



KVDA MLTV 2025 PROGRAM



**KENYA VOLUNTARY
DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION**

"Development Against Dependence"

PROJECT NAME: NG'ONZINI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/01

LOCATION: KINANGO CONSTITUENCY, KWALE COUNTY, COAST KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: GENDER SENSITIVITY: GIRL CHILD EDUCATION



OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Ng'onzini Primary School was started in the year 1964 by the Mwachinga villagers. The main purpose was to bring learning services near the community.

The school was built using local materials till the year 2000 when born free foundation came to build seven permanent classrooms and an office.

- The school is a government school ran by T.S.C Teachers and P.T.A Teachers. The school has an active Wildlife club, which initiated a wildlife area (elerock nature trail) near the school environment. Children are made conversant with conservation activities day-by-day out. Other clubs include Debate, Choir and Drama.
- Apart from the government, we have NGOs that do support Ng'onzini School. These include JICA (KEMRI), Plan Kenya, born free Foundation, Camp Kenya. K.W.S also constructed one classroom and the school is managed by committee of parents.



Vision: To educate both boys and girls.

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

School objectives

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

ACTIVITIES

- Teaching students.
- Playing games (football, netball, volleyball, and hockey).

- Creating awareness in conservation.
- Keeping and maintaining tree nursery.
- Guiding visitors in the elerock nature trail.
- Keeping the school environment clean.
- Guiding and counseling students.

NETWORKING

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

FINANCIAL SOURCES

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

STRENGTHS

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

CHALLENGES

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

FUTURE GROWTH STRATEGY

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

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Social work
- Teaching
- Playing games (football, netball, volleyball, and hockey).
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- Keeping and maintaining tree nursery
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PROJECT START DATES

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

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- Local travel and Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- The volunteers will be accommodated in dormitory at the school compound and will share other amenities and meals prepared together with the teaching staff accommodated at the school.
- It is convenient for the volunteer to carry sleeping bag, mat and personal effects.
- KVDA has a memorandum of understanding with the host project regarding the project costs with appropriate procedures, checks and balances.

TERMINAL

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MEDICAL:

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MENTORING:

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

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/02

LOCATION: SOUTH WEST KENYA, KENYA/TANZANIA BORDER

SERVICE SECTOR: THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES: “THE DUTY TO PROTECT, RESPECT, PROMOTE AND FULFILL”



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 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

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Teaching pupils at the special Unit School
- Care and support of orphans
- Help children with sanitation issues such as: brushing teeth, showering, and establishing and maintaining personal hygiene
- Organize games, drawing lessons, singing sessions, dancing, and other creative, educational and extracurricular activities
- Brick making together with local community

- Open forums for discussion on children rights
- Study lessons on retrogressive cultural practices like Female Genital Mutilation
- Submit project report to KVDA

REGULATIONS

Though volunteers ascribe to different cultures and ethics the following are key regulations

- Respect for every child, fellow volunteers, staff and management
- Obtain authority from the management before taking any pictures of the children, staff or buildings
- Abstain from smoking, alcohol and other prohibited drugs within the institution
- Appropriate dressing
- Follow established channels of reporting on all matters
- Treat all information related to the children in strict confidence
- No invitations to personal friends/relatives and strangers at home

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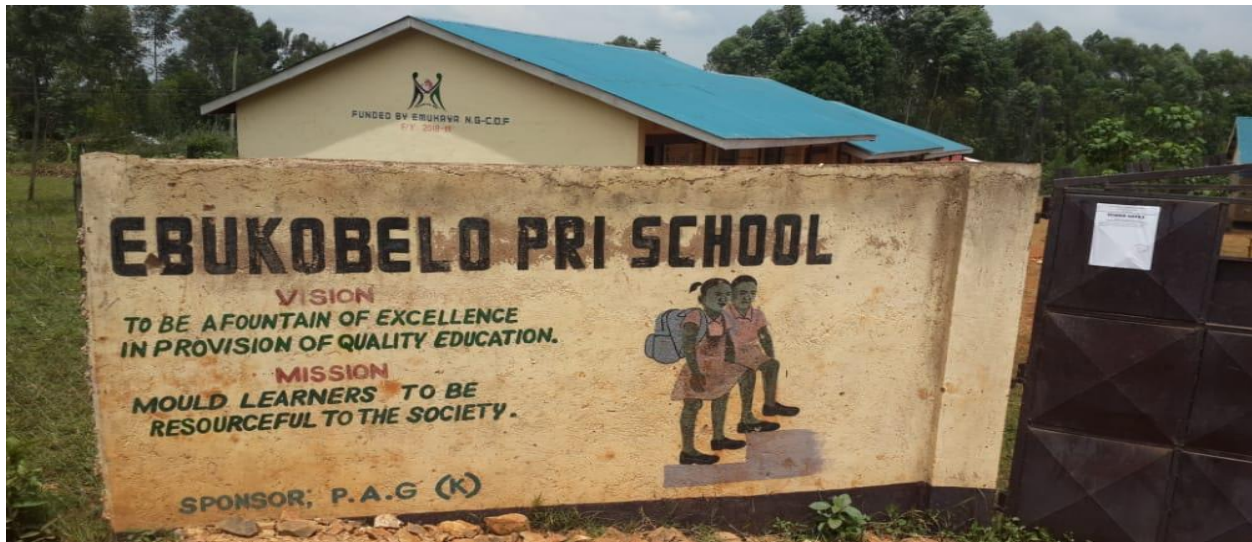
PROJECT NAME: EBUKOBELo PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/03

LOCATION: VIHIGA COUNTY, WESTERN KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: EDUCATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

The school was founded in 2016 and the pupils' enrolment is 444 pupils, 226 boys and 218 girls.

The school has 15 teachers teaching right from the early childhood education, primary school and junior primary school.

The school has six permanent and four semi-permanent classrooms, staffroom and an administration block.

The school is located on 0.9 acres that has adequate room for expansion.

It is located in a densely populated area in Vihiga county of Western Kenya, an area that receives rainfall throughout the year and hence the local community members are food sufficient as the communal land is utilized for small-scale agriculture that is the foremost economic driver of the people at the grassroots

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Teaching
- Playing with children
- Brick making and sand harvesting
- Home visits
- Inter-cultural education to foster global cooperation



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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- The volunteers shall be accommodated at the volunteer house where they shall be provided with locally available meals such as beverages, rice, pasta, wheat flour, vegetables, cooking oil, jam, butter, eggs, beans, bread, and lentils among others. The volunteers shall prepare meals and eat together.
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- The house is fully furnished with electricity and running water.

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PROJECT NAME: NEWSTAR DRAMA GROUP

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/05

LOCATION: KISII COUNTY, SOUTH KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: COMMUNITY THEATRE

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PROJECT BACKGROUND



ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND

Newstar Drama Group was founded in 1993 at Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC) Nairobi and was registered in 1996 by the Ministry of Culture and Social services. The group is a traveling theatre group that has performed at many high schools, universities, colleges, primary schools, social forums and Kenya National Theatre. Newstar is a member of International Drama/Theatre and Education Association (IDEA).

VISION: To advocate for a better life on this earth as the educator to mankind like diseases, education, investment, human rights, good governance, community theatre and youth development.

MISSION STATEMENT: To tap, train and contract performing artistes e.g. Actors, actresses, playwrights, poets, narrators, comedians and theatre arts` directors.

OBJECTIVES

- Educate the society on diseases like HIV/AIDS, malaria and health related issues.
- To promote environmental activities in schools and public forums.
- To perform current Kenyan examination-oriented literature SETBOOKS in high schools like “An Enemy of the people” by Henrik Ibsen, “The River between” by Ngugi wa Thiongo & “Utengano” by Said Mohammed.
- To champion for women empowerment and girl child education.
- To perform community theatre e.g. human rights, good governance, drug abuse awareness, poverty eradication, and development.

- To host and participate in international exchange forums like IDEA WORLD CONGRESSES among others.
- To organize international and local training drama workshops/seminars.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Creative, educational, entertaining and informative plays, comedies, narratives, poems, skits, traditional dances & training workshops
- Live performances on Kenyan examination literature set books e.g. “An Enemy of the people” by Henrik Ibsen and “The River between” by Ngugi wa Thiongo in secondary schools in Kenya.
- HIV/ Aids awareness program in both learning and non-learning forums.
- Running peace building and reconciliation program.
- Junior artistes’ program (children drama 6yrs - 15yrs)
- International artistes training and attachment program (1 month to 6 months) in Kenya, i.e. we attach performing artistes to our group performing projects between 1 month to 6 months.
- Entertainment and educative drama program.
- Exchange program with other artistes’ groups to share experiences.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Newstar Drama Group office work
- Performing arts training
- Live drama performances
- Mentorship for artistes
- Promotional activities including marketing theatre productions

- Submit Project Report to KVDA.

PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers can join the project at any time of the year.
- The placement duration is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 1-day orientation seminar will be done in Nairobi.

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PROJECT NAME: SHINING STAR ECDC AND ORPHANS SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/08

LOCATION: MUHURU BAY, MIGORI COUNTY, LAKE VICTORIA REGION

SERVICE SECTOR: EDUCATION AND ORPHANS SUPPORT



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- The School was founded in 1999 by **MR. HEVRONE KILLMESS MAIRAH** due to lack of access to educational institutions in the area due to its remote setting, challenges posed by orphans the majority of whose parents are ravaged by HIV/AIDS pandemic and the high illiteracy levels within the community coupled high unemployment.
- In 2000 the school had a good number of children and 3 teachers and the community enjoyed the being of Shining Star.
- In 2001 the school was temporarily closed due to the conflict within the local community until 2002 when this was resolved and the community agreed to host the School at the local Church due to lack of classroom buildings.
- 2003 the land was bought and demarcation done.
- In 2005, the first classroom was built by a volunteer called **Steffi Rahn** a 19-year old from SCI-Germany.
- 2009 started hosting volunteers from KVDA courtesy of the Germany Government sponsored program "Weltwaerts" that afforded young Germans an opportunity to volunteer in Kenya for the duration of one year.
- 2011 Shining Star was registered with the Kenyan Government as a learning institution.
- 2012 started building dormitory for both orphans and those having parents with the help of former KVDA volunteer from Germany named Daniel, which structure has since been completed.

- 2013 the School started goat farming and poultry farming that is still underway. It also set aside space for an orphanage home and new toilets that are already finished.
- There are more plans in the pipeline e.g. Agriculture, Business loaning for the widows and youths, competitive sports between local clubs and the School where trophies, balls and other gifts will be awarded to the participating teams
- The School has a population of over 360 children, 11 teachers and 5 support staff.
- The School has classes from Kindergarten to Standard eight.
- Shining Star ECDC and Orphans School is a community based education institution and caters for the needs of the orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) that had been rendered destitute.
- Fishing is the mainstay of the local community thanks to the expansive Lake Victoria.
- Due to the easy cash courtesy of the Lake, young people have been lured to drop out of School to engage in fishing and this has negatively impacted on the community since it has resulted in early marriages, school drop outs, early and unplanned pregnancies not forgetting the spread of HIV/AIDS that has resulted in increased number of OVC's in the community.
- Community empowerment is crucial in achieving the overall objective of attaining sustainable development.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

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

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Tasks of the volunteer in the project will be teaching: Languages (Any of these subjects English, French and Germany) Mathematics and Science
- Development of club activities in the school
- Promotion of sports and extra curriculum activities such as physical education; working in the school garden
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

REQUESTED KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE

- Volunteers interested in being placed in Shining Star Academy are expected to have a good command of the English language.
- Volunteers will also be expected to learn the basics of the Kiswahili language to enable them be in a position to communicate freely with the elderly and also the children in the school, which will also assist in the integration of the volunteer in the local community and the host family.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE PLACEMENT / EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS THE VOLUNTEER:

- The volunteer should be motivated towards the academic development of the students that s/he will be assigned while in the project. They also should be able to teach or have close affinity to education to transform the future of the pupils
- The volunteers are expected to be open-minded and ready to adapt to the local system of education, culture and condition of life.



EXPECTED RESULTS: increased literacy level in the community; elimination of the culture of dependence among the community members through open discussions and conversations; emergence of good citizens and leaders that will be able to take responsibility of the development needs of the local community.

PROJECT START DATES

- School terms in Kenya start in January, May and September with holidays in April, August, November and December.
- For 2025, the calendar will be normalized to run as follows:
First Term: January to March 2025
Second Term: May to July 2025
Third Term: September to November 2025
- Kindly notes the dates for purpose of planning your trip so that it does not conflict with the school calendar.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fee is **Euro 250 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated for the entire duration of the project.
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- Volunteers accepted on MLTV project for one month will pay **Euros 300**.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Return transfers from the airport

- Full board at the project (Accommodation and meals provided at the project)
- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Travel to and from the project. The volunteer will be required to pay for the bus tickets
- Refreshments outside the project
- Air ticket, Excursion, Visa, vaccinations and Insurance, Local travel
- Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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- KVDA has a memorandum of understanding with the host project regarding the project costs with appropriate procedures, checks and balances.

TERMINAL

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KVDA RESIDENCE

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LEISURE TIME

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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

- Water is available at the hosting house from springs and it is important to preserve water at all times due to its scarcity and cooperation with the hosts will be highly appreciated
- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

- Volunteers are expected to have their own medical insurance and other personal expenses and it is important to carry your own medical and travel insurances.

MENTORING

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- **MENTOR'S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years' experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 15 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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

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APPLICATIONS: Should be done at least one month in advance through KVDA partner organization in respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers

PROJECT NAME: KENYA INSTITUTE OF ORGANIC FARMING

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/09

LOCATION: JUJA, KIAMBU COUNTY

SERVICE SECTOR: ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- The Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) is an officially registered technical training institution NO. MOHEST/PC/1361 and Non-Governmental 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 program. 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 Program 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 program was launched in 2004 and the Certificate Stream gradually phased out.
- The Diploma Program 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

PROJECT ACTIVITIES



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.

ORGANIC PRINCIPLES

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

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Organic farming, weeding, tilling the gardens, harvesting produce and livestock farming,
- Attend to field visits and trainings organized for farmers engaged in organic farming
- The application of appropriate technology on organic farms
- Interaction with organic farming students
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers can join the project at any time of the year.
- The placement duration is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 1-day orientation seminar will be done in Nairobi

PROJECT DURATION

- This project accepts only volunteers wishing to participate in the project for the duration of two months and above
- Therefore volunteers wishing to participate in this project for one month will not be accepted for conventional purpose.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fee is **Euro 250 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated for the entire duration of the project.
- Monthly payment of participation fees is not allowed for conventional purposes.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

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- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

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- Refreshments outside the project
- Air ticket
- Excursion
- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel
- Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Volunteers will be accommodated at the institution together with the students in dormitory set up but will share other amenities and meals with the students' community.
- It is convenient for the volunteer to carry sleeping bag, mat and personal effects.
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TERMINAL

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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

- Tap water is available at the institution and it is important to preserve water at all times due to its scarcity and cooperation with the hosts will be highly appreciated
- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

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MENTORING

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- **MENTOR'S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years' experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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

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APPLICATIONS: Should be done at least one month in advance through KVDA partner organization in respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers

PROJECT NAME: NZIU HEALTH CENTER

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/11

LOCATION: WOTE, MAKUENI COUNTY, EASTERN KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES



OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- The health facility is built on 4 acres' plot was initiated during the colonial era in 1940's by the community with the aim of enabling the local people to have access to medication.
- The health center has the capacity to cater for 700 patients on a daily basis and it has 5 medical staff members including two casual workers.

- There is a building housing the main hospital and currently the maternity wing is under construction plus two staff houses.
- The health institution also offers an opportunity where the community members come together to enhance the process of implementation of community development activities and thus champion the common cause that is to improve the living standards of the local community members.
- Poverty levels are extremely high in the community with the majority of the people reliant on subsistence agriculture.
- Due to poor farming techniques and the effects of harsh weather conditions, environmental degradation has been a major challenge with the resultant diseases like malnutrition afflicting the Children.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The facility offers health services to the local community members

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- The volunteers will be assigned duties in the health facility by professional staff
- Record keeping, weighing, and general cleanliness among other duties at the center.
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers can join the project at any time of the year.
- The placement duration is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 1-day orientation seminar will be done in Nairobi

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fee is **Euro 250 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated for the entire duration of the project.
- Monthly payment of participation fees is not allowed for conventional purposes.
- Volunteers accepted on MLTV project for one month will pay **Euros 300**.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Return transfers from the airport

- Full board at the project (Accommodation and meals provided at the project)
- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

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- Refreshments outside the project
- Air ticket
- Excursion
- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel and Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Home stay and the volunteer is entitled to private room but will share other amenities and meals with the host family.
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TERMINAL

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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

- Water is available at the hosting home mostly from the springs and it is important to preserve water at all times due to its scarcity and cooperation with the hosts will be highly appreciated
- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

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MENTORING:

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PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 5 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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APPLICATIONS: Should be done at least one month in advance through KVDA partner organization in respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers.

PROJECT NAME: EQUATOR MEDICAL SERVICES

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/12

LOCATION: LUANDA, VIHIGA COUNTY, WESTERN KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: HEALTH



OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

EQUATOR MEDICAL SERVICES is a medium hospital which started its operations in May 2005. It is a fully-fledged hospital with a capacity of 50 beds and is located along Kisumu – Busia Road in Luanda Township, Luanda Sub-County, Vihiga County.

Our Services:

Out-patient

In-patient

Outreach Clinics

The Hospital's Out Patients Department runs 24 hours and caters for Regular out-patients' cases, Emergency cases seen through the casualty, as well as specialized cases seen through our Consultant Clinics.

The In-patient: the wards are divided into; Male, Female and Paediatric wards with maternity.

The Outreach Clinics are usually carried out on monthly bases mostly giving education services on counseling, screening of cancer, HIV/Aids and diabetic patients.

Pharmacy: We have a fully stocked Pharmacy that is operational 24 hours a day serving both out/inpatients.

Laboratory: Our laboratory is modern, equipped and operational for 24 hours.

Counseling & VCT: The Counseling Department serves our in-house patients as well as their relatives and our own Staff members ensuring health of all concerned with our patient's management is addressed and hence providing a holistic approach for the purposes of managing the Outpatient/Inpatients Departments at Equator Hospital.

Our Mission: To provide quality patient care with unrelenting attention to clinical excellence, patient safety and standard health care to those we serve.

Our Vision: To be one of the best health facilities in the region and consistently strives to provide quality clinical and excellence curative services.

Our Values

Dignity: We value the dignity of human life, which is sacred and deserving of respect and fairness throughout its stages of existence.

Compassionate Care: We value compassionate care, treating those we serve and one another with professionalism concern and kindness exceeding expectations.

Community: We value meeting the vital responsibilities in the community we serve and take a leadership role in enhancing the quality of life and health, striving to reduce the incidence of illness through clinical services, education and prevention.

Quality: We value quality and strive for excellence in all we do working together collaboratively as the power of combined efforts excess what each of us can accomplish alone.

Stewardship: We value trust worthy stewardship and adherence to the highest ethical standards that justify public trust and protect what is of value to the system, its human Resources, Material and Financial Assets.

INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS SCOURGE

- According to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) 2001 report, 65% of the people of Kenya live below the poverty line. The approximate statistics for poverty levels are as follows: 53% rural poor, 52% are overall national food poor, who are unable to afford a daily 2250 calories, 51% are rural food poor while 38% are urban food poor.
- In Emuhaya District, over 65% live below poverty line and are food poor. The problem of poverty is further compounded by rampant HIV/AIDS, poor health facilities and infrastructure, declining education and literacy levels, breakdown in social and cultural structures, insecurity, declining land productivity, poor administrative management among others.
- Malaria, acute respiratory tract infections, diarrhoea, skin diseases, intestinal worms, ear and eye infections and AIDS are the common diseases found among the people of Emuhaya District. In addition, cases of malnutrition have also been reported. Mechanisms of coping up with the management and control of the diseases and other health related problems are lacking. A well-organized health system, will, therefore, need to be in place for the needs of the people
- The HIV/AIDS scourge has affected the people of this new district just like it has for the rest of Kenya. Currently available figures indicate that 5.1% of the population of Emuhaya district is infected with HIV. This translates to 10, 074 as the number of people living with AIDS (PLWAS).
- Based on these figures, a number of service delivery points have been established in various health facilities in the district.
- It is worth noting that by June 2008, the total number of people on antiretroviral therapy (ART) stood as 2, 446 (24.3 % of those eligible). There is therefore a need to scale up ART activities to cover large numbers as is elsewhere in Kenya.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The facility offers health services to the local community members that include the following:

- Laboratory work
- Observation of patients
- Injection/filter
- Pharmacy work

- Registration
- Reproductive health
- Child Delivery
- Awareness creation on health issues.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- The volunteers will be assigned duties in the health facility by professional staff accredited by the Ministry of Health.
- KVDA requests for medical professional to join this project and will appreciate to receive your CV.
- This project is suitable to volunteers with medicine background and if you are a health practitioner, kindly share the certificate of practice and if you are a student, you will be required to have a letter of recommendation from your University in order to be allowed to work in the health center as a volunteer.
- Submit Project Report to KVDA



PROJECT START DATES

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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

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PROJECT NAME: KEBAROTI HEALTH CENTER

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/13

LOCATION: KURIA, SOUTH WEST KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: HEALTH CARE

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND



The project is located Kuria East district curved off the expansive Kuria district in South Western Kenya. The area is highly populated due to its strategic situation and suffers due to poor infrastructure especially the road network which has no tarmac.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION- KEBAROTI HEALTH CENTER

The health center is a community initiative that is currently run by the Ministry of health and has one medical personnel posted by the Government and volunteers who are on and off

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 obstacle to sustainable development.

OBJECTIVE

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.

LANGUAGE OF THE PROJECT/REGION

Basically, Kuria community occupies a good part of South Western Kenya and the majority of the Kuria speaking people can be found in Tanzania that borders the district

Ki-Kuria is the common language spoken but Kiswahili language is commonly used due to the cosmopolitan nature of the region that is the gateway to Tanzania through Migori and Isebania townships.

The old folks in the community may appear conservative due to their penchant for cultural and traditional upbringing and may be hesitant to embrace ideas generated by the relatively younger generation. They will stand out as unique by virtue of their command of the local language and folklore. In some cases, those who had no access to formal education can only be communicated to through translators.

Volunteers are encouraged to reach out to this precious generation that is more than a University as they have a reservoir of knowledge that is unmatched and useful for posterity.

Project staff speaks three languages Ki-Kuria, Kiswahili and English.

CHALLENGES

- High poverty levels
- Unemployment
- Drug and alcohol abuse among the youth
- High rural/urban migration especially among the men
- HIV/AIDS pandemic prevalence
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) that is rampant in the area due to cultural
- Kuria and Maasai scramble for resources including the sporadic cattle theft among the two communities.

EMPOWERMENT OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

FGM is a very controversial issue among the Kuria people and the practice remains predominant despite the glaring scientific evidence against the vice. Most parents even among the highly schooled still encourage their girls to undergo the dehumanizing rite of passage that continue to negatively affect the girl child in the area.

There exist lobby groups in Kuria that champion the rights of the marginalized with some specifically training their programs on capacity building to ensure that communities are able to effectively tackle development challenges.

Volunteers are encouraged to work hand in hand with established community structures in order to unravel the mystique of development education and understand why FGM remains closely guarded among some communities in Kenya despite international condemnation and scientific disapprovals of the exercise that has condemned the women folk in society.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Laboratory work
- Observation of patients
- Injection/filter
- Pharmacy work
- Registration
- Reproductive health
- Child Delivery
- Awareness creation on health issues.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- The volunteers will be assigned duties in the health facility by professional staff
- Record keeping, weighing, and general cleanliness among other duties at the center.
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

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- Air ticket and excursion
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- Local travel
- personal effects

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PROJECT NAME: NYAMIRA MISSIONARIES CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (NMCD)

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/16

LOCATION: NYAMIRA COUNTY

SERVICE SECTOR: CULTURAL CENTER

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT BACKGROUND



VISION

To be the best cultural performers and handicraft makers in Kenya

MISSION

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

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

The organization runs the following projects;

NYARAMBA MISSIONARIES CENTER

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

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



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



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



VOLUNTEER TASKS

- 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 START DATES

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PROJECT NAME: OLOISUKUT GROUP CONSERVANCY

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/18

LOCATION: NAROK COUNTY, MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

SERVICE SECTOR: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT



OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- **Oloisukut Group Conservancy** is a 23,000 acre area of community land which borders the world famous Maasai Mara Game Reserve popularly known as the Mara Triangle, to the North in the Trans Mara District, Rift valley province.
- Oloisukut conservancy is an intriguing conservation concept on land-use owned and managed by the community members of Oloisukut.

- The income generated from conservation has given the land owners a reliable and dependable alternative source of income from the traditional livestock.
- The conservancy has ensured that the northern part of the greater Mara-Serengeti ecosystem is secured for conservation and hence affording the wildlife the much needed dispersal areas.
- The area boasts of high density of game including the big five except for the Rhino. Over 300 different species of birds have been identified. Some of the common animal species are; Maasai giraffe, Burchell zebra, waterbucks, elands, lions, leopards, elephants and elusive and timid bushbuck.
- Oloisukut boasts the highest population of elands, giraffes and leopards in the Mara per unit area. Currently we have the biggest pride comprising of 18 adult lions with several cubs.
- Tourism in the conservancy is highly controlled, a move that is aimed at maximizing the client wilderness experience and minimizing environmental impact.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

➤ **Animal conservation**

- Regular ground patrols and safari walk.
- Identifying animal species found within the area
- Identify and name indigenous plants and uses.
- Monitoring wildlife movement

➤ **Cultural**

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



➤ **School teaching programme**

- Teaching English

- Teaching Arts, Designs & Drawings
- Teaching music
- Playing football with girls and boys
- Playing other games with the children
- Planting of trees



- Gardening and land scarping
- Outreach programme in the local community.
- Extra activities learning life skills bead work, cooking using fire wood, e.t.c
- Ensure upkeep of the conservancy
- Work with other stake holders in ensuring up keep of the conservancy.
- Extra activities Bird watching for interested volunteers.



➤ **Submit Project Report to Kenya Voluntary Development Association**

Photo taking on our scenic landscape that include wild animals, siria/ooloolo escarpment, beautiful mega rocks hanging on escarpment, very beautiful bushes and forest and our pride the Mara river that borders us with other conservancy.

PROJECT START DATES

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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Volunteers accepted on this project will be accommodated within the conservancy with modest accommodation facilities
- It should be noted that the volunteers will cater for their own commuter expenses to and from the project
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PROJECT NAME: KAMAGAP PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/21

LOCATION: NANDI COUNTY, RIFT VALLEY KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: YOUTH AND EDUCATION

THEME: ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Nandi people are classified among the legendary Kalenjin speaking people that occupy the expansive Rift Valley province. Rift Valley province is characterized by humid, hot and dry weather conditions in the months of December, January, February and March and cold and wet in the months of April, May, June and July. But in August, September, October and November the climate is warm and cool which is a very comforting climate. It is one of the 42 recognized ethnic communities in Kenya known for their hospitality. Nandi's are farmers in nature practicing mixed farming, keeping animals and growing of food crops. Nandi district host the Nandi forest; Nandi Rock which is the single largest rock in East Africa. The total area of Nandi district in which 40% of the total land is a forest.
- Majority of the populace live on the hills which offers cool and conducive environment for agriculture. Kamagap Primary School is located on the high lands where climatic conditions are favorable for meaningful agricultural activities and community members are very hard working.
- Kamagap Primary School is located in Kamagap, Kibwareng Sub-Location in Aldai Division, Nandi South district, Rift Valley Province in the Republic of Kenya; some parts of Rift Valley are sometimes referred to as semi-arid zone.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WHAT OUTCOMES WILL OUR PROJECT ACHIEVE?

- Youth Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development program will improve young people's employability prospects by preparing them for quality jobs and helping others succeed as entrepreneurs.
- A staggering number of young people in Kenya are unable to find decent work. At the same time, employers cite lack of skills as a major impediment to hiring youth for those jobs that do exist. Working to fill this gap, we will equip youth with life skills and technical know-how, while connecting them to the mentors, internships, and job placement services they need to succeed in the job market.
- We will also help youth employ themselves and create new jobs by training them to be entrepreneurs and linking them to the capital needed to start new businesses. Using our proven program model as a guide, we will collaborate with institutions

across sectors to focus greater attention and resources on combating youth unemployment in Vihiga County.



VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Teaching pupils at the Primary School
- Training community based organization on income generating activities
- Design project papers for potential funding for community based organizations
- Training on leadership development and mentoring
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

- School terms in Kenya start in January, May and September with holidays in April, August, November and December.
- For 2025, the calendar will be normalized to run as follows:
First Term: January to March 2025
Second Term: May to July 2025
Third Term: September to November 2025
- Kindly notes the dates for purpose of planning your trip so that it does not conflict with the school calendar.

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MENTORING:

- **MENTOR FOR THE VOLUNTEER FROM THE HOSTING ORGANISATION:** KVDA will designate its staff to play the role of mentoring and this is the vital link between the volunteer and the organization. The Mentor has the responsibility to enable the volunteer to efficiently execute their tasks with diligence.
- **FUNCTION OF MENTOR:** advise, educate, be a role model to the volunteers; providing problem solving, collaborative support, positive and non-evaluative feedback and emotional support for volunteers; to provide comfort, exposure, visibility and challenging assignments which directly support the volunteer’s personal and professional development; to provide counselling and friendship to support the volunteer’s self-image and competence and thus to listen, guide, advice, teach and offer professional support to the volunteers
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- **MENTOR’S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years’ experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 10 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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.

APPLICATIONS: Should be done at least one month in advance through KVDA partner organization in respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers

PROJECT NAME: NYAMANCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/23

LOCATION: KURIA, SOUTH WEST KENYA

THEMATIC FOCUS: GENDER SENSITIVITY: FOCUS ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

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 male. It has 10 classrooms, 2 offices and 1 kitchen. The school has good academic record in the County.

MOTTO;

“Strive for Excellence”



OBJECTIVES

- To mould future leaders
- Maintain high discipline
- To reduce illiteracy level in the Community
- 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

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.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Teaching Primary School pupils
- Tree planting
- Sensitization of the community on the dangers of FGM and advocacy on alternative rites of passage
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

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 stakeholders in creation of awareness to the community.



PROJECT START DATES

- School terms in Kenya start in January, May and September with holidays in April, August, November and December.
- For 2025, the calendar will be normalized to run as follows:
First Term: January to March 2025
Second Term: May to July 2025
Third Term: September to November 2025
- Kindly notes the dates for purpose of planning your trip so that it does not conflict with the school calendar.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fee is **Euro 250 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated the entire duration of the project.
- Monthly payment of participation fees is not allowed for conventional purposes.
- Volunteers accepted on MLTV project for one month will pay **Euros 300**.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Return transfers from the airport
- Full board at the project (Accommodation and meals provided at the project)
- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Travel to and from the project. The volunteer will be required to pay for the bus tickets
- Refreshments outside the project
- Air ticket and excursion
- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel
- personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Home stay and the volunteer is entitled to private room but will share other amenities and meals with the host family.
- It is convenient for the volunteer to carry sleeping bag, mat and personal effects.
- KVDA has a memorandum of understanding with the host project regarding the project costs with appropriate procedures, checks and balances.

TERMINAL

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KVDA RESIDENCE

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- The residence is situated in the serene environment with ample space for recreation and spectacular setting as the inauguration of volunteering to make a difference in the world.

LEISURE TIME

- Kenya is replete with a lot of interesting and natural spectacular sites of interest that would capture the imagination of volunteers.
- From the tour to the renowned Maasai Mara Game Reserve to visits to local community beholding sights, the volunteers have the privilege to make choices that would fundamentally make the difference.
- The project also offers a perfect opportunity for people who enjoy being close to nature and are interested in the spectacular setting that traditional way of living in the heartland of the African culture would enrich your cultural heritage

LAUNDRY AND WATER:

- Water is available at the hosting house from springs and it is important to preserve water at all times due to its scarcity and cooperation with the hosts will be highly appreciated
- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

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MENTORING:

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- **MENTOR’S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years’ experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 10 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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APPLICATIONS: Should be done at least one month in advance through KVDA partner organization in respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers

PROJECT NAME: GIDEON MOSI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/24

LOCATION: TALIO NYIKA, TAITA-TAVETA COUNTY, COAST KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: EDUCATION

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Teaching Primary School pupils
- Physical education and life skills education
- Training to build capacities for community based organizations
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

THEME: HUMAN AND WILDLIFE CONFLICT THE BANE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- This phenomenon of human beings and wildlife conflict is very controversial and has attracted the attention of all and sundry. The scenario is prompted by the proximity of the local community to the Tsavo National Park that is the home to wildlife and this directly plays into the hands of the local community members who are forced by the circumstances to learn to live with the situation and the attendant challenges.

- Working with community groups on poverty reduction and sustainable development will involve the active involvement in projects that are geared towards youth and women empowerment activities, HIV/AIDS awareness, provision of infrastructure in learning institutions. 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



PROJECT START DATES

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

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- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

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- Refreshments outside the project
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- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel
- personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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TERMINAL

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LEISURE TIME

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- The project also offers a perfect opportunity for people who enjoy being close to nature and are interested in the spectacular setting that traditional way of living in the heartland of the African culture would enrich your cultural heritage

LAUNDRY AND WATER:

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- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

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MENTORING:

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- **MENTOR'S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years' experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 10 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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APPLICATIONS: Should be done at least one month in advance through KVDA partner organization in respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers

PROJECT NAME: RODDY'S ECO COVER ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/25

LOCATION: EBUYANGU, VIHIGA COUNTY

SERVICE SECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 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



VOLUNTEER TASKS

- 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
- Construction work at the centre and neighbouring primary schools.
- Cleanup activities
- Naming of trees
- Home visits
- Inter-cultural learning coupled with home visits for exposure to development challenges.
- Possibility to visit the historic sites like Hippo point on Lake Victoria in Kisumu City, renowned Kakamega Rain Forest and the Equator point at Maseno University; among other spectacular sites of interest in the region. However, this will be done most probably during the weekends.

PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year. The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer

- 1-day orientation seminar will be done on the second day of the arrival of the volunteer to Kenya.



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fee is **Euro 300 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated for the entire duration of the project.
- Monthly payment of participation fees is not allowed for conventional purposes.
- Volunteers accepted on MLTV project for one month will pay **Euros 300**.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

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- Volunteer mentorship

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- Local travel
- personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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TERMINAL

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KVDA RESIDENCE

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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

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- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

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MENTORING:

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- **MENTOR'S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years' experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 20 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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PROJECT NAME: ST. JAMES COMMUNITY ORPHANS SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/27

LOCATION: MFANGANO ISLAND ON LAKE VICTORIA, HOMA-BAY COUNTY

SERVICE SECTOR: EDUCATION AND ORPHANS SUPPORT

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT BACKGROUND



NAME: St. James Community Orphans School

ADDRESS: P.O Box 41-40319 MBITA

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

PUPIL POPULATION: 124

CLASSROOMS: 6

CLASSES: Baby class, Nursery class, Pre-unit class, Std 1, Std 2, Std 3

SPONSORS: Community sponsored

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTEER TASK

- Social work majorly guiding and counseling for the HIV/AIDS program
- Teaching English, mathematics and physical education
- Home visits to establish challenges of development
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers can join the project at any time of the year.
- The placement duration is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer

- 1-day orientation seminar will be done in Nairobi.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fee is **Euro 250 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated the entire duration of the project.
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- Volunteer mentorship

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- **MENTOR'S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years' experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 15 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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PROJECT NAME: NEEMA GOOD SHEPHERDS SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/28

LOCATION: WEBUYE, BUNGOMA COUNTY

SERVICE SECTOR: EDUCATION AND CHILDREN SUPPORT

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT BACKGROUND



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 call for strategic interventions to manage the situation.

The School currently has a population of 91 pupils (50 boys and 41 girls) and there are seven teachers bestowed with the responsibility of operations.

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

- It has two permanent classes and three temporal classes, latrines, kitchen and water pump.
- The school is managed by the Board of Management under the leadership of Pastor Moses Makhapila who is the vision career.
- The school is located on half an acre (1/2) of land.
- It serves the community, the following categories:-
 - Orphans
 - Vulnerable
 - Widows
 - Widowers
- The school helps the community by doing the following activities:-

1. Educating their children through the well-wishers, donors and sponsors.
2. Practice dairy keeping
3. Poultry keeping
4. Teaches the community on how to practice Agriculture.
5. It also supports the community in their business practice.



VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Teaching Primary School pupils
- Capacity Building for Community Based Organizations
- 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
- Home visits with focus on strengthening partnerships involving various stakeholders within the local community

- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

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- Volunteers accepted on MLTV project for one month will pay **Euros 300**.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Return transfers from the airport
- Full board at the project (Accommodation and meals provided at the project)
- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Travel to and from the project. The volunteer will be required to pay for the bus tickets
- Refreshments outside the project
- Air ticket and excursion
- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel
- personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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- It is convenient for the volunteer to carry sleeping bag, mat and personal effects.
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TERMINAL

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KVDA RESIDENCE

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LEISURE TIME

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- The project also offers a perfect opportunity for people who enjoy being close to nature and are interested in the spectacular setting that traditional way of living in the heartland of the African culture would enrich your cultural heritage

LAUNDRY AND WATER:

- Water is available at the hosting house from springs and it is important to preserve water at all times due to its scarcity and cooperation with the hosts will be highly appreciated
- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

- Volunteers are expected to have their own medical insurance and other personal expenses and it is important to carry your own medical and travel insurances.

MENTORING:

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- **MENTOR’S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years’ experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 10 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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.

APPLICATIONS: Should be done at least one month in advance through KVDA partner organization in respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers

PROJECT NAME: MOUNT OLIVES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/29
LOCATION: MOSOCHO, KISII COUNTY
SERVICE SECTOR: HEALTH AND EDUCATION

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Mount Olives Self Help Group project is an initiative of young professionals who came up together to work amongst their community through sharing knowledge and helping the community to pull up resources together or their development.
- The group was founded on 16th October 2018 dedicated to supporting small-scale sustainable development initiatives mainly primary healthcare, education and youth enterprises.
- The founder Mr. Calvin Lizanga is a medical practitioner by profession, is the chief executive officer of the institution and he has track record working with relevant departments on health issues.
- The medical center caters for the poor of the poorest within the local community and foremost treats an average of 50 patients every day and this reflects on the significance of the institution to alleviate sufferings at the grassroots.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION:

1. The projects offices are located at Mosochi market, along Kisii-Oyugis Road. At Mosochi we are running a community health center that provides both outpatient, inpatient and laboratory services.

2. The facility supports the community by providing affordable healthcare and also works towards community education on matters of health to reduce prevalence of preventable diseases, and also supports the youths by providing youth friendly services.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Free consultation
- Triaging Services
- Outpatient and inpatient services
- Laboratory services
- Family planning services
- M.C.H services
- Spiritual and psychological counselling i.e. student, parents, couples, orphans, trauma cases etc.
- Paediatric care
- ENT services
- Maternity services
- Immunization
- Nutritional services
- Gynaecological and obstetric services
- Special clinics e.g. diabetes, hypertension etc.
- Surgeries

- Youth friendly services e.g. counselling on drug and substance abuse, peer pressure, sporting activities etc.
- Support with skills on handling of emergency and critical care support pending referral

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- The volunteers will be assigned duties in the health facility by professional staff
- Record keeping, weighing, and general cleanliness among other duties at the center.
- Assist in community outreach on health education
- Offer support to professional staff at the medical centre
- Healthcare support in collaboration with the community
- Submit Project Report to KVDA



PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers can join the project at any time of the year.
- The placement duration is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 1-day orientation seminar will be done in Nairobi

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

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- Volunteer mentorship

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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

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- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

- Volunteers are expected to have their own medical insurance and other personal expenses and it is important to carry your own medical and travel insurances.

DONATION

- It is personal choice to make a donation to support the project.
- Carryon parks for medical purposes e.g. glucometer, stethoscopes, microscopes, HB machines, consumables and disposables.
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MENTORING:

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- **MENTOR'S EXPERIENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS:** More than 3 years' experience with international volunteers

PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 5 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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PROJECT NAME: ESIBILA PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/31

LOCATION: LUANDA, VIHIGA COUNTY

SERVICE SECTOR: EDUCATION

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Esibila Primary School is located in Emuhaya district of Vihiga county and it was started in 1952
- The pupils learn a maximum of eight years in Primary School with the pupils examined in the following subjects; English, Mathematics, Science, Christian Religious Education, Kiswahili and social studies
- The school has ten classes from the Early childhood education to Primary School
- The school has an enrolment of 858 pupils, 440 girls and 418 boys

- The school has 17 teachers employed by the Teachers' Service commission and two by the board of management.
- The student teacher ratio is 1:50

CHALLENGES

- The school has dilapidated blocks that are housing fifteen classrooms and the need urgent refurbishment
- The school requires a revamped sanitation system given the high number of students admitted at the institution
- The terrain at the school is rocky posing risks to pupils and especially those who are in lower classes and they need to urgently address it through refurbishment

VOLUNTEER TASKS

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



PROJECT START DATES

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FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

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- Volunteer mentorship

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- Refreshments outside the project
- Air ticket
- Excursion
- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel
- Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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MENTORING

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PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: Maximum 15 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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PROJECT NAME: MIKULUNI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/32

LOCATION: GANZE CONSTITUENCY, KILIFI COUNTY, COAST KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT TO ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS



OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Mikuluni Primary School is a public school established in 1987 with an enrolment of 540 pupils
- The school is located in a semi-arid region that poses a challenge on children retention due to hunger. This challenge causes absenteeism and high dropout rates.
- The school is located in Vinagoni sub-location, Kauma location, Ganze constituency of Kilifi county
- To retain the children at school, the following activities are carried out:

-We grow different types of crops under smart climate agriculture technology. The income is used to provide meals for the pupils

-The school has wildlife club, agriculture, health and journalism clubs

-Tree planting campaign for environmental conservation

-The school trains students on innovative gardening like container and monumental gardening



VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Mulching existing crops and trees
- Drip irrigation on crops and trees using bottles placed under the base of trees
- Raising seedlings in seedlings packets
- Teaching
- Pest control by spraying the pesticides
- Vegetable harvesting
- Volunteers should be flexible as they may be allocated other duties within the community by the school administration



PROJECT START DATES

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- Volunteer mentorship

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- Local travel and Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

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PROJECT NAME: GIDEON MOSI PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/33

LOCATION: TAITA-TAVETA COUNTY, COASTAL KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: EDUCATION

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION



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PROJECT BACKGROUND

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Teaching school pupils
- Physical education and life skills education
- Manual work
- Work with community based organizations
- Visits to homesteads within the local community to share with the people their day to day activities

PROJECT START DATES

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- Excursion
- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel
- Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- The volunteers shall be accommodated at the volunteer house where they shall be provided with locally available meals such as beverages, rice, pasta, wheat flour, vegetables, cooking oil, jam, butter, eggs, beans, bread, and lentils among others. The volunteers shall prepare meals and eat together.
- They shall also be responsible of cleaning the house and maintaining cleanliness and harmony throughout their stay.
- The house is fully furnished with electricity and running water.

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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

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- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

MEDICAL:

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PROJECT NAME: KITO INTERNATIONAL

CODE: KVDA/MLTV/2025/34

LOCATION: SIAYA COUNTY, WESTERN KENYA

SERVICE SECTOR: REHABILITATION



OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

- Kenya Voluntary Development Association (KVDA) is an indigenous, non-political and membership organization which is non-sectarian and non-profit making started in 1962 as a work camp organization registered under the Societies' Act. In 1993, KVDA was registered as a Non-Governmental organization by the establishment of the NGOs Coordination Act.
- KVDA has since inception hosted over 50, 000 international volunteers to its community service development projects that have left indelible mark to efforts to enhance sustainable development.



PROJECT BACKGROUND

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

VOLUNTEER TASKS

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



PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers can join the project at any time of the year.
- The placement duration is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 1-day orientation seminar will be done in Nairobi

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fees is **Euro 250 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated for the entire duration of the project.
- Monthly payment of participation fees is not allowed for conventional purposes.
- Volunteers accepted on MLTV project for one month will pay **Euros 300**.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Return transfers from the airport
- Full board at the project (Accommodation and meals provided at the project)
- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

- Travel to and from the project. The volunteer will be required to pay for the bus tickets
- Refreshments outside the project

- Air ticket
- Excursion
- Visa, vaccinations and Insurance
- Local travel
- Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

- Volunteers accepted on this project will be accommodated at a host family
- It should be noted that the volunteers will cater for their own commuter expenses to and from the project
- We recommend that the volunteers should carry a sleeping bag and mat among other personal effects

TERMINAL

- Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi is the port of arrival and KVDA will designate a driver for the airport pick up.
- We strongly advise volunteers against getting taxis on their own without reference to KVDA due to the obvious risks and in case of any challenges on arrival kindly contact KVDA via mobile telephone +254721650357

KVDA RESIDENCE

- Volunteers will be driven to the **Nairobi South YMCA Hostel** located 15 Kilometers away from the airport where they will be accommodated ahead of their placement to the project.
- The residence is situated in the serene environment with ample space for recreation and spectacular setting as the inauguration of volunteering to make a difference in the world.

LEISURE TIME

- Kenya is replete with a lot of interesting and natural spectacular sites of interest that would capture the imagination of volunteers.
- From the tour to the renowned Maasai Mara Game Reserve to visits to local community beholding sights, the volunteers have the privilege to make choices that would fundamentally make the difference.
- The project also offers a perfect opportunity for people who enjoy being close to nature and are interested in the spectacular setting that traditional way of living in the heartland of the African culture would enrich your cultural heritage

LAUNDRY AND WATER:

- Water is available at the hosting project and it is important to preserve water at all times due to its scarcity and cooperation with the hosts will be highly appreciated
- There are no washing machines in the institution and the volunteer will be guided on how to wash clothes

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