



CIVS MID AND LONG TERM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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ABOUT CIVS

CIVS Kenya is a community development agency operating especially in the marginalized and poverty-stricken rural and urban areas of Kenya. We work with local Kenyan communities in order to help them realize their full potential through various projects we organize in different parts of Kenya.

We achieve this aim through its two program areas: International Voluntary Service (IVS) and Community Development

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

It is designed for people who want to participate in making a real difference in the fight against poverty and work with the local people to realize the much needed development. We organize short term, medium and long term and weltwärts project attachments throughout the year for volunteers for them to offer their services as they learn, gain exposure and experience.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CIVS has established 3 functional Community Resource Centers in Ahero, Awach and Awasi, areas classified among the poorest regions in Kenya. We offer capacity building programs to the local people with focus on Food Security, Water & Sanitation, Vulnerable Children & HIV/AIDS, Vocational Training in ICT, Early Childhood Education, Good Governance and Emergency Relief in order to mitigate the effects of hunger, environmental degradation, diseases and mismanagement of public resources.



Our ECDE and ICT Programs

We have established an Early Childhood Development and Education Program where we provide free education and day time meals to about 150 children who are either orphans or vulnerable to HIV/AIDS and other socio-economic challenges. This has enabled us retain more children in school that could have otherwise turned into school drop outs or street children.

We also offer training in computer ICT and work preparedness to the local youth in order to prepare them for the competitive job market and improve their ICT skills.

ABOUT KENYA



Name Origin: Named after Mt. Kenya by Kikuyu community

Capital: Nairobi

President: Uhuru Kenyatta

Total area: 580,367 km²

Currency: Kenyan Shilling (KES)

Geographical features: Equator, Great Rift Valley, Mt Kenya and Longonot, L.Victoria and Nakuru, Indian Ocean

Climate and weather: Changes by location and time

Urban population: 28%

Food: Ugali, Githeri, chapati, nyama choma, mukimo etc

Official Language: English, Swahili

Population (million): 47.6 M

Location: Eastern Africa

Calling Code: +254

Notable sites: Maasai Mara, Tsavo, Diani beach, L. Nakuru flamingos, Mt. Kenya

Counties: 47, Biggest is Turkana and smallest is Mombasa

Culture: Diverse among different tribes

Volunteering with CIVS will give you an amazing opportunity to explore Kenya during your mission. You will discover a new culture, the people, animals, beautiful landscapes, and local food.

WELCOME TO KENYA!

GENERAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VISA AND AIRPORT ENTRY

When you are booking your flight, please make sure that your arrival is at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Update us with your terminal of arrival information for easy identification upon arrival.

Kindly apply for an e-Visa before your arrival via a dedicated portal at ecitizen.go.ke. No Visa is issued at the airport upon arrival.

It is important to confirm the duration of your visa upon issuance at the airport's immigration section. Tourist Visa stamps are valid for 3 months (90 days) and written as written as .../3M/.... If you get a one month stamp, it is possible to extend free of charge, be aware of the exact dates of extension since extension after expiry may attract penalties. You can renew a three months visa for another three months at the Immigration Office in Nairobi. You can use the CIVS address as your address while in Kenya.

ORIENTATION

There will be an orientation seminar for new volunteers lasting 2-3 days including Nairobi city introduction and project placement. Our monthly orientation seminar can begin on any day of the week as soon as you arrive.

PARTICIPATION FEES

CIVS solely depends on volunteer contributions to support its activities.

VOLUNTEERING PERIOD	FEES
Up to 1 month	250 Euro
2 months and longer	200 Euro per month

The fee is non-refundable and has to be paid upfront or upon arrival in full. The fee paid covers the following services:

- Airport transfers
- 3-day orientation seminar
- Introduction to the city
- Accommodation and food during orientation and during placement duration

- Coordination and office support

The following costs are NOT included:

- Cost of drinks like soda, beer, mineral water etc.
- Cost of sightseeing
- Visa costs
- Direct donations to the project
- Local travelling including traveling to and from the project

TOURS & SAFARI

CIVS Kenya organizes tours and safaris to spectacular sites of interest in Kenya. Volunteers, who wish to participate, should let us know as soon as possible in order to enable us to make proper arrangements. The fee charged is all-inclusive of meals, transport, park entry fees, accommodation and tour guiding. The cost of a 3 days safari to Maasai Mara National Reserve is 340 Euros.

WHAT TO BRING

Sleeping bag, sleeping mat and mosquito net are necessary. You can also bring photos of your country, clothes, books, pens, toys etc.

NB: More of this information is available in our project info sheets.

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CIVS/MLTV-01/22: AHERO RESOURCE CENTRE

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located at Ahero junction, Kisumu County.

PROJECT DETAILS

The Ahero Community Resource Center is a project that was initiated by CIVS in collaboration with the local community in 2009 with an aim to build and strengthen the community's capacity to be self-reliant and to improve their living standards. The Centre achieves this by demonstrating how to utilize the locally available resources, to develop the community and generate income. The Center has been collaborating with the local community in various development fields through diverse capacity building programs support and services which they offer. These programs include:

Early Childhood Education Program: The center runs a kindergarten with about 90 children aged between 2-6 years who are either vulnerable to poverty, orphans, infected or affected with HIV/AIDS. The children get free education and meals at the school. In the evening they go back home where they stay with their caregivers or guardians.

ICT and Work Preparedness Training: The center provides a community hub for access of free training in computer skills and work preparedness especially to the youths. This enables them to have an increased ICT knowledge and exposure in the evolving world of technology. Work preparedness training prepares them to be viable in the job market by improving their skills and competency for employment.

The Model Farm: This is an agricultural-based unit which offers space for practical oriented training in the field of agriculture and Agri-Business. This provides the community with an opportunity to learn how to carry out various best farming operations and practices of various crops to maximise food production, improve food security and income generation. This project encompasses of the greenhouses, open farm, poultry unit, fish pond, etc. The harvest is sold in the local markets and the proceeds used as a source of income that sustains the activities of the center.

Water and Sanitation Program: This project is focused on the treatment of tap water to become clean and safe for all domestic use in the community. The water is therefore connected in homesteads and sold at economy-friendly and affordable fee as part of the income

generating activity for the center. The centre is also equipped with comprehensive rainwater harvesting infrastructure to fully utilize the short and heavy rains experienced across the area.

Community microfinance program: The center operates a locally-managed community bank from which groups and individuals can save some money and access various financial related services such as loans, etc. The center also offers a contemporary finance management skills training to the participants.

Community advocacy program: The center has a training and events hall which provides a space for holding community-based open forums on a regular basis. The program enables the community members to directly engage with their community or political leaders and raise the issues and concerns affecting them. In turn leaders directly respond and put approach measures to act upon the arising issues and concerns. This promotes active citizenship.

Feeding Program: Occasionally, the center runs a feeding program for a select group of needy children during school days by offering breakfast and lunch. This helps to improve the concentration of the children in class, to motivate them to attend to school and also helps to improve their nutrition health. The efficiency of the program depends on availability of food and support resources.

In addition to these programs, the center has been modified to also provide services to people living with disability as a way of promoting inclusivity in the community.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Working in the Model Farm: tilling the land, planting crops, , applying manure, weeding, watering, harvesting and packaging.
- Assisting in teaching the kindergarten pupils at Learn and Play Day Care basic subjects such as English, drawing, Environment Science and Creative Arts.
- Assisting in training of computer and work preparedness skills to the Youth at the projects ICT center.
- Organizing games and extra-curricular activities for kindergarten children as well as playing with them.
- Assisting in maintaining and feeding the domesticated animals: rabbits , chicken, geese, turkey
- Assisting in cleaning the sheds for the domesticated animals
- Assisting the youth in the project in designing and making customized backrests, pillowcases, window curtains, and doormats for sale to generate income and also help

in economic promotion of the goods through personal selling at the local market or online marketing to generate income .

- Assisting in the promotion of the centers agricultural products in the community through online or personal selling of the products at the local market.
- Supporting fundraising for the programs and promotion of the Center and its activities.
- Assisting in maintenance activities at the center: collecting litter, landscaping, construction repairs, cleaning the halls, slashing the weeds, painting the walls, repair connecting water pipes in the greenhouse, making a garbage disposal point.
- Assisting the the disabled in mobility and helping the facilitator at the disability project in training them basic skills in Information and Computer Technology and work skills.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will stay in a volunteers' house in the project site. All meals will be provided at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-02/22: ST. MICHAEL DAY CARE

PROJECT LOCATION

This project is located in Msambweni, Diani, Kwale County

PROJECT DETAILS

The project was established in 2013 to take care of the pre-school aged children within Diani area and its environs. Many of the parents find themselves away from the area the entire day in the quest for food, water and work and are not able to afford to pay house helps to take care of their children. The day care takes care of children whose parents have low-income jobs or are unemployed is mostly women with semi-permanent jobs using the day care. While they go looking for work, St Michael's Day Care Centre provides a safe place for the small children by providing meals and basic education. The project also seeks to respond to the needs of girls who have been abandoned and do not have a place to call home. The founder takes care of these girls whose age ranges from 7 to 14 years. The girls also go to nearby schools within the community to get access to basic education. Since the target group is quite poor and due to the scarcity of foodstuffs, many of the children of the center find their only meal of the day here-kindly keep in mind that interaction with most kids from the community is limited as a measure to control Covid 19.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

At the Centre:

- Assisting in the preparation of meals, serving and feeding of the children, Cleaning the utensils, ensuring the center is clean and the hygiene of the kids is considered
- Assisting the 4/15 day schooling children with their homework(The rest are boarding)
- Developing and facilitating age appropriate sports activities for the kids for leisure
- Developing and facilitating extra-curricular activities such as drawing, arts and crafts, music and dance to help the children discover and promote their talent

At the nearby school:

- Assist in planning and facilitating for children extra curriculum activities such as games and sports.
- Coordinate with teacher in charge to assist in teaching subjects such as English, Mathematics, Arts, Music and environmental science.
- Assist in planning for Hygiene and environment days at school and to conduct school weekly general cleaning which include: landscaping, slashing of weeds, planting and watering trees, collecting, disposing and burning garbage etc.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will stay in a host family within the project site. The host family will provide all meals.

CIVS/MLTV-03/22: MIKULINZI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located at Nairobi East, Mowlem estate, Nairobi County

PROJECT DETAILS

Mikulinzi Community Hospital is a private community health facility that established by Kenyan Doctor and later approved to operate from 2014 and Kenya Medical Practitioners and the Dentist Board registered the facility. The nursing home has been providing care and treatment to the people in the poor community of Mowlem, Saika and Dandora estates and its environs.

The facility offers services including outpatient, inpatient, laboratory, minor surgeries, pharmacy, antenatal, and child welfare clinic services. It serves an average of 20 patients per day. The facility has a total of 30 inpatient beds and 2-day care observation beds with labor ward that caters for maternity services. Most of the people served by the nursing home live below poverty level and therefore the facility has been of great help to the community as it provides health care services at a subsidized cost.

With the availability of funds, the hospital expects to establish a theatre, radiology, ambulance and dental services.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting with coordinating hospital routines and taking care of patients
- Assisting with taking patients samples, pulses and temperature information
- Preparing and updating of patients and visitors records in the hospital
- Providing advices and emotional support to patients
- Assisting the medical staff in the nursing home to frequently check on patients or administer medicines and meals

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated in a host family that is about 20 minutes' drive from the project. The host family will provide food (breakfast and dinner) and lunch whereas at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-04/22: GOOD SAMARITAN SCHOOL

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Kayole, Nairobi County.

PROJECT DETAILS

The Good Samaritan School is a formal community-based education institution that was established in the year 2004 in response to the needs of the orphans and vulnerable children in Kayole. The School is under the Good Samaritan Children Centre Umbrella, an orphanage that started because of increased number of neglected and abandoned children around Kayole. It began with two children who had been abandoned by their parents. They were then rescued by the area district officials, and brought to the founder's house who resides around Soweto slums. It hosts around 63 children both boys and girls.

The children have been orphaned for various reasons, although majority are due to the HIV epidemic, poverty and unwanted pregnancies. The children's circumstances and histories are as different as their personalities, but now they have the optimism and opportunity for a more promising future. The dedicated caregivers at the project are working hard to provide the basics of life such as shelter, security and food. However, they are acutely aware that it is education, which can break the cycle of poverty.

The teachers and caregivers at the school are dedicated and loving, doing their best with the little available resources to heartily serve the children. At the very least, they are providing these children with a friendly family-like environment. The school runs from preschool to grade 8. The children are between the ages of 3 years to 13 years. They have been incorporated with others who are able to pay school fees in order to promote inclusivity. The school section project is open to volunteers apart from the Orphanage section which due to Covid 19, measures were put forth to restrict any form of interaction with outsiders.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting in teaching of subjects such as English, Mathematics, Creative Arts, Science and Social Studies subjects
- Providing of guidance and counseling services to the children on matters of general health, HIV/AIDS and STI's,
- To train the children on basic First aid and life skills.
- Playing with the children and organizing of extra-curricular out door activities and games

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will live in a host family that is about 30 minutes' drive to the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner and volunteers will get lunch at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-05/22: ST. CHARLES LWANGA SECONDARY SCHOOL- KAKAMEGA

LOCATION

The project is located in Mukumu, Kakamega County.

PROJECT DETAILS

The Catholic Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga founded St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School & Child Support Centre in 1970. The Brothers main mission was to address the needs of Orphans and vulnerable Children in Kenya through providing them with basic needs such as offering quality education, accommodation, shelter and health care. The school also helps the vulnerable and street children get access to quality education and become reliable members of the society. It also provides psychosocial support to the students and their parents as well as enabling the students to realize their talents through games, sports and music.

The school has a population of 360 students and 24 teaching staff. It has eight streams of about 45 students per class. The school draws its strength from the spiritual formation of students, parents and guardians, which supports the students to perform very highly due to the strong discipline levels. The school is located in a serene environment that is conducive for learning. It has produced very high-ranking individuals in the society that include; doctors, politicians, businesspersons, Administrative security officers and other prominent persons in the country.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting in teaching of various subjects such as Mathematics, Sciences, Languages and Computer lessons
- Helping to to organize debates and symposiums
- Helping to teach life skills
- Organizing extra-curricular activities such as sports, games and music
- Provision of guiding and counseling services to the students

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated at the project site where they will have their own rooms and will get basic meals i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner.

CIVS/MLTV-06/22: NANYUKI FURAHA FOUNDATION

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located along Nanyuki-Marura Road in Nanyuki Town, Laikipia County of Kenya.

PROJECT DETAILS

Nanyuki Furaha foundation is a charitable children home that was started in 2014 by an Italian volunteer to Kenya in collaboration with the local community. The project was started to address the growing problems experienced by street children and it is a registered Non-Governmental Organization in Kenya.

The project provides accommodation, food, clothing and education to about 50 children of between the age 2 years and 14 years. In addition, the institution also supports other 14 children at their homes after they were reintegrated to their families and the community. In the project, the children comprise of orphans, under privileged and street children. The problem of orphans / street children is acute due to urbanization, commerce and foreigners in the town whom they beg from. Due to HIV/AIDS deaths, re-marriage of deserted / widowed / divorced women, absence of love and security in the families and family disputes, the children are left without care and support. These children are therefore involved in drug abuse, participate in anti-social behaviours and criminal activities. The project strives to mainstream such children in the national building by providing care, support and protection.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting in cleaning and care services at the home
- Assisting in mentoring and rehabilitation of the children
- Assisting in teaching at the schools where children go to
- Offering health and sanitation related information to the children
- Assisting in preparation of meals and feeding
- Assisting in clothing the children
- Developing and delivering age appropriate life skills sports and recreational activities
- Assisting in Counselling
- Other useful activities that the volunteer may think of

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Our volunteer will be accommodated in a host family. The volunteer will be required to bring with him/ her a sleeping bag. If volunteers are two and of the same gender then they will share a room. Kindly pay attention to the things you should bring to make your accommodation more comfortable.

Food (breakfast, lunch and dinner) will be provided throughout the project duration. Only basic and locally available food will be provided.

CIVS/MLTV-07/22: NEW BIRTH INSTITUTE NYAHURURU

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Nyahururu Town, Laikipia County.

PROJECT DETAILS

New Birth Institute is a vocational training center that was established in the year 2017 with a mandate to impact youths with employment and entrepreneurship skills and supporting their linkages to employment and business start-up opportunities. The program runs under the Kenyan context of high youth unemployment and targets vulnerable youth between the ages of 18-35 years. This would mean those youths that in one way or another faced difficulties in continuing with their tertiary education after high school. The main activities of the project include mobilization of potential students, induction, classroom training in computer skills, entrepreneurship and hospitality and organizing internship placements for students. The institution has so far managed to train 300 young people, out of which 140 are running small businesses. The project is interested to have volunteers who have skills and knowledge in experience in Hotel / hospitality management, computer training entrepreneurship. The project has computers, oven, cutleries, plates, full setups.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting in training of computer classes
- Assisting in training hospitality and hotel management
- Assisting in offering training in entrepreneurship and related skills
- Providing links to institutions abroad that can offer any kind of support to students and the project
- Promotion of project activities through marketing on social media

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated in a hostel room in the project where meals will be provided.

CIVS/MLTV-08/22: CIVS COMMUNITY SERVICE

LOCATION

The CIVS Office is located in Buruburu estate, Nairobi County.

PROJECT DETAILS

CIVS Kenya is a community development Organization that works with communities in the marginalized and poverty-stricken rural areas of Kenya. We do this with the main objective of contributing towards the socio-economic empowerment of disadvantaged communities and to foster harmonious relations among people of different backgrounds with innovative and customized high quality services. We believe that people should retain the responsibility for their own development while CIVS supports guides and mentors their efforts with innovative and customized high quality services. We are looking for volunteers to support our head office in Nairobi. Depending on your skills and area of interest, you can help us to improve our work.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

1. Website Design:

- Review the current CIVS Kenya website, suggest on improvement or modification and implement action on agreed areas to achieve the up to standard website image.
- Assist in regular drafting of articles or blog posts for website content update (news update) to promote maximum and active engagements.

2. Social Media Marketing:

- Monitoring & analyzing the current activities of CIVS Kenya on social media platforms and suggest on actions for improvement to enhance and improve social media competitiveness.
- Making suggestions for improvements for social media appearance & interactions and helping in implementing action on agreed areas.
- Design upcoming volunteers' events poster to market CIVS Kenya's volunteering programs.

3. Assisting in various office tasks such as: filing and reviewing of office paperwork/documents, update of office records, electronic data mining and data entry, scanning documents and making copies, assist in walk-ins of visitors, cleaning of the office premises, assist in maintaining office supplies, record minutes/notes during office meetings.

4. Attending meetings and seminars with staff on behalf of CIVS and prepare a related report
5. Conducting online research for potential volunteers' sending organizations in Europe and solicit help solicit them for partnership.
6. To brainstorm ideas aboard to help improve the general operations and services of CIVS organization to improve competency with other related organizations.
7. Assist staff in doing local project visits, fieldworks, monitoring and evaluation.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will live in a host family near the office where they will get breakfast and dinner. The office will provide tea and a snack during the day.

NB: Travelling to projects and fieldwork will require use of a public bus and the volunteer is required to cover his/her own travel costs.

CIVS/MLTV-09/22: SAFISHA AFRICA SCHOOL

LOCATION

The project is located in Mowlem, Embakasi North, Nairobi County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Safisha Africa School is a junior school that was established in 2010 by a retired teacher. It focuses on providing education to the poor and vulnerable children around Mowlem estate in Nairobi's Eastlands area. The school is dedicated to providing free lunch, books, access to medical care, school shoes and uniforms to the children who either are orphans or come from poor families and backgrounds. However, the school fees are affordable and parents-friendly for the other children. The school runs from baby class to grade 6 and has a total of 250 children majority being girls. The children are from the age of 3 years to 13 years old with a staff comprising of 4 teachers hence the need of assistance from volunteers. All the children have been trained to speak English fluently hence easy to interact with anyone who visits them. Since its establishment, about 4,000 children have benefited from the school program. The school is also involved in feeding program, street children rescue and empowerment of young girls from the slums in Eastlands regions of Nairobi County.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting teachers in writing lessons on the blackboard for the children
- Assisting in teaching children to write and pronounce words
- Assisting children in counting numbers for basic mathematics
- Playing and organizing games and sports with the children
- Telling of typical stories of different countries to the children so as to motivate them
- Teaching young teenage girls about personal sanitation and health

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated in Sosian and Buruburu estates, which are about 15 and 30 minutes' drive respectively to the project. Volunteers staying in Buruburu estate will use public bus to commute while those at Sosian may either use public bus or be transported to the project by the host family. The host family will provide food (breakfast and dinner) while lunch will be provided at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-10/22: BODY OF CHRIST CHILDREN'S HOME

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Mutarakwa, Limuru, Kiambu County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Body of Christ Children's Home was established in the year 2005 by a former government staff who always had a dream of starting a humanitarian center for the needy, poor, less fortunate and vulnerable children in society. She got a house, which was not in use, rented, furnished and started taking care of the vulnerable children. The number kept growing until she realized that feeding children alone was not enough. She then started an Early Childhood Development School within the center where children could get basic needs such as education, food and shelter.

The project, therefore, has children home 164 children. Those who permanently reside in the home are 50 children while those who attend day activities like learning, daycare and feeding are 125. The Early Childhood Development School school helps to generate income for the project. The school runs from Pre-primary one to grade 1-5. The project also supports 10 teenage students who attend senior school elsewhere.

The project also has a small farm where they plant vegetables, maize, beans, tomatoes, etc. They are also involved in poultry keeping and rearing of dairy cattle. The products of they get from these activities are used to supplement the nutrients of the children.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting the staff to clean/bath the children to maintain their hygiene and improve sanitation
- Cleaning the clothes and other project utilities used by children
- School activities e.g. teaching and playing with kids,
- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals
- Farm work: mulching, watering crops, weeding, digging of holes
- Assisting in the weaving of mats for income generation
- Assisting to take care of domestic animals and milking to supplement the feeding of children

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Depending on the availability of space, the volunteer will stay in a host family, which is about 10 minutes' walk to the project. The host family will provide both breakfast and dinner to the volunteers while lunch will be served at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-11/22: BROWNHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Nyamavilla, Kayole, Nairobi County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Brown Hill Group is a registered community based organization, established in the year 2013 to offer community services to the residents of Embakasi. After its registration, the group immediately embarked on running an education facility that best suits the interest of its community members.

The group undertook the setting up of a secondary school that would enhance quality of education offered in Kayole estate, and improve the transition rate of students joining public universities. The project started in 2012 with only 4 students. Since then, the institution has grown with total admissions reaching over 80 students after only a year in operation.

In addition to academic objective, the school aims at nurturing of talents to some former school dropout teenagers. As a result, the school football team became Embakasi District champions and proceeded to Nairobi County games. The students are aged between 15 to 18 years.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Teaching a combination of subjects i.e. Mathematics, English, Chemistry and Sciences
- Counseling sessions on issues relating to drug and substance abuse and HIV/AIDS
- Visiting and helping orphans and vulnerable children in the nearby slums
- Playing and organizing of games and sports within the neighboring schools
- Teaching life skills such as first aid safety skills.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will stay in a host family near the project site or in Buruburu host family, which is 30 minutes' drive to the project. Volunteers staying in Buruburu will commute daily to the project by public bus. The host family will provide both breakfast and dinner to the volunteers while lunch will be served at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-12/22: OLIVE HILL COMMUNITY PROJECT

LOCATION

The project is located at Panpaper, Lugari , Kakamega County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Olive Hill Community project was founded in the year 2018 with the key objective of strengthening capacities of members and the community to achieve suitable integrated social and economic management. The project has a small school that supports vulnerable children who are not able to attend government schools. The community's supports for the school program has enabled them begin to transform lives socially and economically.

The project is coming up with income generation programs like the chicken rearing, treated fence poles trade and utilization of the available farm for cultivation. Additionally, they started a football club called Olive Hailers Club that enabled the youth to realize their full potential by enabling them become good members of the society thus avoiding drugs, robbery and early marriages. They also engage some of the youth in casual labor on our farm while some who are verified group members volunteer for long term benefits. Others also assist in our periodic fence posts business initiative when we receive orders for treated fence posts locally.

They are also initiating other programs that include community-cleaning exercises, awareness programs especially on HIV/AIDS, Covid 19 and malaria to save lives of people within the community. The beneficiaries are children and teenagers aged between 3-15 years old and youth who are between 20-40 years old within the community.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Engaging in community cleaning exercises: slashing of shrubs, collecting litters, sweeping, mopping
- Assisting in teaching of various subjects like Mathematics, English, Kiswahili, Sciences and getting involved in the community based learning programs as shall be directed by staffs on the ground
- Health hazards awareness programs on HIV/ AIDS, malaria and Covid-19 pandemic
- Engaging in extra-curricular activities and sports with the youth among the community
- Engaging in farm work in the project's farm: mulching, weeding, planting, digging of seed holes, watering of crops

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated at the project site where they will have their own rooms and will get basic meals i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner. The project is in a remote village and therefore life will be very simple.

CIVS/MLTV-13/22: KAIMOSI SPECIAL SCHOOL

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Kaimosi, Hamisi , Vihiga County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Kaimosi Special School was founded by missionaries from Quakers Friends church in the year 1987 with an aim of empowering the disabled people (both mentally and physically) from the communities. The project also was to give them basic education and hope for future life as well as to make them be self-reliant and integrate them into the society. Currently the School hosts about 104 people living with disabilities who are children and young adults whose ages range from 6 years to about 32 years and they are from different communities. Most of the beneficiaries suffer from autism, Down syndrome, other mental challenges, multiple handicapped and epileptic and therefore are engaged to different classes according to their disabilities and their level of understanding.

The school offer skills to them in different classes such as Autism, Foundation, Intermediate, Prevocational and Vocational classes. The school is now a full boarding national school that is supported by the government of Kenya and the friend's Quaker church.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Helping in preparation of meals, serving and feeding the children
- Helping in nursing services such as taking care of the sick and administering medicine
- Helping in cleaning of utilities at the center: kids play area, classrooms, general activities hall, utensils, washrooms, etc.
- Engaging in dressmaking and tailoring
- Training the disabled persons in vocational skills such as agriculture, weaving, tailoring, carpentry and bead work
- Assisting with physiotherapy services to the disabled
- Offering mobility assistance to the disabled
- Taking them for outdoor events such as music, games and sports outside the school.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated in a host family, which is 15 minutes' walk from the project. Breakfast and dinner shall be provided at the host family while lunch shall be served at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-14/22: FORTUNE LEARNERS' CENTER

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located at Kwa D.O, Kayole estate, East of Nairobi.

PROJECT DETAILS

Fortune Learners Centre is a project that was founded in year 2013 as a charity organization by 10 social workers from Kayole and Soweto slums who were working in various schools as untrained teachers. Their motivation was drawn through watching their former schools sending away vulnerable children from school due to lack of school fees. They thought how they could better the lives of these poor children who had resorted to begging in the streets. The females resorted to child prostitution. After the closure of schools in the last term of the year in 2012, the untrained teachers agreed to start a community centre to provide education, economic empowerment and HIV/AIDS education including psychological support to the orphans, vulnerable children and their caregivers.

The project's core areas are education, orphan support and protection, economic empowerment for older orphans and caregivers, volunteer/Internships, educational trips, sports HIV/AIDS and gender based violence awareness. The school hosts nearly 100 children from extremely poor backgrounds, aged between 3 and 12 years. The children attend classes from class 1 to 8. The school has seven teachers.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Assisting in teaching English, Mathematics, Social Sciences and creative arts subjects
- Supporting early childhood development through organizing age appropriate games & activities
- Helping in preparation, serving of food and feeding the kids
- Assisting with administrative work of the school: maintaining and updating records,
- Arranging and facilitating for the life skills and HIV/AIDS awareness lessons to the pupils

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will stay in a host family in Buruburu near the CIVS office, and will commute to the project daily by a public bus; there is also a host family about 20 minutes' walk to the project. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner while lunch will be provided at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-15/22: PHANERO SCHOOL MBALE

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Mbale town, Vihiga County of Kenya.

PROJECT DETAILS

Phanero School is a community development initiative that was initiated by a University Professor with the main purpose of bringing together orphans and vulnerable children and integrating them with other children so that they can be provided with quality education and life skills. The school currently has 100 children from the age of 2 to 10 years. The centre also runs a counselling unit whose main objective is to empower families and individuals battling with marriage challenges, poverty, juvenile delinquencies, HIV/AIDS and other problems that leverage with the problem of drugs and alcohol addiction with a holistic treatment and care for the family. The school provides education, meals and engages the children in extra-curricular activities like playing games, singing and dancing.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Helping in preparation of meals, serving and feeding the children
- Training children how to read and write as well as assisting them with their homework
- Engaging in beadwork and craft work
- Teaching of subjects such as English, mathematics, science and sign language
- Planning and engaging the children in extracurricular activities such a sports and dance
- Doing community health outreach programs sometimes

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated in a host family where breakfast and dinner will be provided; the host is the owner of the school. Lunch will be provided at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-16/22: TOTO ANGEL CENTER

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Saika Estate, Nairobi County

PROJECT DETAILS

Toto Angel Center was founded in 2013. It is currently supporting 30 children between 3 – 12 years from a variety of backgrounds in Saika and Kayole where the children come from is characterized by a high poverty rate, low education and marginalization of the community. Many vulnerable children are neglected and abandoned by their caregivers. Toto Angel Center provides a safe place where children can spend the day, get meals, basic education and play. 22 children are currently enrolled in the centers pre-school group and another 8 are supported in local primary schools with books, tuition and lunch. 11 of the children are without a caretaker and live at the center. In order to change the situation in the community, the center has also started regular dialogue & problem solving sessions as well as a soccer club for adults.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals and ensuring the general hygiene of the premise are considered by washing the used utensils, maintaining cleanliness of the meals and play area.
- Assisting in provision of basic education to the children (simple Maths, English, Science)
- Introducing other creative activity ideas to promote and develop creativity in the children to realize their talents and other potentials.
- Playing and engaging the children in co-curricular activities such as games and sports.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will live with a host family in Buruburu and will commute daily with a public bus to the project. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner while lunch will be provided at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-17/22: BADILISHA ECO-VILLAGE

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located on the Rusinga Island, Homabay County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Badilisha means “change” in Swahili. Badilisha Eco Village aims to bring change to the lives of people on Rusinga Island, who face challenges such as food insecurity, HIV/AIDS, lack of education among other pressing issues. It also seeks to inspire change in the general paradigms of local population towards a more holistic and responsible way. Badilisha Eco Village promotes permaculture, farm design techniques and ethics, Earth care, people care, and share of surplus. It is a model farm, or epicentre, for both sustainable agriculture and holistic community development.

Badilisha successfully hosted a Permaculture Development Course in March 2011 and aims to become an International Permaculture Center. There is a primary school within the project that provides education to the vulnerable children around the community. The project’s main aim is promote and demonstrate sustainable practices, in particular food production and domestic issues, guided by the ethics and principles of permaculture.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Permaculture which generally involves farm work activities like digging, weeding, slashing, mulching and clearing of bushes in the project’s farm
- Assisting the old and sick in doing general cleaning in their homesteads such as: doing laundry and washing dirty utensils during visits:
- Engaging in environment conservation activities such as collecting litters at the center’s compound, slashing and clearing of bushes, planning and coordinating environment conservation awareness and campaigns days.
- Soil conservation activities to manage soil erosion and improve soil fertility such as planting of trees and making of biodegradable manure for farm use
- Beach cleanup exercises to improve sanitation and hygiene around the community

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated at the project or in a host family by the project where all meals shall be provided. There are pit latrines, bath shelters and a kitchen at the project available for use by the volunteers.

CIVS/MLTV-18/22: MSICHANA EMPOWERMENT KURIA

LOCATION

The project is located in Kuria, Migori County of Kenya.

PROJECT DETAILS

“Msichana” is Swahili word for girl. Msichana Empowerment Kuria project was initiated in 2013, with the main aim of ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and other harmful cultural practices. It was also to support access to fundamental human rights of girls and young women in the Kuria community in South Western Kenya with the hope of empowering girls and young women in accessing their fundamental human rights. The group is involved in the following activities:

- Supporting an after school program for a Children’s Rights Based literacy story telling program for children 8 to 14 years aimed at developing the knowledge, skills and talents
- Facilitating structured community dialogues for young men and girls
- Organizing annual marches and community events
- Providing the girls with an empowering experience with an emphasis on impact of the harmful effects of Female Genital Mutilation

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

There will be activities in the following areas; local schools and vocational training centers, in the villages, in individual homes and at the project. The specific activities will be:

- Engaging teenage girls in sexual health awareness topics and offering related mentorship
- Weekend home visits to assess the situation and find out if there are girls who are in need of help
- Participating in 2 times a week village sessions with groups of 30 girls each to give updates or new information and write reports from them
- Developing age appropriate games for the children of different age groups at the project
- Providing mental guidance and counseling to girls who have already undergone genital mutilation or are survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence.

- Promoting awareness and literacy on facts and misconceptions on HIV/AIDS and Gender Based Violence.
- Teaching the children how to speak, read and write in English
- Assisting in Writing reports and documentation for the project
- Participating in 2 times a month general community awareness event
- Assisting in general cleaning of the project area: sweeping, mopping, clearing of bushes and slashing of tall grass.

The volunteer will work alongside the project staff and local Community Health Volunteers (CHVs).

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will live in a host family close to the project site. The host family will provide all breakfast and dinner and volunteers will get lunch at the project.

QUALIFICATION AND MOTIVATION

The project welcomes all volunteers who are motivated to join, however volunteers with qualifications in Gender and Sex education, Monitoring and Evaluation, Finance and Programming are more welcome.

CIVS/MLTV-19/22: HOLY FAMILY ORIANG HEALTH CENTRE

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Oriang, Oyugis, Homabay County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Holy Family Oriang Health Centre is a non-profit health institution of the Catholic Diocese of Homabay. The project was established in 1994 to provide quality, accessible and affordable health care services to the community in the area. The center offers health services like outpatient and inpatient, deliveries, Maternal Child Health care (MCH), comprehensive care for HIV/AIDS patients, community health education and laboratory services. The main goal of the centre is to provide and facilitate the provision of quality, efficient and effective healthcare services to the community.

The Centre has opened its doors to all HIV/AIDS patients in the area where they can get access to medical services under a comprehensive care package. The patients receive free testing, counseling and medicine. The staff also goes to the villages to reach to people who are unable to afford to reach the health center for treatment. This is because most people hardly afford to seek for healthcare services mainly due to stigma therefore leading to high death rates.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting the medical staff in the dispensary by Co-coordinating and taking care of the patients to ensure order of programs
- Taking patient samples, pulses, and temperature information
- Preparing and updating of records in the hospital
- Providing advice and emotional support to patients facing stigma for HIV/AIDS
- Engaging in community mobilization programs
- Assisting in taking care of disabled children in terms of mobility, sanitation, feeding etc.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated at the project where all meals will be provided. There are toilets, bath shelters and a kitchen at the project available for use by the volunteers.

QUALIFICATION

Volunteers with a medical training qualification, experienced doctors, nurses, pharmacists etc. are needed for this project. It is necessary that you should have high motivation and lots of initiative to implement the objectives of the project. You should be ready for any kind of work.

CIVS/MLTV-20/22: TUMAINI MICROFINANCE PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Buruburu Phase 1, Nairobi County.

PROJECT DETAILS

The Tumaini Fund for Economic Development International (TFEDI) is a Non-Governmental Organization that aims at providing financial and technical advice to people in order to reduce poverty and thus create income for the needy through micro-finance initiatives. TFEDI started in February 2005. The project offers workshops and trainings for the community to improve business management skills and enhance development at a micro enterprise level. The organization has been able to generate funds from their members, which they use to cater for the needs of the vulnerable members of the society by supporting to acquire basic entrepreneurial skills in managing small-scale businesses. Micro-Finance clearly has a role to play in the fight against HIV/AIDS as it contributes to strengthening a household safety net. Micro-Finance by itself cannot change the face of HIV/AIDS. It can help ease the financial and other burdens of those living with HIV/AIDS and can help to promote behavior change.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Data entry and organization in the computer and expanding the project's database
- Monitoring and evaluation of how loans disbursed is used by small scale businesses within the local community
- Micro finance which includes looking for donors and funds to support the organization
- Implementation of reports as profit and losses and the improvement the administration processes by organizing a proper filing system
- Working activities outside the office as visiting small-scale business members all around Nairobi suburbs

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteers will be accommodated in a host family, which is 10 minutes walk from the project. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the host family while lunch will be served at the project. The project accepts only volunteer who are willing to be at the project for two months or more

CIVS/MLTV-21/22: ST. VIANEY EDUCATION CENTER

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Rodi, Homabay County.

PROJECT DETAILS

Vianey Academy and Children Centre provides education and feeding program to children aged 3-14 years. The children are from low-income families, orphans, from single parents and others have disabilities and special needs. The centre was established in 2016, this came because of the founder's great passion to help the needy children, love for the children and selfless heart to help the needy. His mission is to go all over the country and reach out to the needy children, work with the young women and youth to establish a community college where they can learn skills to empower themselves and support their families. In his mission, he realized that most children in Rodi area are orphans, other had dropped out of school due to lack of school fees and others were left out, as they did not conform to the set pass marks in various schools. He was inspired by this and it motivated him to establishing a Centre where these children can get free/affordable and quality education to enable them have a secured future.

The Centre has opened its doors to all vulnerable children to get free access to basic medical attention through their established community health facility, which is a challenge to access in Rodi location. This leads to increased health-related death rates, as it is also expensive to access quality medication.

Vianey academy and children Centre is a democratic Centre that aims at providing quality education to the children through professional teaching and acquisition of books for the children, provision of recreation activities where the children can discover their talents at a tender age, provision-feeding program since some of the families can barely afford meals in a day.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals.
- Assisting in provision of basic education to the children (simple mathematics, English, Environmental science and Basic computer skills studies)

- Planning and facilitating age appropriate extra curriculum activities in sports, music, poetry, art and dancing
- Painting and drawing activities to help in development of creativity in the children
- Monitoring of the activities of the younger children as well as playing with them.
- Taking care of domestic animals like cattle, chicken and pigs
- Offering guidance and counseling services to the children

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated in a house within the project and all meals will be provided. There will be project staff at all times to offer assistance.

CIVS/MLTV-22/22: ST. CHARLES LWANGA HIGH SCHOOL- NAIROBI

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Ruai, Nairobi County.

PROJECT DETAILS

St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School and Children’s Centre started as place where orphaned, homeless and abandoned children were rescued and provided with shelter, food and a place to call home. Brother John started by gathering children, rehabilitating and relocating them into schools, but later realized it was becoming difficult in some cases, as existing schools did not want to integrate children from the street into their classrooms. This necessitated, in part, starting the school, which in just four years he transformed the little used residence, owned by the Order of St. Charles Lwanga, into classrooms, a dormitory, dining hall .The students, all former street kids living a difficult life in crime-ridden neighborhoods, now proudly wear their school’s uniform and call the Children’s Centre “home”. The children were rescued from the dumpsites, streets and slums of Nairobi and given a chance to access education and reduce the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Today they are provided with a safe place to live, a reliable source of nutritious food and the opportunity to gain high school education with the possibility of post-secondary education. The founder hopes that with donations to the Centre, he and his team can build a bigger school with an integrated approach to nurture children through academics to become responsible citizens of the world.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting to teach a combination of subjects i.e. Mathematics, English, and Sciences
- Assisting in coaching teenage girls on topics of sexual education and sanitation
- Assisting to teach life skills such as first aid and safety
- Counseling sessions on issues relating to drug and substance abuse and HIV/AIDS
- Organizing a practical life skill sessions with students
- Organizing and engaging the kids in games and sports within and around neighboring schools

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated in a small room at the project site and all meals will be provided. The room can sometimes be shared.

CIVS/MLTV-24/22: ST. GONZAGA PRIMARY SCHOOL & RESCUE CENTRE

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Shinyalu, Kakamega County.

PROJECT DETAILS

St. Gonzaga Primary school and Rescue Centre was established by the Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga in the year 2005 to provide quality basic needs such as education, meals and shelter to vulnerable children from especially difficult circumstances.

The centre provides elementary education to kindergarten and primary school children with the focus on orphans and vulnerable children from poor background within the society.

The school offers social work services to both children and parents in order to create strong bond between the community and the school. The social work element too helps in building strong family unit. The school provides education to boys and girls and takes gender issues as well as the children's rights very seriously.

St. Gonzaga's first graduates are doing their fourth year education in different universities in the country.

The school does very well academically, socially and morally and this helps the students and enhances discipline and order to the learners and the community at large.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- School activities including assisting to teach maths, English and sciences
- Organizing games for the children and playing with them
- HIV/AIDS campaign awareness programs to youth within the community
- General cleaning of the project and its surroundings: litter collection, sweeping, mopping etc.
- Assisting with farm work in the project's farm: Planting, weeding, watering the crops etc.
- Environmental conservation exercises through planting of trees
- Planning and engaging pupils in games and sports within neighboring schools

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated at the project site and all meals will be provided.

CIVS/MLTV-25/22: TEENSEED AFRICA PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Kiambiu slums, Nairobi County of Kenya.

PROJECT DETAILS

Teen-Seed is a feminist grassroots community organization in Nairobi Kenya that was established in the year 2005. The project focuses on sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHRs). Led by young women, Teenseed nurtures African teen women into leaders and supports them to develop powerful voices to articulate and claim their rights and hold leaders accountable. Their objective is empowerment of women and girls for leadership in prevention of Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV) infection among adolescents and eradication of Sexual and Gender-based Violence.

The headquarters are at Kiambiu Vihiga Village, Eastleigh South Ward, Kamukunji Sub County Nairobi County, Kenya. They also work in three informal settlements in Nairobi (Kayole, Umama, and Kiambiu) and Budalang'i in Busia County. They envision an Africa where young people seat at the decision making tables, their views, rights respected and have choice and ability to make informed choices about their lives.

Teenseed believes that not every young person has to go through the challenges that their elders went through to be successful. Through planting a seed, community members are able to give back to the societies they grown in by assisting the adolescent and youth navigate through this challenging period of self-discovery. This path allows a community to work towards creating a safer space for the young, linking them to opportunities through mentorship and giving the young people a chance to contribute to community by making informed decision and choices.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Adolescent girls mentorship on Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR)
- Assisting with collection of new Sexual and Gender Based Violence cases data and registration of new young mothers in the village meetings
- Engaging in extra-curricular activities like sports and games with the affected adolescent

girls within the community(survivors of SGBV)

- Assisting in Leadership and French training classes for adolescent teenagers girls
- Community outreach for awareness creation and campaign against sexual and gender based violence
- Social media Advocacy on (SRHR)
- Engaging in community forums alongside other staff where they mentor and give moral support to the affected adolescent girls
- In-school sexuality education sessions during school visits
- Providing Psycho social support for survivors of sexual violence
- Distribution of contraceptives and menstrual dignity kits around the slum and creating awareness on HIV/ AIDS within the community

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated in a host family in Buruburu estate and will use a public bus to get to the project which is about 25 minutes drive. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the host family while lunch will be served at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-26/22: HAMISI COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located in Hamisi Location, Vihiga County of Kenya.

PROJECT DETAILS

Hamisi Community Based organization is a non-profit organization that was established in 2017 to empower women, youth and men from vulnerable and poverty stricken backgrounds to realise a sustainable community focussing on key areas of Education, Water, Health and Sanitation and Agriculture to improve their livelihood.

The organization is strongly focused on offering training skills in various community development, social work and practical solidarity to the less privileged members of their communities by addressing and campaigning against the effects of systemic social and economic injustice.

The project is involved in the following activities:

- Training small scale farmers on modern/best farming practices to maximise their productivity, realise potential market and increase sales
- Train the community stakeholders on new technology trends through ICT to help them research, get informed and
- Training the community on financial management and leadership skills to enable them plan and budget well for their finances.
- Support vulnerable children with free Early Childhood Development Education
- They engage the community in table banking - a system that enables members of a community to access unsecured loans, from money pooled by other members of the community, and allows community members to invest in each other's businesses and enterprises where members can apply for short- or long-term loans at low interest rates.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Assisting with teaching of various subjects such as Creative Arts, English, Basic Mathematics in the nursery school
- Assisting the children with their homework
- General cleaning and maintenance of the project area and it's surrounding: bush clearing, litters collection, making a disposal point, sweeping, landscaping, construction

repairs and brick making.

- Planning and engaging the kids in extra-curricular activities like sports and games
- Engaging in health education and mentorship programs to the youth within the community alongside project staff
- Farmwork which includes farming, digging, planting of various crops, weeding and tree planting exercise for environmental conservation

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated in a house within the project. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the project.

CIVS/MLTV-27/22: MARA OSERO PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located in Kimintet, Kilgoris District, Narok County of Kenya.

PROJECT DETAILS

CIVS collaborates with the Mara Osero project which is located in the western part of Mara North Conservancy and operated by Jeff, a local conservationist. The Maasai community in which the project is located in a unique and popular tribe due to the long preserved culture of their traditional way of life, making them a symbol of the Kenyan culture. The project was established in 2015 with the aim of assisting in wildlife conservation, creating a sustainable environment with access to water, food, and electricity in order to improve life within the Maasai bushes. The project also has established an eco-lodge for hosting volunteers and tourists within the region and who are involved with wildlife conservation or viewing.

Project Profile

The project is designed for protecting the delicate ecosystem and bringing a little income to the local community, creating jobs, inspiring and educating the youth about smart gardening and nature conservation. Living in the bush surrounded by zebras, giraffes, antelopes, lions, hippos, and elephants, the volunteer will work in direct contact with nature and helping in available activities. Apart from normal volunteering in the project's activities, volunteers will get to closely know the wildlife and the eco-system of Maasai Mara through excursions, nature walks, activities of the conservancy, bird watching, enjoying sunrises, and sunsets. There is a conservation and education village center that will offer volunteers the opportunity to explore, learn and interact with the Maasai community and their culture, giving a platform to serve and also live like the Maasai people. Additionally, there are also social activities with the children in the village for promoting education and capacity building.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Conducting nature walks in the park
- Assisting in the maintenance of beehives (apiculture) around the village
- Working on the model farm for experimental horticulture, ranching, fish keeping
- Environmental clean-up exercises involving the collection of plastics
- General maintenance and improvement of the campsite that involves the construction of local cottages, painting, gardening, landscaping, and planting of flowers
- Planting trees within the campsite and at local schools

- Assisting in teaching basic language, games, and mathematics in a local school
- Helping in the daily life work like cleaning, cooking and shopping from the local market
- Participating in any kind of new ideas or initiatives to help the Maasai people to generate income for the project like making beads for selling to visitors

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer will be accommodated in a local Manyatta camp within the project. Borehole water is available throughout; however, the volunteer should make arrangements on buying bottled water for drinking from Kilgoris town. There is solar power for charging phones, it's important to have a power bank as well. The volunteer will be required to bring with him/ her sleeping bag. Kindly pay attention to the things you should bring to make your accommodation more comfortable. Food (breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided throughout the project duration. Only basic and locally and readily available food is provided.