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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 JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2019

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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 2019

CAMP CODE	NAME	LOCATION	DATES	TYPE	VOLS (MAX)	AGE	PARTICIPATION FEES
KVDA/STV/06A	Ushuhuda Network for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Webuye	Webuye in Bungoma County	02.06-23.06.	MANU/KIDS	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/06B	Kenya Institute of Organic Farming	Kiambu County	08.06-29.06.	AGRICULTURE	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/06C	A Thousand villages Initiative	Kisumu County	08.06-29.06.	EDU/SOCI/MANU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07A	Nyabosongo Bena Academy	Migori Country in South West Kenya	06.07-27.07.	RENO/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07B	St. Joseph's Nyamosense Special unit School	Migori Country in South West Kenya	06.07-27.07	KIDS/DISABILITY	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07C	Arise and Shine Care Center	Kisumu County	06.07-27.07	EDU/KIDS	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/07D	Roddy's Eco Cover	Vihiga County in Western Kenya	13.07-31.07	STUDY/ENVI	20	18-99	300
KVDA and UVIKIUTA BILATERAL WORKCAMP	Roddy's Eco Cover	Vihiga Country	16th July to 17th August 2018	ENVI	20	18-99	400 (200 for Kenya and 200 for Tanzania)
KVDA/STV/08A	Nyamira Missionaries Cultural Development	Nyamira County	03.08-24.08	CULTURAL	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/08B	Esiarambatsi Health Center	Vihiga County in Western Kenya	03.08-24.08	MEDICAL	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/08C	Nyamanche Primary School	Migori County	03.08-24.08	MANU/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/08D	Epang'a Primary School	Vihiga County in Western Kenya	03.08-24.08	RENO/KIDS	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/09A	Gideon Mosi Primary School	Taita Taveta County	07.09-28-09	RENO/EDU	20	18-99	300
KVDA/STV/09B	Newstar Drama Group	Kisii County	07.09-28-09	PERFORMING ARTS	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 WORKCAMP

- 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

JUNE 2019

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

CODE: KVDA/STV/06A

DATES: 2ND -23RD JUNE 2019

ORIENTATION: 2ND JUNE 2019

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.

Its 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 calls 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 majorly guiding and counseling
- 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 2nd June 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 3rd June 2019.

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES: The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details. The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence in Karen for accommodation that has highly subsidized rates

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 are the emergency contacts for Kenya Voluntary Development Association:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: 0721 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 2019

PROJECT NAME: KENYA INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC FARMING

CODE: KVDA/STV/06B

DATES: 8TH TO 29TH JUNE 2019

ORIENTATION: 8TH JUNE 2019

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.

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 border s 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.

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: 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



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WHAT TO CARRY?

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- 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.

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PROJECT NAME: A THOUSAND VILLAGES INITIATIVE

CODE: KVDA/STV/06C

DATES: 8TH -29TH JUNE 2019

ORIENTATION: 8TH JUNE 2019

LOCATION: KISUMU COUNTY, LAKE REGION

THEME: SCHOOL DROP-OUT AMONG GIRLS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

PROJECT OVERVIEW

A Thousand Villages Initiative [ATVI] is a **legally constituted** a grass roots **not-for-profit**, community based organization which was founded early **2013 voluntarily** by a group of youth led by the **founder/chair Edwin Okinyi and secretary Susan Kitaga** in Nyando Sub County, Kisumu County, in Nyanza province located west of Kenya. **ATVI later gained legitimacy on December 2014, from The Ministry of Labour, Social, Security and Services**, Kenya Local Government. **Registration No NDO/CBO/023.**

The founding members felt the need to come together and address issues affecting the grassroots population by generating platforms that will attempt to provide solutions to the current pressing challenges affecting the underserved population in Nyando sub-county.

Many of the challenges experienced in our communities have been as a result of poor access and lack of educational essentials, poor access to health services poor access to information and knowledge, lack of opportunities to provide livelihood for the growing population, cultural practices, myths, HIV/AIDs, illiteracy, ignorance, natural calamities among others.

Key focus areas

ATVI is an important foundation that attempts to tackle issues related to the poorest sections of the society and operates independently through local and international partnerships in attempting to strengthen

government systems towards the welfare of people living in Nyando Sub-county.

ATVI undertakes and focuses on a wide array of sectors and programs, namely: - **Health and wellness, Education and information Communication Technology Agriculture, talent Nurturing and sports.**

Our target groups include:-

Orphaned and vulnerable children

Youth men and women

People living with HIV and AIDS & Physically challenged population

Our mission: To improve lives in sustainable, measurable and lasting ways by connecting ideas, resources, expertise and people who have a stake in the issues affecting their communities, through customized responses that address multiple aspects of people's lives, and exponentially increase the impact of the people

Our vision: A Thousand Villages Initiative envisions a world in which all individuals and communities have the opportunity to reach their highest potential.

Objectives:-

- 1. Contribute in improving access to good healthcare and maintaining good health especially for the underserved communities within Nyando sub-county stretching other distressed areas of Kisumu County.**

Activities include - Creating HIV awareness and prevention measures in the community, sensitization on ARVs uptake for the infected and ARV defaulters. Sensitizing the community on Malaria and Cholera prevention measures through community forums to reduce infections and outbreaks e.g. sleeping under treated nets, taking anti-malaria tablets, spraying potential breeding areas for mosquitoes, Aid in creating access to clean water for the community, sensitize the community to drink safe boiled water or treated water. Sensitize the community on bad cultural practices that promotes HIV and other infections e.g. marrying widows living with

HIV and AIDS and aid in the adoption of good culture that promotes good health. Create platforms to aid in reducing infant mortality rates e.g sensitizing expectant mothers on the importance of visiting anti- natal clinics for regular check-ups

2. Contribute in improving access to education and access to knowledge for the OVC's and other vulnerable age groups living in Nyando Sub-county stretching other areas of Kisumu County.

Activities include – Conducting periodical motivational and career building talks at the local primary schools in Nyando sub-county to aid in building positive behavior towards school, self-esteem and increasing transition rates to Secondary education to both boys and girls. Sensitizing pupils on the high benefits of coming to school every day to be educated and also making follow ups by sensitizing the parents [especially illiterate and semi- illiterate] on the importance of sending their children to school to get education. Volunteer in teaching school subjects to help in improving subject grades of the weak pupils and general performance for all. Sensitizing female pupils on their reproductive health and underlying causes of early pregnancies, the negative effect on their education processes and how to avoid it. Aid in supporting vulnerable girls with sanitary pads to enhance their normal education continuity and reduce potential drop outs. Aid in enhancing schools extracurricular activities by engaging pupils through physical activities e.g. 'peace games' as an interaction platform that helps in promoting team building spirit, reducing tension, creating harmony and acceptance among pupil to pupil and teacher to pupil relationship that in the end builds great virtues required for them to succeed in current social set ups and situations.

3. Contribute in improving food security in Nyando sub-county and improve livelihoods of the poor through creation of sustainable agribusinesses that will address their economic nutritional needs.

Activities include – Conducting inter-groups forums and trainings to build capacity for groups through knowledge and skills sharing in agricultural activities to enhance positive uptake on agriculture and best practices for success.

Connecting the local communities with **potential investors/ partners** and or **volunteers** who are willing to engage and support the vulnerable groups or population through training to build capacities and self-sufficiency of the beneficiaries. Self-sufficiency of the beneficiaries.

Aid in replicating ideas through benchmark programs.

4. Contribute in advocating and improving access to sports activities and facilities for the youths as a tool for bringing people together to promote social cohesion among diverse communities to achieve development goals.

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: EDUCATION, SOCIAL AND MANUAL

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

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Creating HIV awareness and prevention measures in the community, sensitization on ARVs uptake for the infected and ARV defaulters
- Sensitizing the community on Malaria and Cholera prevention measures through community forums to reduce infections and outbreaks e.g. sleeping under treated nets, taking anti-malaria tablets, spraying potential breeding areas for mosquitoes, Aid in creating access to clean water for the community, sensitize the community to drink safe boiled water or treated water
- Sensitize the community on bad cultural practices that promotes HIV and other infections e.g. marrying widows living with HIV and AIDS and aid in the adoption of good culture that promotes good health
- Create platforms to aid in reducing infant mortality rates e.g. sensitizing expectant mothers on the importance of visiting anti-natal clinics for regular check-ups
- Home visits
- Cultural days for various nationalities
- Topical discussion on the project theme together with the local people

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

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DONATION AND GIFTS:

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THEME: SCHOOL DROP-OUT AMONG GIRLS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

School drop out among girls in primary and secondary schools has been major problem in many African societies to achieving the universal primary education (UPE)

GENERAL BACKGROUND

School drop out among girls in primary and secondary schools has been major problem in many African societies towards achieving the universal primary education (UPE).

This major problem is associated with various causes being bad cultural practices such as FGM, and initiation ceremonies, which leads to early forced marriages, thus consequences to early pregnancies.

Also socialization process among girls themselves as well as great influence of media and technology.

These factors compounded affects the girl participation in education and hence leads to drop out and eventually affects their psychological, physical, social and economic well-being.

AIM: To reduce girls school drop out in primary and secondary schools

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To create awareness amongst community leaders, parents/guardians and girls on the effects of early marriages
- To raise awareness amongst girls, parents/guardians, teachers and community leaders about sexual reproductive health (SRH)
- To advocate for integration of sexual reproductive health education programs

ACTIVITIES

- Community awareness creation meeting with girls, parents and local leaders on the effects of early marriages
- Media campaign on the effects of early marriages and reproductive health education via radio, televisions and social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter and Google+
- Public concerts and theatre events organization to sensitize girls, parents/guardians and community leaders
- Policy makers and education stakeholders lobby through workshops to integrate sexual reproductive health education programs

TARGET GROUPS

Activity 1: Community leaders, religious leaders, girls, parents/guardians

Activity 2: Girls, boys, parents, teachers, community at large

Activity 3: Girls, boys, parents, teachers, community members

Activity 4: Policy makers and education stakeholders

METHODS: Meetings, workshops, media campaigns, public concerts, theatre

INDICATORS:

Main Objective: Number of girls school drop out in primary and secondary schools
Specific Objectives: 1 a) number of community leaders sensitized on the effects of early marriage;

1 b) number of cases reduced in the community; 2 a) cases of early marriages in the community; 2 b) number of health clubs in primary and secondary schools;

3) number of schools which integrate sexual reproductive health (SRH) education programs

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 8th June 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 9th June 2019

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 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 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

The volunteers stay in School classrooms in very basic conditions where there are no beds and electricity. KVDA will provide foodstuffs and volunteers will cook their own meals in turns. Volunteers have an obligation to climb down the level of the people with the aim of exposure to development challenges. 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:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: 0721 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 2019

PROJECT NAME: NYABOSONGO BENA ACADEMY

CODE: KVDA/STV/07A

DATES: 6TH -27TH JULY 2019

ORIENTATION: 6TH JULY 2019

LOCATION: KURIA, MIGORI COUNTY, SOUTH WEST KENYA

THEME: ADVOCACY AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

This school was started in 2005 with 23 students as a pre-school and currently it has a total of 325 pupils from the pre-school to standard eight. The School has 8 classrooms on two different plots with a borehole. The School has 11 classrooms, one staff room and one administration office with the kitchen is under construction. The school is run by a Parents Teachers Association and the teachers are registered by the Teachers Service Commission. The initiation of **Nyabosongo Bena Academy** came in handy with the many challenges that affect the community.

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The majority of the community members are small scale farmers sustaining livelihood on subsistence 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 6th July 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 7th July 2019

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 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 no electricity connection at the project but volunteers can charge their 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:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: 0721 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 2019

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

CODE: KVDA/STV/07B

DATES: 6TH -27TH JULY 2019

ORIENTATION: 6TH JULY 2019

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/DISABILITY

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Teaching pupils at the Special Unit School
- Care and support of orphans
- Interacting with children with disabilities
- 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 6th July 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 7th July 2019

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES: The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details. The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence for accommodation that has highly subsidized rates

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:

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JULY 2019

PROJECT NAME: ARISE AND SHINE CARE CENTRE

CODE: KVDA/STV/07C

DATES: 6TH -27TH JULY 2019

ORIENTATION: 6TH JULY 2019

LOCATION: MIWANI, KISUMU COUNTY, LAKE REGION

THEME: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Arise and Shine Care Center is a non-profitable Community Based Organization (CBO) which is an initiative between Piny Pek, and Otieno Okado Youth Groups. The CBO was started in April 2010 and later registered in November 2010 under the Ministry Of Gender, Child and Social Development .NO. NDO /CBO/878484. It is located in Ramula Sub-Location, Ombeyi Location, Miwani Division, Muhoroni District, Kisumu County. It lies slightly 29km from Kisumu City and 8km from Ahero Town within Ombeyi Market as its operation site.

Ombeyi region as a whole has approximately 26,000 inhabitants and exclusively depends on agriculture as a source of their subsistence and cash income. Due to environmental changes especially depletion of soil through floods, backward agricultural practices, ignorance, premature deaths due to HIV/AIDS and other epidemics which have affected the agricultural production and the income of cash crops (rice & sugarcane) in negative ways, it has led to acute poverty, higher child mortality, increasing illiteracy rate cross cutting between the gender and even early marriages among the youth.

Due to the increasing poverty, unemployment, the division of labour by gender and age groups, it has been found that the youths are more dependants on their parents and guardians. Piny Pek Youth Group saw it wise forming a network with Otieno Okado Youth Group to come up with a way forward in order to alleviate all these problems, thus easing the burden on age through youth empowerment and involvement. This networking between the two groups has given birth to Arise and Shine Care Center.

OBJECTIVE / AIM

- 1) Empowerment of youths towards sustainable development geared towards poverty eradication.
- 2) Protect and nurture natural environment
- 3) To aid in the spread and creation of awareness on democratic principles
- 4) Creation of job opportunities targeting the youths and the less privileged members of the community.

MISSION: To develop an effective institution with sustainable programme aimed at youth empowerment and promotion of community and family based sustainable intervention.

APPROPRIATE:- To influence change and development of community and extra community institution, structures, values, systems and policies that cause and reinforce poverty, dependence, injustice, discrimination, inequalities, exploitation, oppression and persistent lack of the requisite capacity for active and full voluntary participation and involvement of the poor people and youths in their social economic and political development.

ESSENTIAL:- To effective and efficient achievement of the goals of youth survival, development, protection and participation, poverty reduction and protection of the natural environment through beneficiary participatory production and reproduction of an innovative combination of the following services; empowerment of youths through information and food production, appropriate technology for community informal sector development, lastly racial, religious, political, sectarian, regional and tribal basis.

STRATEGY: To implement its mission, the organization should strengthen the community groups with emphasis to the youths which helps them improve their lives.

The organization facilitates the participatory rural appraisal methods that move awareness resulting to community action plan. The organization also

provides trainings to youths group leaders on the basis of P.R.D (Participatory Rural Development) methods.

VISION: To come up with an institution with an instrumental programme aimed at achieving and empowered community with avenues for sustainable development, aimed at reducing poverty index and giving top priority to the less privileged members 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: Volunteers will work for six hours daily from Monday to Friday.

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: EDU/KIDS

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Brick making and construction work at the Polytechnic
- Youth Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development Program (YELD) implementation
- Rice farming
- Poultry keeping
- Horticulture
- 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

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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 6th July 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 7th July 2019

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES: The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details. The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence in Karen for accommodation that has highly subsidized rates

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

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

JULY 2019

PROJECT NAME: RODDY'S ECO COVER

CODE: KVDA/STV/07D

DATES: 13TH – 31ST JULY 2019

ORIENTATION: 13TH JULY 2019

LOCATION: VIHIGA COUNTY, WESTERN KENYA

THEME: PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project is located at Emmabwi sub location in Vihiga country approximately 45 Kilometers away from Kisumu city

EMMABWI VILLAGE

Emmabwi is home to approximately 5,500 residents, nearly 63% of which are under the age of 5. Sadly, only six percent of the children in Emmabwi ever complete elementary grades at school. The unemployment rate hovers at 60 percent, and for those who *are* employed, the average monthly income is only \$12 per family. Often child care takes a back seat to finding work, raising food on individual subsistence farms, and caring for sick loved ones. Many children are raised by older siblings who lack knowledge and expertise in child care.

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:

- Agro forestry that will include tree planting
- Preparation of tree nurseries and weeding
- Clean up activities
- Naming of trees
- Home visits
- Tree nursery planting
- Farm management
- Cultural days for various nationalities
- 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: 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)

ORIENTATION: Will be done on 13th July 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 14th July 2019

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES: The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details. The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence in Karen for accommodation that has highly subsidized rates

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 homestead within the community 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.
- 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 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:

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

KVDA KENYA AND UVIKIUTA TANZANIA BILATERAL WORK CAMP

PROJECT THEME: Climate Change
FIXED DATES FOR UVIKIUTA: 4 th August to 17 th August 2019
FIXED LOCATION FOR UVIKIUTA: Pemba Island, Zanzibar-Tanzania

DATES FOR KVDA: 16th to 31st July 2019 (Allow 3 DAYS between for travelling)

FIXED LOCATION FOR KVDA: Ebuyangu Junction in Vihiga County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- 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

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

- Clean up 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.

AUGUST 2019

PROJECT NAME: NYAMIRA MISSIONARIES CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (NMCD)

CODE: KVDA/STV/08A

DATES: 3RD -24TH AUGUST 2019

ORIENTATION: 3RD AUGUST 2019

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 improve 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;

1. THE ORPHANAGE HOME.



The orphanage home was started February 2008 at organization primary school, which is being managed by the organization premises following 2007/2008 post-election violence that displaced many families while other many parents were killed in that post election violence. Many children lacked shelter, food, protection and education. That is why the Nyamira Missionaries Cultural Development saw the need and humanitarian needs to set up the orphanage home to cater for these needy children who did not have parents and homes.

Apart from that, the orphanage home has continued to allow and accommodate other needy orphans from Nyamira County, but big challenge has been resources to meet the orphans' upkeep, but the organization is trying all it can to up keep the orphans.

The orphanage home has 65 children, both girls and boys, they live at orphanage home also attend classes at organization primary school and provides all necessities for the school to run including employing qualified teachers who teach the children. Others who sit for national primary examination they are sponsored to secondary school to further their high school education and eventually join universities/colleges to develop their choice of professions and be self-reliant and join in nation building.

That is why the organization will be happy to get partners and volunteers in any capacity to assist running and managing this orphanage home



2. 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 join the camp. There is no upper age limit.

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

TYPE OF WORK CAMP: CULTURAL

MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Take care of orphans
- 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 3rd August 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 4th August 2019

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 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 no electricity connection at the project but volunteers can charge their 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:

KVDA ADMINISTRATION: 0721 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 2019

PROJECT NAME: ESIARAMBATSI HEALTH CENTER

CODE: KVDA/STV/08B

DATES: 3RD -24TH AUGUST 2019

ORIENTATION: 3RD AUGUST 2019

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: MEDICAL

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 3rd August 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 4th August 2019

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES: The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details. The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence in Karen for accommodation that has highly subsidized rates

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 community with very modest living conditions. Volunteers should bring sleeping bags and mats and 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 School 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:

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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 2019

PROJECT NAME: NYAMANCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/08c

DATES: 3RD TO 24TH AUGUST 2019

ORIENTATION: 3RD AUGUST 2019

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 3rd August 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 4th August 2019

AIRPORT PICK-UP SERVICES: The port of entry to Kenya is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and airport pick up will be done on provision of full flight details. The volunteers will be taken to KVDA Residence in Karen for accommodation that has highly subsidized rates

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 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 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:

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KVDA ADMINISTRATION: 0721 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 2019

PROJECT NAME: EPANG'A PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/08D

DATES: 3RD -24TH AUGUST 2019

ORIENTATION: 3RD AUGUST 2019

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 were 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 CDF (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
- Creating awareness on HIV /AIDS
- Outreach activities on health issues in conjunction with community based organizations
- Home visits and inter-cultural learning

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

WHAT TO CARRY?

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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 3rd August 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 4th August 2019

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SEPTEMBER 2019

PROJECT NAME: GIDEON MOSI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/STV/09A

DATES: 7TH -28TH SEPTEMBER 2019

ORIENTATION: 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019

LOCATION: TAITA-TAVETA COUNTY, COAST REGION
THEME: HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION IN KENYA

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Taita hills rise from the Southeastern Nyika Plateau. They are ancient fault-block formation stretching south to Malawi through Eastern and Southern Tanzania. They sit almost cheek-by-jowl with one of the region's recent volcanic ranges, the Chyulu Hills. The project is situated on the foot of the Sagalla Hills in Taita Taveta district in coastal part of Kenya. It is approximately 7-8 hours' drive from Nairobi. Sagalla is remembered to be a home of the first missionaries in the early 1900 and these is evident with one of the first churches in Kenya still standing strong.

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

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Gideon Mosi Primary School is a relatively new institution was founded in 1990 and it has rapidly expanded to accommodate 293 boys and girls from class 1-8. The 8 Teachers at the Gideon Mosi Primary School are employed by the Teachers Service commission and they are qualified to teach all rounds from class 1-8. In cases where the teaching staff is not adequate, the Parents and Teachers Association employs teachers for a short duration of time to help bridge the obtaining gap.

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 pupils
- Awareness campaign on Human Wildlife Conflict
- 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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- 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 7th September 2019 at KVDA Residence in Nairobi and the team will leave for the project on the morning of 8th September 2019

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PARTICIPATION FEES

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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

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

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KVDA ADMINISTRATION: 0721 650 357

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SEPTEMBER 2019

PROJECT NAME: NEWSTAR DRAMA GROUP

CODE: KVDA/STV/09B

DATES: 7TH -28TH SEPTEMBER 2019

ORIENTATION: 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019

LOCATION: KISII COUNTY

THEME: TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Newstar Drama Group was founded in 1993 at Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (K.I.M.C) Nairobi and was registered in 1996 by the Ministry of Culture and Social Services. The Group moved its operational base from Nairobi to Kisii town at Kisii culture centre; in Southern Nyanza region of Kenya which it operates its programs up to date. The group is a travelling theatre group that has performed in many secondary schools,

universities, Kenya National Theatre, Colleges, Primary schools, social and cultural forums. Newstar Drama Group is a member of International Drama / Theatre and Educational Association (IDEA) which has more than 100 countries' membership worldwide.

The group consists of 15 professional actors and actresses, some of them are musicians and modern / traditional dancers, narrators, comedians, poets.

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

PROJECT ACTIVITIES MANAGEMENT

The group is run by the experienced director, finance manager, administration manager and stage manager.



*Newstar drama group –Director Mr. Isiche and the volunteer-
Sina from Germany at Kisii cultural center (Kenya)*

VISION: To advocate and champion for a better life on this earth as the educator to mankind like diseases, education, investment, human rights, good governance, voluntary and community services, youth development and poverty eradication ,international and cultural festivals and environmental conservations.

MISSION STATEMENT: To tap, train and contract performing artists e.g. actors, actresses, play wrights, poets, narrators, comedians, modern and traditional dancers.



The Newstar artistes and international volunteers at Kisii cultural center (Kenya)

OBJECTIVES

- To educate the society on diseases like HIV/ AIDS, malaria and health related issues.
- To promote environmental activities in school, universities, colleges, media stations, public and community forums.

- To perform current Kenyan examination oriented literature set books in secondary schools like Caucasian chalk circle ,the river and the source, a Kiswahili play-Kigogo and Betrayal in the City among others.
- To champion girl child rights and women empowerment at community, national and international levels.
- To engage into voluntarily community development and other community development services as individual organization, as well as in partnership with other organizations, persons, governments, friends and individuals who believe in the same course and spirit to touch and change many lives of disadvantage/marginalized people.
- To perform community theatre arts e.g. human rights, good governance, drug abuse awareness, poverty eradication and economic / political development.
- To host and participate in international exchange forums like Idea world congress, Newstar International festivals and among others.

THE CURRENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES

THE GIRL CHILD RIGHTS AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN KURIA COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN NYANZA REGION OF KENYA.

The Newstar Drama Group is currently running the girl child rights and women empowerment project in Ikerege ward of Kuria community in Migori County at following various centres in the ward

1. Gekamiri at Komomange sub location
2. Naora upper at Komomange sub- location
3. Gwikonge at Gwikonge sub- location
4. Ikerege market at Ikerege sub- location
5. Nyabokarange Chief camp Ikerege sub- location



6. Nyawetajiri at Kiomakebe sub- location

*Newstar artistes and international
artiste from Germany performing a
play on women empowerment in
Kuria October 2017*

The group uses live performances (drama) participation education theatre in the above centres in open forums particularly at market centers, fields, chief camps and churches to appeal to people to change their negative mind set on girl child rights and women empowerment.



*International volunteers watching a play by Newstar drama group in Kuria
Community 2014 December*

The group creates platforms through play performances which focuses on importance of girl child rights and women empowerment. This drama methodology is friendly to local people which eventually motivates the viewers to discuss and understand challenges, difficulties and misfortunes facing girl child rights and women empowerment in play situation like FGM, early girl child pregnancy, high rate of school girl drop outs, early girl child marriages and big education discrimination between girl child and boy child. The play situation is quite relevant and real to their day to day life. In this case, most families in Kuria do not educate girl child since they negotiate their dowry and marriages at early age of even 12 years, hence large number of girls drop out of schools, particularly

after undergoing FGM, whereby the Kuria traditional and cultural practices see such girls mature for marriages and source of income, some of the girls when they undergo FGM face dangers HIV/ AIDS, over bleeding which may lead to death and fistula.



Newstar drama group actors/actresses and international actress –Sina performing a play on FGM, girl child and women empowerment at Gwikonge village in Kuria –November 2017.

At same time, Kuria traditional and cultural beliefs / practices see girls and women only as assets to be own and seen. They are not allowed to participate in family economic undertakings; most of them are poor and beaten by husbands and even divorced without due process followed. All these factors have made a woman to be a frustrated human being in Kuria community.



Newstar drama group performs a play on FGM in church in Kuria Community in Migori County 2014 December

Given the above scenario, the Newstar Drama Group is running a training workshops and seminars to educate the community to do away with out-dated traditional and cultural beliefs/ practices that undermine the girl child and women empowerment development. The group has also set up the revolving loans for women

groups , income generating organizations in those centres of the project to eradicate poverty and empower families to counter fight the negative challenges of Kuria traditional practices hence make lives of girl child better and pursue their education to achieve their dream careers and be economic viable to nation building. At same time we target women to know their rights and defend rights of their daughters evening where possible following the legal ways to defend their rights since present Kenyan constitution recognizes and defend girl child and women rights. We want women in Kuria community to be empowered to have their small business and also do farming since Kuria families have big pieces of land. We do not want women to depend on their husbands who sometimes they take advantage to mistreat them. That is why the group runs this project throughout the year and requires partnership in terms finance and volunteering at local and international level.



The Kuria people watching a play by Newstar Drama Group on girl child and women empowerment in open air

THE LIVE PERFORMANCE OF SET BOOKS PROJECT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Newstar Drama Group trains , produces, directs and prepares Group, actors and actresses for current Kenyan examination English and Kiswahili literature set books at Kisii culture centre between late October and January of every year. The group performs these set books (plays) to various secondary schools nationwide in 47 counties particularly for examination classes form 3 and 4 students.



Newstar drama group performs a set book (play) entitled the river and the source at Murkan secondary school in Narok county (Kenya)

The group makes travel tours to secondary schools to various parts of Kenya. The project is main income for the group. The schools pay the group for the services and it is from this source of income of artistes are paid their salaries. The group at least performs 150 shows per year. This is one of the most interesting programs which expose group artists to travel to many parts of Kenya. They are like local tourists. The live literature set books' drama performance is relevant , realistic and satisfactorily, especially assisting students to grasp books contents with ease. The program enables students to understand fully - plots, devices and intensions of the writers. This will in long run contribute to good results in English and Kiswahili subjects in national examination. This programs plays a very important role to prepare young Kenyans for future as they do well in National Examination which make them go for their dream courses at universities and middle level colleges ,not only that, also the program inspires young actors and actresses in secondary schools who watch group performances on stage.



Newstar drama group performing literature set book (adopted play from a novel) entitled the river and the source by Margretta Ogola at Nakuru girls high school

Some of students end up making drama as professional careers after completing secondary school and colleges/universities

The Ministry of Education has given a permit or license to Newstar to perform set books in all secondary schools in Kenya between February and early October every year.



The students of Ibubi girls' high school in Vihiga county watching Newstar Drama Group set book (PLAY) entitled Caucasian chalk circle February 2017

THE NEWSTAR JUNIOR ARTISTS PROJECT

The group runs the junior artistes training program at Kisii Culture centre during school holidays April, August, November and December every year. The Kisii cultural center has modern hall and theater facilities which make it easy to train and produce the young artistes. These young artistes consists both females and males aged between 7 and 17, identified by the group management from primary and secondary schools all the country. Their parents support these young artistes to be trained; they are nurtured and trained for acting, modern dancing. Music/ songs, T.V children programs, narratives, poems and comedies. They also show case their performances to the public and media.



The international actress from France training newstar junior artistes at Kisii cultural center August 2017



International artistes and newstar junior actors relaxing at Kisii cultural center August 2017

The main objective of the program is to nurture, train and develop young talents for future talents and performing arts industry.

It is quite interesting and exciting to see young artistes at early age of seven acting, dancing and narrating stories.



Newstar junior artistes presenting a poem in French at Kisii cultural center August 2017



International volunteer from France training junior artistes at Kisii cultural center 2017

It is quite motivating to work with children at Kisii cultural center. Newstar Drama Group is among very few groups that develop, train and nurture children talents in Kenya.



The international artistes (the volunteers) from Sweden and France with Newstar Junior artistes at Kisii cultural center –August 2017

TYPE OF WORKCAMP: PERFORMING ARTS

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MANUAL WORK AND INTERCULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

- Performing arts
- Training on the rights of women as partners in marriage
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THEME: TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Perception that men are superior in the homes negatively impacts on relationships between men and women with the preponderance of gender based violence

GENERAL BACKGROUND

Women are considered as a property and partners in homes. This is reinforced through the cultural practices such as payment of dowry/bride price that diminished the bargaining power of women in homes. Perception that men are superior in the homes negatively impacts on relationships between men and women. Concerns have been raised about the laxity of law enforcement agencies with regards of reported cases of domestic violence perpetrating the practice and promoting the culture of violence. Polygamy is also one of the causes of domestic violence in families. Men fail to provide basic needs to the families thus bringing up conflict in the home.

AIM: To reduce the cases of domestic violence

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To create awareness on women rights as partners in marriages
- To train men and women in conflict management
- To sensitize law enforcement agencies on domestic violence

ACTIVITIES

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TARGET GROUPS

Activity 1: Men and women

Activity 2: Community health workers, community volunteers, village health teams

Activity 3: Police, local councils, prisons

METHODS: Non formal education, trainings and sensitization campaigns will be done in a participatory and informative way through group discussions/work and plenary discussions, forum theatre

INDICATORS:

- Number of women who are aware of their rights (develop a questionnaire)
- Number of domestic violence cases followed up in the year after the project
- Number of trainings organized by the trained participants in conflict management

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