equally in the distribution of power and influence; have equal opportunities for financial independence through work or through setting up businesses; enjoy equal access to education and the opportunity to develop personal ambitions.
- A critical aspect of promoting gender equality is the empowerment of women, with a focus on identifying and redressing power imbalances and giving women more autonomy to manage their own lives. Women's empowerment is vital to sustainable development and the realization of human rights for all.

- The project aims to empower the women to actively continue with the struggle to enhance their capacities and ultimately take the lead in community development. This takes cognizance of the fact that despite being overrun by pro-men cultural foundations, women remain the pillar of families and the most vulnerable gender in the current societal set-up.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 8th August 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 9th August 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

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- Airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details.
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PARTICIPATION FEES

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EDUCATIONAL TOURS

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns.
- Water is available from springs and it is recommended that drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.
- There is electricity connection at both the accommodation and health center so volunteers can charge electrical appliances.
- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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PROJECT DETAILED INFO SHEET: Will be sent to the volunteer sending organization as soon as the application is accepted by KVDA

AUGUST 2020

PROJECT NAME: EPANG'A PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/08D

DATES: 8TH -29TH AUGUST 2020

ORIENTATION: 8TH AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 9TH AUGUST 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 29TH AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 30TH AUGUST 2020

LOCATION: LUANDA, VIHIGA COUNTY

THEME: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Epang'a Primary School was founded in 1928, by community members who valued education after being challenged by the Missionaries who had settled at Kima Mission Station.
- It is a two-streamed mixed primary school. It is thus an old educational institution which without doubt, has for decades positively contributed to the general development of the people of this community and beyond.
- It is a bridge of hope many have crossed to make the entire society to be what it looks like today and to that effect, we find it quite abnormal to just watch it go down to ruins as History and the future generations may judge us harshly in the name of justice.
- The school buildings which sprung up rapidly in a feat to run away from temporary and semi-permanent structures in 1970's was poorly planned and the workmanship was very much wanting. The ratio of the mixture of sand and cement was so poor that within 19 years, most of the buildings had become so risky for habitation. One of the blocks in March 2005 was heavily brought down by storms; thank God children

were not in school then. The Ministry of Public Health moved swiftly and condemned all the 15 classrooms in March 2005.

- From March 2005, a lot of effort has been made by the community members and very many other stakeholders to provide classrooms for the children. We have got a lot of support from the Government through NG-CDF (National Government Constituency Development Fund). The Ministry of Education and Luanda Town Council, KVDA (Kenya Voluntary Development Association), Bamburi Cement Factory, Former M.P. Honourable Kenneth Marende, the current M.P. Honourable Chris Omulele, Member of Country Assembly, Administrators (Assistant Chief and Chief), friends and well-wishers from all walks of life.
- The School has a population of over 800 pupils with improved classrooms constructed and connection to the national electricity grid

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Promotion of the education growth of the children both through classroom work and also practical work in science based and Mathematics subjects as well as sporting and club activities to enhance innovation and creativity
- Career development process that will be instrumental in enhancing solidarity among the youth
- Community sanitation

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: RENO/KIDS

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Tree planting
- Teaching Primary School pupils
- Creating awareness on Youth Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development

- Home visits and inter-cultural learning

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: THEME: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM/CHALLENGES

CHALLENGES FACING YOUTH IN KENYA: Below are some risk factors that affect entrepreneurship development in particular:

rites of Passage: The absence of rites of passage means that youth are no longer well prepared for adulthood by the traditional means of providing youth with mentors who give them advice to equip them for adulthood;

Education: Suitability of education/vocational training for the labor market. There is limited access to secondary schools and alternative forms of education are lacking. There is also a need for life skills training in the education curriculum. At present, students are trained just to pass exams;

INEQUALITY/REGIONAL DISPARITY: There is inequality in many fields, and often this has a regional aspect. Youth in certain geographical regions are marginalized, with restricted access to opportunities that are available to other young persons. In

urban areas, poor youth and those living in slum areas have severely limited access to services and opportunities;

SOCIETY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUTH: Youth face discrimination purely on the grounds of age. This is legitimized by beliefs such as wisdom only comes with age, and that youth is merely a transition period. Society also perceives youth as irresponsible and troublemakers. This perception may contribute to difficulty in obtaining credit;

EXPECTATIONS OF YOUTH: Society's expectations of young people are not very clear. A gap in expectations has opened between what parents and older generations expect of youth on the one hand, and the expectations of youth themselves (influenced by their peers, and the media, etc.). Society's expectations of youth may overshadow personal expectations and overwhelm youth. There is also an assumption that white-collar jobs are best and little encouragement is offered to youth to take up blue-collar jobs;

DISPLACEMENT: Especially in slum areas, the demolition of homes has displaced many youths. Others were rendered homeless by the politically inspired ethnic clashes around election time in the 1990s. Homes on proposed road routes, close to power lines and railway tracks are being demolished. The social consequences, both short and long term, of such displacement are severe;

POLICIES: Gaps in, and unsuitability of, existing policy can be cited, along with important problems of implementation. Absence of youth participation in actual decision-making or implementation of policies affecting them was also cited. Youth are merely used as tokens in the policy formulation process;

CORRUPTION: Corruption can be cited as one of the major risk factors affecting youth. It results in unequal access to resources. It is especially cited as a problem when youth are trying to establish businesses. Those who lack money to bribe have difficulty in getting assistance to set up their businesses;

TRANSITION: Kenya is undergoing transition in many areas and this affects youth particularly. For example, there is a transition from an agrarian to an information based society, yet knowledge is not keeping up with the changes.

Changes in social expectations are also resulting in confusion. Children are obliged to take on the roles of adults when households are decimated by HIV/AIDS. The influence and support of the extended family is also declining;

CHOICE OF ROLE MODELS: Negative role models tend to be elevated. There is a dearth of positive models for leadership roles, exacerbated by the negative and corrupt image of leaders projected by the media. Parents, too, may often present negative role models in alcoholism and violence. The media glorifies negative role models, such as drug barons and advertisements for alcohol glamorize risky behavior.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 8th August 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 9th August 2020

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AUGUST 2020

PROJECT NAME: NG'ONZINI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/08E

DATES: 8TH -29TH AUGUST 2020

ORIENTATION: 8TH AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 9TH AUGUST 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 29TH AUGUST 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 30TH AUGUST 2020

LOCATION: KWALE COUNTY

THEME: GENDER SENSITIVITY: GIRL CHILD EDUCATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Ng'onzini primary school was started in the year 1964 by the Mwachinga villagers. The main purpose was to bring learning services near the community. The school was built using local materials till the year 2000 when born free foundation came to build seven permanent classrooms and an office.
- The school is a government school ran by T.S.C Teachers and P.T.A Teachers. The school has an active Wildlife club which initiated a wildlife area (elerock nature trail) near the school environment. Children are made conversant with conservation activities day by day out. Other clubs include Debate, Choir and Drama.
- Apart from the government we have NGOs which do support Ng'onzini School. These include JICA (KEMRI), Plan Kenya, born

free Foundation, Camp Kenya. K.W.S also constructed one classroom and the school is managed by committee of parents.

VISION: To educate both boys and girls.

MISSION: To develop talent of every pupil for faster development of the nation

SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

- Bring education near the community
- Educate both boys and girls
- Develop talents of every child

ACTIVITIES

- Teaching students.
- Playing games (football, netball, volleyball, and hockey).
- Creating awareness in conservation.
- Keeping and maintaining tree nursery.
- Guiding visitors in the elerock nature trail.
- Keeping the school environment clean.
- Guiding and counseling students.

NETWORKING

- The school is working under the ministry of education.
- It is linked with KNUT, K.W.S, Colobus Conservation, Plan in Kenya, JicaKemri, Bamburi Green School Project, wildlife clubs of Kenya.
- It is also connected with the local CBO called Nuru.

FINANCIAL SOURCES

- The group depends entirely on government to fund the free primary education as well as TSC (teachers' salaries).
- Parents pay money for PTA teachers' water bulls and cooks. The school receives money from the sale of *Aloe vera* soaps and tree seedling from the school tree nursery.

STRENGTHS

- Since establishment the school has been getting strong support from Mwachinga villagers.
- The Kenya government has been funding teachers to teach in the government school. Apart from the government the school is connected with NGOs and parental boards e.g. Plan Kenya, Kenya Wildlife Service, Born Free Foundation and JICA, KEMRI.
- The School infrastructure is relatively endowed with administration and classrooms
- We have a solar panel which gives lights to our class 8 boarders also the school is connected with rural electrification.

CHALLENGES

- Lack of hardware infrastructure like computers and photocopier machines to enhance operations.
- High poverty levels among the parents within the community and this hampers aspirations for higher education
- Lack of opportunities to enhance exchange program with other institutions in order to provide the platform for exposure to challenges of development.

FUTURE GROWTH STRATEGY

- The school aims at bringing international volunteering programs so as to bring in new ideas, enhance the capacities of the host community to tackle development challenges
- Our children will have to work with the international community in order to widen their horizons on cultural diversity, hone communication skills with enhanced capacities.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: RENO/KIDS/EDU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Social work
- Teaching
- Playing games (football, netball, volleyball, and hockey).
- Creating awareness in conservation.
- Keeping and maintaining tree nursery
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PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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THEME: GENDER SENSITIVITY: GIRL CHILD EDUCATION

- It is common practice for School girls to be forcefully married to elderly men in exchange of dowry and most of the cases involve primary school children.
- "It is unfortunate that while other communities are discarding traditions that drag down their socio-economic development, this repugnant cultural practice has refused to die exposing communities to ridicule. It is something that should be stopped because it denies the girl child the right to education."
- After realizing that the Kenyan government was taking stringent measures on parents engaging their children in forced marriages, some members of the community often cross into neighboring Tanzania where they perform the marriage rituals before crossing back to Kenya.
- The Kenya government has outlawed FGM and its attendant practices and its perpetrators risk being jailed. What makes teenage marriages especially appalling is that it burdens the young girls with responsibilities that they are ill-prepared for. This includes child bearing and the concomitant hustles of taking care of children.
- The culture has been a detriment to the girl child and as a result fewer girls have the urge to continue with their education as they will be married off before they complete their education.

- The future of the girl child is therefore threatened and concerted efforts must be made to reverse the worrying trend.
- Poverty is a broad-term that describes many circumstances where people lack resources such as money, housing, food, clothing, jobs, and suffer physically, socially, and emotionally from this material deprivation.
- Poverty describes a standard of living where a person is unable to afford even a basic diet. International definitions of poverty rely on the classification of the poverty level, which is a level of income below which a person cannot afford to buy all the resources required to live.
- Poverty eradication encompasses the will and strategies to stop all people from living in poverty.
- The focus will be on education, training and gender sensitivity. Inter cultural exchange is aimed at enabling people to put global awareness and intercultural learning into practice.
- This is enhanced through creating awareness through learning themes on global issues.
- In so doing it will strengthen participants' skills in working in community-based organizations actively involved in efforts to alleviate poverty.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 8th August 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 9th August 2020

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SEPTEMBER 2020

PROJECT NAME: SHINING STAR ECDC AND ORPHAS SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/09A

DATES: 5TH -26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

ORIENTATION: 5TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 5TH SEPTEMBER 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

LOCATION: MIGORI COUNTY, SOUTH WEST KENYA

THEME: HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN KENYA

PROJECT OVERVIEW

SHINING STAR ECDC AND ORPHANS SCHOOL is located in Migori County, Nyatike Sub-county, Muhuru division, Muhuru -East location in Tagache Sub-location, along Muhuru-Migori road.

The School was founded in 1999 by Mr. Hevrone Killmess Mairah due to lack of access to educational institutions in the area due to its remote setting, challenges posed by orphans the majority of whose parents are ravaged by HIV/AIDS pandemic and the high illiteracy levels within the community coupled high unemployment.

In 2000 the school had a good number of children and 3 teachers and the community enjoyed the being of Shining Star.

In 2001 the school was temporarily closed due to the conflict within the local community until 2002 when this was resolved and the community agreed to host the School at the local Church due to lack of classroom buildings.

2003 the land was bought and demarcation done.

In 2005 the first classroom was built by a volunteer called **Steffi Rahn** a 19-year old from Germany.

2009 started hosting volunteers from KVDA courtesy of the Germany Government sponsored program “Weltwaerts” that afforded young Germans an opportunity to volunteer in Kenya for the duration of one year.

2011 Shining Star was registered with the Kenyan Government as a learning institution.

2012 started building dormitory for both orphans and those having parents with the help of former KVDA volunteer from Germany named Daniel, which structure has since been completed.

2013 the School started goat farming and poultry farming that is still underway. It also set aside space for an orphanage home and new toilets that are already finished.

There are more plans in the pipeline e.g. Agriculture, Business loaning for the widows and youths, competitive sports between local clubs and the

School where trophies, balls and other gifts will be awarded to the participating teams

The School has a population of over 360 children, 11 teachers and 5 support staff.

The School has classes from Kindergarten to Standard eight.

Shining Star ECDC and Orphans School is a community-based education institution and caters for the needs of the orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) that had been rendered destitute.

Fishing is the mainstay of the local community thanks to the expansive Lake Victoria. Due to the easy cash courtesy of the Lake, young people have been lured to drop out of School to engage in fishing and this has negatively impacted on the community since it has resulted in early marriages, school drop outs, early and unplanned pregnancies not forgetting the spread of HIV/AIDS that has resulted in increased number of OVC's in the community. Community empowerment is crucial in achieving the overall objective of attaining sustainable development.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Early childhood development; basic primary school education;
- In 2015 the School launched the secondary school section with the first students' intake launched in February 2015.
- Care and support orphans and vulnerable Children and HIV/AIDS families;
- Enhancement of community empowerment trainings; ICT promotion and development in the local area and capacity building for community based organizations.

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: RENO/EDU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- School renovation
- Teaching Primary School and secondary school students
- Home visits
- Cultural days for various nationalities
- Translation of thematic focus of the project together with the local people

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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THEME: HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN KENYA

- Even though awareness of HIV and AIDS in Kenya is high, many people living with the virus still face stigma and discrimination.
- Studies have shown that although people are aware of the basic facts about HIV and AIDS, many are not informed of the most in-depth knowledge that addresses issue of stigma.
- One report revealed that of healthcare facilities that have policies to protect people living with HIV against discrimination, only a third admitted to implementing such policies.
- People are still afraid to disclose their status and will often avoid health centers that provide HIV services from fear of being seen by neighbours or community members.
- Homosexuality is illegal in Kenya and therefore men who have sex with men face a high level of stigma and discrimination. In an attempt to

find out to what extent HIV is affecting the gay community, a census for homosexuals would be the most effective methodology but with homosexual still illegal, it is unlikely to have the statistics to reflect the reality of HIV within the gay and lesbian community.

- Poverty is a major issue in the local community and is directly linked to the spread of HIV/AIDS because poverty drives HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS drives poverty. This highlights the need for a multifaceted response to both problems, but particularly to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Both these problems disproportionately affect women and youth. The goal is to try and enable the local members address community issues, thus enhancing the economic and social empowerment of women and youth for poverty reduction in Muhuru-Bay, and linking this with activities to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS.
- These activities will also help strengthen rural community and their local economies. In the process being able to improve access to quality education for school children
- The volunteers will be required to join hands together with community members in addressing the theme of the camp in order to empower the community to coming up with a more pro-active way of enhancing the academic development of community children.

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SEPTEMBER 2020

PROJECT NAME: KITO INTERNATIONAL

CODE: KVDA/STV/09B

DATES: 5TH -26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

ORIENTATION: 5TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

LOCATION: KAWANGWARE, NAIROBI COUNTY

THEME: PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **KITO International** is a non-profit social enterprise dedicated to *getting youth off the streets and out of poverty*. Inspired and founded by a former street boy, KITO combats homelessness by providing economic opportunities.
- KITO trains youth in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, employability skills, and life skills. After 2 months of intensive training, KITO youth are temporarily employed with KITO's social enterprise, EcoSafi, in order to gain hands-on experience in a formal employment setting.
- KITO staff and supporters also seek opportunities to link KITO youth to mentorships, internship, or apprenticeships in and around the community in order to expand the youth's knowledge and confidence in order to set them on the path towards self-sufficiency.
- KITO is dedicated to the success of each and every youth that walks through its doors and customizes each youth's exit strategy to ensure their continued success and growth. Previous KITO graduates have continued their education, secured full-time employment, and started their own business.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Training youths in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, employability and life skills
- Mentorship and apprenticeship
- Design and production of custom-made bags from bio degradable materials, printing of T-Shirts and other related works

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: RENO/EDU

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MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Training youths in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, employability and life skills
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THEME: PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT

To exchange new project management tools in order to strengthen capacities to design, lead and evaluate international IVS projects

Project Cycle Management - PCM: International training course – ITC, targeting local youth/social workers, representatives of local and international organizations.

AIM:

- To exchange new project management tools in order to strengthen capacities to design, lead and evaluate international IVS projects with a particular focus on gender equality
- To examine case studies, to share experiences and best practices about different steps of the project cycle (needs assessment and analysis, set up a monitoring system and evaluation methods and tools)

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SEPTEMBER 2020

PROJECT NAME: ESIKOMA COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS

CODE: KVDA/STV/09C

DATES: 5TH -26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

ORIENTATION: 5TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 26TH SEPTEMBER 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

LOCATION: MARACHI CENTRAL/BUTULA IN BUSIA COUNTY

THEME: TO BUILD THE CAPACITY OF YOUTH ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Esikoma Community Health Volunteers (ECHV) is a community self-help group established in 2014 by local volunteers operating within Butula Sub County with its main office at Esikoma Market within Marachi central Ward, focusing on Health and community development and other health related issues.
- Having realized all these problems within the community, few members from Butula who were trained, decided to establish a group which could address the above-mentioned health issues. The group was then referred to as Esikoma Community Health Volunteers (ECHV).
- Most orphans whose parents died from HIV/AIDS. Were infected by jiggers, this was as a result of parental and guardian poor care. In general these children lacked basic needs such as health care, shelter, education, and clothing among others.

GROUP'S OBJECTIVES

- Take an active role in implementation of community Development programs in Butula Sub-County.
- To create and promote awareness among the members of the community on sustainable natural resource management.
- To facilitate information generation, sharing and networking amongst all members of the community, and other SHG.
- To establish income generating activities that will sustain and improve the livelihood of the community.
- To support people living with HIV-AIDS to increase access and improve quality of healthcare by providing nutritional supplements.
- To build the capacity of youth on adolescent sexual and reproductive health.
- To educate the local community on girl child education.

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: EDU/HEALTH

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Rehabilitation of Busia wetlands
- Environmental education to schools
- Conservation of Busia wetlands
- Support of venerable children in the communities
- Rural renewable energy management and conservation
- Nature based livelihood support

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

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- Gender equality implies a society in which women and men enjoy the same opportunities, outcomes, rights and obligations in all spheres of life.
- Equality between men and women exists when both sexes are able to share equally in the distribution of power and influence; have equal opportunities for financial independence through work or through

setting up businesses; enjoy equal access to education and the opportunity to develop personal ambitions.

- A critical aspect of promoting gender equality is the empowerment of women, with a focus on identifying and redressing power imbalances and giving women more autonomy to manage their own lives.
- Women's empowerment is vital to sustainable development and the realization of human rights for all.
- The project aims to empower the women to actively continue with the struggle to enhance their capacities and ultimately take the lead in community development.
- This takes cognizance of the fact that despite being overrun by pro-men cultural foundations, women remain the pillar of families and the most vulnerable gender in the current societal set-up.

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OCTOBER 2020

PROJECT NAME: MIWANI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/10A

DATES: 3RD -24TH OCTOBER 2020

ORIENTATION: 3RD OCTOBER 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 4TH OCTOBER 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 24TH OCTOBER 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 25TH OCTOBER 2020

LOCATION: MALINDI COUNTY, COAST KENYA

THEME: HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN KENYA

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Miwani Primary School is in the north coast, situated in Miwani village, Ganda location in Malindi Constituency. It is a community school run by Maziwani Primary School with the full support of both the community and the local government.
- Miwani has 158 pupils with a team of 9 teachers who work under very difficult and appalling situation in order to educate these kids. The village has a population of about 1000 people respectively.
- The school was established in 2011 following the need to start another school given that the population had increased and the other public schools were a distance away. As it were, a few structures were set up with the help of local government and the school began running.
- The school is in the heart of the village and enjoys serenity and tranquility of nature. However, most community members lack education thus is faced with a lot of economic hardships and poverty

as a result. Therefore, the support extended to the school remains minimal considering the life challenges that they undergo.

- In order to seal this gap, **Mafanikio Community Based Organization** has partnered with the school, local government and the county government in order to provide intervention measures to improve the school infrastructure, provision of learning instructional materials, international volunteer services and school feeding program as a way of providing a conducive learning environment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project has short and long term goals that shall ensure that it stands on its own after a span of two years. The goals include;

- Teaching Mathematics, English & Social studies
- Sports & games activities
- Community meetings participation
- Community development
- Identifying weak students and focusing on their potential strengths
- Assisting the head teacher in admin work

The short-term goals include;

1. Providing furniture to the teachers (tables & chairs)
2. Construction of 3 Toilets

The long-term goals;

1. Borehole
2. Classrooms and
3. Fence

The government has pledged to construct two classrooms in aid of school development. As a way of supporting the school, the local government together with other stakeholders shall organize for a fundraising for another classroom in December 2017.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Offering teaching services to the children especially in Mathematics, English & Science

- Organizing educational trips and talent show activities
- Helping out in the poultry project (management & operation) and to some extent manual work
- Supporting school administration

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: RENO/EDU

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Teaching Mathematics, English & Social studies
- Sports & games activities
- Community meetings participation
- Community development
- Identifying weak students and focusing on their potential strengths
- Translation of thematic focus of the project together with the local people

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

These are usually symbolic gestures to enhance the solidarity of volunteers and the hosting community. Kindly contact KVDA for details in case you are willing to support a worthy cause in the community either by offering a donation or long-term intervention on the project.

THEME: HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN KENYA

- Even though awareness of HIV and AIDS in Kenya is high, many people living with the virus still face stigma and discrimination. Studies have shown that although people are aware of the basic facts about HIV and AIDS, many are not informed of the most in-depth knowledge that addresses issue of stigma.
- One report revealed that of healthcare facilities that have policies to protect people living with HIV against discrimination, only a third admitted to implementing such policies. People are still afraid to disclose their status and will often avoid health centers that provide HIV services from fear of being seen by neighbours or community members.
- Homosexuality is illegal in Kenya and therefore men who have sex with men face a high level of stigma and discrimination. In an attempt to find out to what extent HIV is affecting the gay community, a census for homosexuals would be the most effective methodology but with homosexual still illegal, it is unlikely to have the statistics to reflect the reality of HIV within the gay and lesbian community.
- Poverty is a major issue in the local community and is directly linked to the spread of HIV/AIDS because poverty drives HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS drives poverty. This highlights the need for a multifaceted response to both problems, but particularly to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Both these problems disproportionately affect women and youth. The goal is to try and enable the local members address community issues, thus enhancing the economic and social empowerment of women and youth for poverty reduction in Gideon Mosi, and linking this with activities to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. These activities will also help strengthen rural community and their local economies. In the process being able to improve access to quality education for school children
- The volunteers will be required to join hands together with community members in addressing the theme of the camp in order to empower the community to coming up with a more pro-active way of enhancing the academic development of community children.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 5th September 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 6th September 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

- The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi
- Airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details.
- The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence for accommodation at subsidized fee

PARTICIPATION FEES

The project participation fees that is all-inclusive for the 3- week work camp is **Euro 300**

INSURANCE: KVDA does not provide insurance and volunteers should obtain travel insurance cover. It is a good idea to get medicine you are used to from your home country and seek advice from your personal doctor.

WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

Project preparation cycle, return transfer from the airport and the project, KVDA administration, orientation, certificate of participation, project coordination, facilitation, evaluation and monitoring

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Excursion activities, local travel while in the community, personal effects, needs and wants.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

KVDA offers educational tours to spectacular sites including the renowned Maasai Mara Game Reserve at separate fees. Please contact us for specific tour information.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Volunteers will stay in classrooms at the School with very basic living conditions. Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges.
- KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns. Water is available from springs and it is recommended that

drinking water should be boiled or medicated. Mineral water available at supermarkets is also recommended.

- The Government policy to install ICT in primary schools has seen connectivity to the national power grid for most educational institutions in Kenya and this makes it easy for volunteers to use electric appliances while at the project.
- Furthermore, we invite you to bring typical food, spices, drinks, games and music from your country (for an intercultural evening) – and a lot of motivation!

LANGUAGE: English is the language of the work camp. There will be a possibility of learning Kiswahili and other international and local languages as cultural diversity is a major component in international service

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Below is the emergency contact for Kenya Voluntary Development Association:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: +254721 650 357

PROJECT DETAILED INFO SHEET: Will be sent to the volunteer sending organization as soon as the application is accepted by KVDA

CONFIRMATION DEADLINE: Should be done via e-mail at least one month before the start of the project

NOVEMBER 2020

PROJECT NAME: OLOISUKUT GROUP CONSERVANCY

CODE: KVDA/STV/11A

DATES: 7TH TO 28TH NOVEMBER 2020

ORIENTATION: 7TH NOVEMBER 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 28TH NOVEMBER 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

LOCATION: NAROK COUNTY, RIFT VALLEY

THEME: CONSERVATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The **Maasai Mara National Reserve** (also known as **Masai Mara** and by the locals as **The Mara**) is a large [game reserve](#) in [Narok County, Kenya](#), contiguous with the [Serengeti National Park](#) in [Mara Region, Tanzania](#). It is named in honor of the [Maasai people](#) (the ancestral inhabitants of the area) and their description of the area when looked at from afar: "Mara," which is Maa (Maasai language) for "spotted," an apt description for the circles of trees, scrub, savanna, and cloud shadows that mark the area.

It is globally famous for its exceptional population of [Masai lions](#), [African leopards](#) and [Tanzanian cheetahs](#), and the annual migration of [zebra](#), [Thomson's gazelle](#), and [wildebeest](#) to and from the [Serengeti](#) every year from July to October, known as the [Great Migration](#).

The Maasai Mara National Reserve is only a fraction of the Greater Mara Ecosystem, which includes the following Group Ranches: Koiyaki, Lemek, Ol Chorro Oirovua, Olkinyei, Siana, Maji Moto, Naikara, Ol Derkesi, Kerinkani, Oloirien, and Kimintet

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY



AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit`

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: CONSERVATION

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday. They will work together with the local community members on the following activities:

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Tree planting
- Renovation of school classrooms and painting at the institution

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- The theme of Discussion: Environmental conservation
- Visits to Schools and homes in the neighbourhood

- Sports with pupils and local Maasai community
- Learning the Maasai culture and adventure within the Maasai Mara Game Reserve

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

This is outlined in the detailed info sheet and includes, sleeping bag and mat, toiletries, torch/flashlight, sandals, mosquito net, national flag from your country, among others

DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: CONSERVATION

- Environmental management and rehabilitation strategies are essential in Kenya, as 70 percent of the country's workers are employed in agriculture. In addition to this, [ecotourism](#) makes up nearly 20 percent of the country's GDP.
- Despite Kenya's economic reliance on environmental health, 80 percent of the country's land is arid or semi-arid. Only a small percentage of land is suitable for growing crops, and even these fertile areas are fragile. With poor agricultural management, the top soil is easily washed away.
- Kenya's poorest are the most likely to live in arid regions. Poverty cyclically increases with the scarcity of productive soil, clean water, effective sanitation and market opportunities. Without these critical resources, the poor are unable to improve their livelihoods.
- Environmental conservation in Kenya is key to its development. While enforcing conservation is challenging due to population pressures, raising public awareness of environmental issues could also raise support for such measures.

- As smallholder farmers seek [arable land](#), they encroach on Kenya's indigenous forests. Because of Kenya's richness in non-timber forest products such as medicinal plants, essential oils and beeswax, the destruction of its forests harms both its wildlife and its economy. Conserving the forests is pivotal to protecting both Kenya's resources and its 50 endangered species.
- The beautiful mangrove forests and coral reefs that line Kenya's Indian Ocean border are also a substantial form of revenue for the country, providing both ecotourism destinations and ecosystem services.
- To further promote the ecological perspective of Kenya's government, the Nature Conservancy and the Northern Rangelands Trust have collaborated to develop community conservancies in the northern semi-arid grasslands.
- These conservancies cover 3 million hectares, within which over 200,000 people from 17 different ethnic tribes reside. They strive to help Kenyan communities engage in environmental conservation.

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 7th November 2020 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 8th November 2020

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES:

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PARTICIPATION FEES

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WHAT DOES THE PARTICIPATION FEES COVER?

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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DECEMBER 2020

PROJECT NAME: SHIMBA HILLS FOREST GUIDES ASSOCIATION

CODE: KVDA/STV/12A

DATES: 5TH TO 22ND DECEMBER 2020

ORIENTATION: 5TH DECEMBER 2020

TRAVEL TO THE PROJECT: 6TH DECEMBER 2020

PROJECT CLOSURE: 22ND DECEMBER 2020

TRAVEL FROM THE PROJECT: 23RD DECEMBER 2020

LOCATION: KWALE COUNTY, COAST KENYA

THEME: PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Shimba Hills Forest Guides Association (SHIFOGA) is a group comprising of local youths who came together to support eco-tourism at the Shimba Hills National Reserve. The group formed in 2004 is involved in guiding tourists through the reserve in addition to other environmental conservation activities.

MISSION: To actively participate in conservation endeavors of the Shimba Hills and to sensitize the locals on the benefits of the reserve.

VISION: To have a conservation conscious community

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Tour guiding in the Shimba Hills National Reserve and also the SHIFOGA Forest Nature Trail; Tree planting and the ongoing maintenance of tree nurseries; Management and maintenance of the local sanitation program (public toilet); Bee keeping and butterfly farming; Creation and continuity of school education programs

AGE: Volunteers have to be at least 18 years old to participate in the work camp. There is no upper age limit`

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: HERITAGE

Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday. They will work together with the local community members on the following activities:

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Conservation activities
- Tree planting and farming
- Undertake basic research on World heritage

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from Kenya and the international community

WHAT TO CARRY?

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