KVDA MLTV 2020 PROGRAM

KENYA VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

“Development Against Dependence”
OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- **Esiarambatsi Health Centre** was established to cater for the medical needs of the local people in the community. It is a community based health center which cares for mothers, children's and also people living with HIV/AIDS. The centre also offers pre-and antenatal cares to women.
- The Luhya speaking people are the inhabitants of the area and they occupy the vast Western Kenya. They are hospitable and welcoming. The health center is a community initiative that is currently run by the Ministry of health and has three nurses who work under a nursing officer in charge.
- The center offers curative, preventative and promotion services. Water is available from streams, rain water occasionally harvested and volunteers have the opportunity to learn to live in adversity and especially when Kenya grapples with the poverty challenge that is the single most obstacles to sustainable development.
- The main objective of the project is to provide health care to the community using locally available resources. Most community members are small scale farmers confronted with grave challenges including lack of access to medical facilities.

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 professionals to join this project and will appreciate to receive your CV.
- Submit project report to KVDA

**PROJECT START DATES**
- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
- The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**
The project participation fee is **Euro 200 per month paid upfront on arrival** to the cover costs stipulated for the entire duration of the project.

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- 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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- Air ticket
- Excursion
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**Accommodation and meals**

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**KVDA Residence**

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**Leisure time**

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**LAUNDRY AND WATER:**

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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.

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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:** St. Joseph’s Nyamosense Special Unit School  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/02  
**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 Participants:** Maximum 15 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Epang’a Primary School was founded in 1928, by community members who valued education after being challenged by the Missionaries who had settled at Kima Mission Station. It is a two-streamed mixed primary school. It is thus an old educational institution which without doubt, has for decades positively contributed to the general development of the people of this community and beyond. It is a bridge of hope many have crossed to make the entire society to be what it looks like today and to that effect, we find it quite abnormal to just watch it go down to ruins as History and the future generations may judge us harshly in the name of justice.
- The school buildings which sprung up rapidly in a feat to run away from temporary and semi-permanent structures in 1970’s were poorly planned and the workmanship was very much wanting. The ratio of the mixture of sand and cement was so poor that within 19 years, most of the buildings had become so risky for habitation. One of the blocks in March 2005 was heavily brought down by storms; thank God children were not in school then. The Ministry of Public Health moved swiftly and condemned all the 15 classrooms in March 2005.
- From March 2005, a lot of effort has been made by the community members and very many other stakeholders to provide classrooms for the children. We have got a lot of support from the Government through CDF (Constituency Development Fund). The Ministry of Education and Luanda Town Council, KVDA (Kenya Voluntary Development Association), Bamburi Cement Factory, Former M.P. Honourable Kenneth Marende, the current M.P. Honourable Chris Omulele, Member of Country Assembly, Administrators (Assistant Chief and Chief), friends and well-wishers from all walks of life.
- The School has a population of over 800 pupils with improve classrooms constructed and connection to the national electricity grid

Project activities

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

- Teaching Primary School pupils on the academic course
- Physical education and life skills program
- Build the capacity of the School management on resource mobilization
- Link up with community based organizations on capacity building programs
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

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**Project Name:** THE OASIS COMMUNITY CENTER MATHARE

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/04

**Location:** MATHARE SLUMS, NAIROBI CITY

**Service Sector:** EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

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PROJECT BACKGROUND
The Oasis 'Community Centre' Mathare is a legally registered community-based organization. Established in July 2013, with mission of providing practical solutions to the disadvantaged and marginalized youth and children of the Mathare slum in Nairobi. A safe-space for youth and children, Oasis Mathare offers ICT training, a community library, mentorship opportunities, and early childhood development activities. Oasis Mathare provides a relief in ‘the desert of the absence of affordable ICT training service and general youth development opportunities in the slum’.

The specific objectives of Oasis Mathare are:
1. To empower the youth and children of Mathare to take control of their own development through ICT and education
2. To give youth the tools they need to champion environmental sustainability, health and wellbeing, and productive livelihoods.
3. To reduce extreme poverty, crime rates and disease among the youth
4. To improve the literacy level and reading culture among disadvantaged youth for their personal empowerment.

Local Context: The Mathare slum, with a population of around 500,000 families, is one of the largest informal settlements in Nairobi. Just like any other informal settlement in the world, the Mathare slum is characterized by poor housing structures made of old iron-sheets, inadequate or absent sanitation facilities, large mountains of garbage or solid waste materials, poor infrastructure, lack of proper health facilities, unemployment, high illiteracy levels, and high population density - of which youth constitute 65%. In Mathare, HIV/AIDS has led to high dependence rate and increased number of orphans. Due to a lack of job opportunities, many youth find themselves engaging in major societal vices such as handling and abusing drugs, violence, mugging, commercial sex work, and youth gangs.

Activities: To address the pressing challenges facing youth and children in the Mathare slums, Oasis Mathare provides the following four main community services:

1. Information, Communication and Technology Information and communications technologies (ICT) have the power to change the way people learn, find employment, start businesses and earn productive livelihoods throughout the world. The digital divide, defined by a lack of access to information for a specific population, symbolizes the largest difference between developed and developing countries. The digital divide runs much deeper than hardware and software. The real heart of the digital divide is that those without access to information resources often suffer needlessly while the solutions to their problems are exist beyond their reach. Given the opportunity and access, youth in marginalized communities have the ability to utilize ICT to improve their lives and the lives of those around them. The ICT Center at Oasis Mathare is up and running, and is currently equipped with 15 donated computers. Paying a basic
registration fee, community participants can access this center and learn how to use computers to improve their skills, market their talents and promote their businesses. These courses are offered by trained youth facilitators, who also act as coaches and mentors. To date, 500 youth have accessed the ICT Centre and available courses, creating a significant ripple effect in the community as this knowledge is transferred to family members, friends and neighbours.

2. Library Oasis Mathare provides students with a safe, quiet environment where they can study and access a library stocked with relevant resources. Children in the Mathare slum possess the same talents, creativity and capacities of other children, but are prevented from excelling academically due to challenges at home or high school fees. Most family’s lives in a 5 by 7 meters house which makes student difficult to study at and by providing students with this study space, they can improve their academic performance and keep-up with their classmates while they are out of school. Our small library serves a minimum of 45 children per day.

3. Mentorship The youth and children in the Mathare slum are greatly talents in performing arts, creative art and sports, but they do not have access to people who can challenge, encourage, mentor and help them develop these talents. At the Oasis Mathare, we use a peer-to-peer mentorship process that helps youth and children to use their talents to earn sustainable livelihoods. The Oasis Mathare also provides a space for youth and children to showcase their talents to the community.

4. Early Childhood Development A key feature of slum dwellings is the absence of open play spaces for small children. As a solution, the Oasis Mathare provides space where children are able to come and play with toys for free. An additional benefit is that as they play, they are encouraged by the older children and youth that surround them to read, develop their talents and use technology. We have witnessed great improvement in the performance of students who come to Oasis Mathare. Using time with the computers as a reward, students must complete all their school assignments first. This approach has been very effective as students who frequent Oasis Mathare are ranked within the top 5 positions of their classes - a great improvement from the previous school term. In addition to the four main services provided, the Centre also provides young people with learning on sexual and reproductive health rights, rescue services to abused children and girls, and training in youth leadership and entrepreneurship.

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- Social work at the center
- Information Communication and Technology education
- Early childhood education
- Mentorship
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**Project participants:** Maximum 10 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations
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**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 respective countries. KVDA does not accept direct applications by volunteers.

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**OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION**

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**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

**ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND**

Newstar Drama Group was founded in 1993 at Kenya Institute of Mass Communication [K.I.M.C] Nairobi and was registered in 1996 by the Ministry of Culture and Social services. The group 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, 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 setbooks e.g. an Enemy of the people by Henrik Ibsen and River between by Ngugi wa Thiongo in high schools.
- HIV/ Aids awareness program in both learning and non-learning forums.
- Running peace building and reconciliation program in both learning and non-learning forums.
- 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 in both learning and non-learning forums.
- Exchange program between group artistes and other group artistes in other countries for the sake of sharing experiences and skills

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Administrative work at the office in Kisii town
- Training on performing arts
- Live drama performances on topical issues at community forums
- Mentorship for group members and specific target groups within the local community
- Resource mobilization with specific focus on fund raising
• Corporate Social Responsibility (CRS) program to attract sponsorships to implement awareness programs on thematic issues affecting communities.

• Promotional activities including marketing theatre productions to potential clients

• Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

• Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.

• The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer

• 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

• The project participation fee is Euro 200 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 for the one month placement.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PARTICIPATION FEE?

• Return transfers from the airport

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• Orientation, evaluation and monitoring

• Volunteer mentorship

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• 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 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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• 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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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

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MEDICAL:

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**Project Name:** Hope Link Development Project  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/06  
**Location:** Rusinga Island, Lake Victoria, Homa-Bay County  
**Service Sector:** Education/Children

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**Overview on Hosting Organization**

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**Project Background**

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

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

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

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

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

**CORE VALUES**
Accountable and transparent development, Team work, honesty and hard work.

**Community and Child friendly**

**ACTIVITIES**

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

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

**PROJECT START DATES**
• Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
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• 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
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• Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
• Volunteer mentorship

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• Air ticket
• Excursion
• Visa and Insurance
• Local travel
• Personal effects

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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 5 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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**Project Name:** Shimba Hills Forest Guides Association (SHIFOGA)

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/07

**Location:** Kwale County, Coastal Region

**Service Sector:** Conservation/World Heritage

**Overview on Hosting Organization**

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**Project Background**

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

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

**Vision:** To have a conservation conscious community

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

**VOLUNTEER TASKS**
- Conservation activities
- Tree planting and farming
- Undertake basic research on World heritage
- Capacity Building for group members on World Heritage
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

**PROJECT START DATES**
- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
- The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**
- The project participation fee is **Euro 200 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** for the one month placement.

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- Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
- Volunteer mentorship

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- Air ticket
- Excursion
- Visa 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.
- 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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**Leisure Time**

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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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- **Mentor’s Experience with International Volunteers**: More than 3 years’ experience with international volunteers

**Project Participants**: Maximum 30 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

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**Project Name**: Shining Star ECDC and Orphans School

**Code**: KVDA/MLTV/2020/08

**Location**: Muhuru Bay, Migori County, Lake Victoria Region

**Service Sector**: Education and Orphans Support

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**Overview on Hosting Organization**

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**Project Background**
- **Shining Star ECDC and Orphans School** is located in Migori County, Nyatike Sub-county, Muhuru division, Muhuru -East location in Tagache Sub-location, along Muhuru-Migori road.

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

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

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

- 2003 the land was bought and demarcation done.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- The School has classes from Kindergarten to Standard eight.

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

- Fishing is the mainstay of the local community thanks to the expansive Lake Victoria.

- Due to the easy cash courtesy of the Lake, young people have been lured to drop out of School to engage in fishing and this has negatively impacted on the community since it has resulted in early marriages, school drop outs, early and unplanned pregnancies not forgetting the spread of HIV/AIDS that has resulted in increased number of OVC’s in the community.

- Community empowerment is crucial in achieving the overall objective of attaining sustainable development.

**Project activities**

- Early childhood development; basic primary school education;

- Education in the primary schools;

- Vocational skills training for the youth;

- Entrepreneurship training for the youth;

- Early childhood development;

- 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;

- Community empowerment is crucial in achieving the overall objective of attaining sustainable development.
• 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
• It is recommended that volunteers applying to join this project should be aware that school terms in Kenya start at the beginning of the following months January and May 2020
• Schools in Kenya have three holiday seasons; April, August, November and December annually
• This means the volunteers wishing to participate in this project should arrive in Kenya at the start of January, towards the end of April 2020
• It is important to note that due to the stringent regulations by the Ministry of Education, we do not to accept volunteers to join the project during the 3rd term
that begins in September 2020 as the term is fully dedicated to national examinations and the Government has imposed restrictions that would not allow the participation of volunteers on the school program.

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Project Participants: Maximum 15 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations.

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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.

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**Project Name:** Kenya Institute of Organic Farming  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/09  
**Location:** Juja, Kiambu County  
**Service Sector:** Organic Agriculture

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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 are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
- The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

**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 200 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?**
- 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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- 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 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.
- KVDA has a memorandum of understanding with the host project regarding the project costs with appropriate procedures, checks and balances.

**Terminal**
- Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi is the port of arrival and KVDA will designate a driver for the airport pick up.
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**KVDA Residence**
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**Leisure Time**
- Kenya is replete with a lot of interesting and natural spectacular sites of interest that would capture the imagination of volunteers.
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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:**
- 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:**

- 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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- **The mentor** will be available for the volunteer as a constant supporting person. However, he/she should not be directly involved in the daily work of the volunteer.
- **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 BACKGROUND

- **Nyabosongo Bena Academy** was started in 2005 with 23 students as a preschool. The School currently has a population of 346 pupils; 149 girls and 197 boys and 147 for the pre-school. There are 12 teachers in total. The School has 8 classrooms and the most of the facilities are still under construction. The school is run by a Parents Teachers Association and the teachers are registered by the Teachers Service Commission.
  - The establishment of the School is a major milestone thanks to the efforts of Mr. John Magesi Chacha, its founder who died on 6th October 2013 but left a sound legacy for posterity having himself been actively involved in KVDA as a volunteer and Board member since the 1970’s. His legacy flourishes through volunteering that was his passion with spectacular influence in the larger Kuria region of Kenya.
  - There is no doubt that the institution will enhance sustainable development within the community whose struggles are emboldened by the need to ensure access to basic education, urgent need to address the grave issues of alcohol, drug and substance abuse, girl child education, repugnant cultural practices like FGM and early pregnancy for teenage girls.
  - The inception of **Nyabosongo Bena Academy** came in handy with the many challenges that affect the community. Their struggles are emboldened by the need to ensure access to education by the majority people from the community, arrest the grave issue of alcohol, drug and substance abuse, the obtaining realities on climate change, repugnant cultural practices like FGM and early pregnancy for teenage girls.
  - The majority of the local people are small scale farmers sustaining livelihoods on subsistence agriculture. Economic statistics rank Kuria region as poor despite the fact the region is well endowed with vast natural resources including huge tracts of land.
land that have not been fully exploited for a long time and its affinity with Tanzania one of the few countries in Africa well-endowed with natural resources.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
Educational development of the students; sports and career development; guidance and counseling

VOLUNTEER TASKS
- Teaching Primary School pupils both on academic and practical subjects
- Sporting, guiding and counseling
- Exposure to the challenges of Female Genital mutilation (FGM)
- Fund raising to for construction of classrooms
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES
- It is recommended that volunteers applying to join this project should be aware that school terms in Kenya start at the beginning of the following months January and May 2020
- Schools in Kenya have three holiday seasons; April, August, November and December annually
- This means the volunteers wishing to participate in this project should arrive in Kenya at the start of January, towards the end of April 2020
- It is important to note that due to the stringent regulations by the Ministry of Education, we do not accept volunteers to join the project during the 3rd term that begins in September 2020 as the term is fully dedicated to national examinations and the Government has imposed restrictions that would not allow the participation of volunteers on the school program.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
- The project participation fee is Euro 200 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 for the one month placement.

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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- 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 and Insurance
- Local travel
- Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS
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**TERMINAL**

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**LAUNDRY AND WATER:**

• Water is available at the project mostly 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
• **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.

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• **THE MENTOR** will be available for the volunteer as a constant supporting person. However, he/she should not be directly involved in the daily work of the volunteer.

• **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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**Project Name:** Nziu Health Center
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/11
**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 are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
- The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

**FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

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

**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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• 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 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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**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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- **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 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.
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

**PROJECT START DATES**
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**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

**PROJECT LOCATION**
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**
- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
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**Project Name:** Poroko Friends Special School for the Mentally Handicapped
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/14
**Location:** Kilgoris, Narok County
**Service Sector:** Rendering services to the vulnerable humanity

**Overview on Hosting Organization**

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

• The handicapped children and youths in the community endure unbearable suffering because of the nature of the cultural practices and the attitude of community members. Mental retardation is stigmatized and any child with such handicapped is either hidden at home or kept to look after their animals.

• Poroko special school is the only such school in the larger Trans-Mara region. It is located in the Maasai country side. The school was established to address the plight of the handicapped among the Maasai community. The school thus will go a long way in addressing this crucial problem. The school at the moment has a total of 72 students and seven teachers and seven support staff. 50 students are in residence in the school.

• The main objective of the school is to equip the mentally handicapped in the area of operation with life skills and get employed in other sectors with technical qualification to own their own small industries and hence create their own employment and be self-reliant

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

• Nurturing and developing the skills and talents of children with mental disability and making the community aware of their needs and how well they can be integrated into the development spectrum of the community.

VOLUNTEER TASKS

• Teaching pupils with emphasis on handicrafts, woodwork, home Science and agriculture

• HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns

• Child care

• Resource mobilization and Capacity Building for community based organizations

• Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

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**Project Name:** Ng’onzini Primary School  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/15  
**Location:** Kwale County, Coast Region  
**Service Sector:** Child Development Centre

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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 which do support Ng’onzini School. These include JICA (KEMRI), Plan Kenya, born free Foundation, Camp Kenya. K.W.S also constructed one classroom and the school is managed by committee of parents.

**Vision:** To educate both boys and girls.
**Mission:** To develop talent of every pupil for faster development of the nation

**School Objectives**

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

**Activities**

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

**Networking**

- The school is working under the ministry of education.
- It is 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

- Teaching children at the school
- General care of the children
- Organize games, sports, drawing lessons, singing sessions, dancing, and other creative, educational and extracurricular activities
- Resource Mobilization to enhance the capacity of the institution.
- 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
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- Treat all information related to the children and the institution in strict confidence
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**Project Name:** Nyamira Missionaries Cultural Development (NMCD)

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/16

**Location:** NYAMIRA COUNTY

**Service Sector:** CULTURAL CENTER

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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 center at local and international level.
3. To run orphanage home to cater for orphans and children from poor families for their shelter, food and education.
4. To engage into community development for empowering women and youth for them to be self-reliant in generating income and being in touch with socio-political realities in the country and at international level.
5. To engage into voluntary services at local and international level with interested organizations who have common objectives with our organizations to improves living standards of human beings across the world.

BACKGROUND
Nyamira missionaries was founded and registered with social development in 2002 in Kenya. The organization is located at Nyaramba -Nyamira County in South Nyanza Region of Kenya. The organization consists of 137 members consisting men, women, youth who vary the age of 18 years to even 80 years. The organization has the office at Nyaramba market in Nyamira county about 10 km from Nyamira town on way to Ikonge town ship center. The organization is managed is managed by executive committee that consists of chairperson, vice chairperson, the secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and 5 members.
The organization runs the following projects;

NYARAMBA MISSIONARIES CENTER

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

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

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

c. The volunteers’ rooms that are self-contained, clean, have warm water, and have even all facilities even for cooking for those local and international tourists who may wish to prepare for their own choice of food. The rooms are allocated at organization offices in good conducive environment with security and friendly neighbourhood. The organization welcomes local and international tourists to come for holidays and weekends to its facilities.
d. The organization engages in African beautiful baskets weaving that takes place at its organization premises. They sell locally and internationally. Therefore the organization is looking for partners and volunteers to create the market in Kenya and across the country.

**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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**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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**Project Name:** Tich Kouma Community Based Organization

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/17

**Location:** Kisumu city, Lake Victoria

**Service Sector:** Conservation/Eco-tourism/ Voluntourism

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**Project Background**

- Tich Kouma Community Based organization was registered on 5th July 2011 as a self-help group under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development.
- The project is situated in the heart of Kisumu city that is the third largest city in Kenya after Nairobi and Mombasa respectively.
- The site is situated behind Tom Mboya Labour College off Ring Road. The group members are residents of Nanga, Dunga, Kaputohe, Katuoro, Got Owak, Sigalagala, Kogello, Milimani that are villages within Winam Division of Kisumu East district, Nyanza province.
OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

- To build a social and economic force taking advantage of the environment and best use of natural resources for sustainability
- Provide funds for conservation to preserve the biomas flora and fauna, culture and history, to set sustainable use of limits of the wetland and to protect natural attractions alongside the preservation of existing endemic species
- To empower members through income generating activities as adaptive to natural resources available at the project site
- To engage appropriate technology innovatively by wise use practices like conservation farming
- To build human capital through empowerment of the community by utilization of intellectual property rights-like making of conservation furniture through weaving of papyrus reed in the making process
- To engage in activities aimed at alleviating poverty, creating employment and engagement with equity
- Advocate for environmental restoration, conservation by showcasing the way forward through activities like tree planting, nursery, husbandry, farm management and related activities that can create micro climate for Kisumu city

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Agro forestry, eco-tourism and conservation activities as outlined in the objectives of the group

VOLUNTEER TASKS

- Tree planting
- Tree nursery planting
- Farm management
- Climate change issues with focus on greening Kisumu city
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
- The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- The project participation fee is Euro 200 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 for the one month placement.

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 and Insurance
- Local travel
- Personal effects

Accommodation and Meals

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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/ooloololo 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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- Excursion
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- 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.

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**Project Name:** Essong’Olo Secondary School

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/19

**Location:** Emuhaya, Vihiga County, Western Kenya

**Service Sector:** Education

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Essong’olo Secondary School was established in 1994 by the local community and it is mixed for boys and girls and has a population of 350 students from form one to four.
- The School is two streamed with a single large block of construction made up of eight classrooms, a staff room, Principal’s office, accounts Clerk office and a reception room that double as copy typist room. The School has an extension which acts as a library cum laboratory and Deputy Head teacher’s office.
- The School has three laboratories; the dining hall is under construction courtesy of funds from the Constituency Development Fund and there are plans to construct dormitory as the School intends to expand into a boarding School.
- It is important to note the big efforts made by former volunteer to this project Mr. Chris
- The School occupies a land surface of 5 acres and has a teaching staff of ten teachers, six Government employed and four and employed by the School Board of Governors
- The School is growing rapidly due to the large area and the increased enrolment at Primary Schools within the division and hence the growing demand among students for high School education
- The institution acts as a focal point for the community mobilization in relation to community development of the area. Youths are very desperate and the fact that climatic situation is a hindrance to meaningful agricultural activities also deters their attention from positive contribution to both community and national level.

Volunteer tasks

- Teaching Secondary School students, any of the following subjects; mathematics, English, physics, Social sciences, Biology and Chemistry
- Guiding and counselling students and teachers
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES

- It is recommended that volunteers applying to join this project should be aware that school terms in Kenya start at the beginning of the following months January and May 2020
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Project Participants: Maximum 10 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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Project Name: Arise and Shine Care Centre
Code: KVDA/MLTV/2020/20
Location: Miwani, Kisumu County, Lake Region
Service Sector: Youth and Education
Theme: Entrepreneurship and Leadership Development

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Project Background Information

- Arise and Shine Care Center is a non-profitable Community Based Organization (CBO) which is an initiative between Piny Pek, and Otieno Okado Youth Groups. The CBO was started in April 2010 and later registered in November 2010 under the Ministry Of Gender, Child and Social Development NO. NDO/CBO/878484.
• It is located in Ramula Sub-Location, Ombeyi Location, Miwani Division, Muhoroni District, Kisumu County. It lies slightly 29km from Kisumu City and 8km from Ahero Town within Ombeyi Market as its operation site.
• Ombeyi region as a whole has approximately 26,000 inhabitants and exclusively depends on agriculture as a source of their subsistence and cash income. Due to environmental changes especially depletion of soil through floods, backward agricultural practices, ignorance, premature deaths due to HIV/AIDS and other epidemics which have affected the agricultural production and the income of cash crops (rice & sugarcane) in negative ways, it has led to acute poverty, higher child mortality, increasing illiteracy rate cross cutting between the gender and even early marriages among the youth.
• Due to the increasing poverty, unemployment, the division of labour by gender and age groups, it has been found that the youths are more dependants on their parents and guardians. Piny Pek Youth Group saw it wise forming a network with Otieno Okado Youth Group to come up with a way forward in order to alleviate all these problems, thus easing the burden on age through youth empowerment and involvement. This networking between the two groups has given birth to Arise and Shine Care Center.

OBJECTIVE / AIM

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

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

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

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

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

The organization facilitates the participatory rural appraisal methods that move awareness resulting to community action plan. The organization also provides trainings to youths group leaders on the basis of P.R.D (Participatory Rural Development) methods.

**VISION:** To come up with an institution with an instrumental programme aimed at achieving and empowered community with avenues for sustainable development, aimed at reducing poverty index and giving top priority to the less privileged members of the community

**VOLUNTEER TASKS**
- Rice farming
- Poultry keeping
- Horticulture
- Inter-cultural learning coupled with home visits for exposure to development challenges.
- Possibility to visit the historic sites like Hippo point on Lake Victoria in Kisumu City, renowned Kakamega Rain Forest and the Equator point at Maseno University; among other spectacular sites of interest in the region. However, this will be done most probably during the weekends.

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- 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
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**Project Name:** Ebusiralo Youth Polytechnic  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/22  
**Location:** Emuhaya, Vihiga County, Western Kenya  
**Service Sector:** Vocational Training

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

**MOTTO**: Technology for empowerment

**VISION STATEMENT**: To empower the youths holistically for self-sustainability, the leading needs help now not tomorrow.

**MISSION**: To be a leading Centre in technological excellence empowering youths.

INTRODUCTION

- Ebusiralo Youth Polytechnic was founded in the year 2002 to offer vocational training to the youths. The polytechnic has enrolment of 140 trainees male and female. The trainees are youths aged above 14 years. The Polytechnic is located in Western Kenya, Vihiga County, Emuhaya district; Luanda Township situated more than 400 kilometers from Nairobi.
- KVDA organized a work camp in 2009 that jump-started the construction of the first administration block that is yet to be completed as the inaugural step to develop the infrastructure at the Polytechnic. There are ten instructors and the one-acre land on which the Polytechnic is constructed is owned by the institution.
- The polytechnic is run by the entire community members who had the idea to empower young people who could not have the full chance to education due to high poverty rate, to have self-skills. Most of the community members are peasant farmers who live below poverty line (from hand to mouth) and have seen that for the development of the community is just to uplift young people through skillful and practical learning that can create self-employment.
- Ebusiralo Youth Polytechnic is a community based institution that was started to administer rehabilitation on drug addict children, children from poor families and street children in Luanda town and train them in different skills.

OBJECTIVES OF THE POLYTECHNIC

- Trainees to gain new skills that can generate self-employment.
- Capture idle youths within the communities for self-reliance and commitment.
- Empower youths to economically develop their own community, rural development.
- To substitute theoretical learning by experimental and practical work.

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CENTRE

- Garment making/Beauty therapy.
- Electrical installation.
- Motor vehicle mechanics
- Welding and fabrication
- Masonry/carpentry.
- Computer which is compulsory to all trainees
- Sports and physical education
- Metal processing technology
- Information communication technology
- Agri-business
- Workshop construction

**CHALLENGES**
- Polytechnic has insufficient tools and equipment to cater for large enrolment.
- Most workshops and temporary structures available at the site
- It is difficult for the community to expand the polytechnic physical structures because of very high poverty levels and deprivation.
- Lack of resources to facilitate the instructors who work on voluntary basis
- Drug abuse leading to most trainers to drop out from the polytechnic, HIV/AIDS has caused many trainees to be left poor and orphans causing problem in fee payment

**CHALLENGES**
- Students from poor families are unable to pay school fees and hence drop out
- Inadequate workshop and workshop facilities
- Frequent absent of the students seeking how to make ends meet especially on market days
- Containing drug addicts and street children.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES**
Educational development of the students; sports and career development; guidance and counseling

**VOLUNTEER TASKS**
- Guiding and Counseling
- Lecture on technical subjects
- Engage in Agricultural activities at the institution
- Develop fund raising strategy for the construction of the Polytechnic buildings
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

**PROJECT START DATES**
- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month. The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

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Project participants: Maximum 15 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations.

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Project Name: Nyamanche Primary School
Code: KVDA/MLTV/2020/23
Location: Kuria, South West Kenya
Thematic focus: Gender Sensitivity: Focus on Female Genital Mutilation
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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.

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

PROJECT START DATES
- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month.
- The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
- The project participation fee is **Euro 200 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** for the one month placement.

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 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**

• Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi is the port of arrival and KVDA will designate a driver for the airport pick up.
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**KVDA Residence**

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• The residence is situated in the serene environment with amble 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 previledge 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**:

• 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**:
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.

The mentor will be available for the volunteer as a constant supporting person. However, he/she should not be directly involved in the daily work of the volunteer.

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.

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.

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Project Name: Esikoma Community Health Volunteers

Code: KVDA/MLTV/2020/26

Location: Butula Location, Busia County

Service Sector: Conservation/Health

OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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• 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
• German foundation for world population through a community based organization, trained some community health members on HIV/AIDS prevention, VCT Counselors, Community mobilizers, and home based care givers and educators among others. During the project period, while the trained members were visiting the community, they realized that there was a big health problem in the community. Apart from HIV/AIDS as the main problem, there were more health issues such as an increase number of orphans/vulnerable children, and jiggers menace as a result of parents’ death from HIV/AIDS.
• Most orphans whose parents died from HIV/AIDS. Were infected by jiggers, this was as a result of parental and guardian poor care. In generals these children lacked basic needs such as health care, shelter, education, and clothing among others.
• Having realized all these problems within the community, few members from Butula who were trained, decided to establish a group which could address the above mentioned health issues. The group was then referred to as Esikoma Community Health Volunteers (ECHV).
• Esikoma Community Health Volunteers (ECHV) is a community self-help group established in 2014 by local volunteers operating within Butula Sub County with its main office at Esikoma Market within Marachi central Ward, focusing on Health and community development and other health related issues.

ARTICLE ONE: ORGANIZATION

The name of the group shall be Community Development Self-Help Group

Section 1.2. Address.

Postal Address. Po Box 252 Nambale

• County : Busia
• Sub-County: Butula
• Division: Butula
• Location: Marachi Central
• Sub Location: Esikoma

OFFICE LOCATION.

• The group shall have its main office located at Esikoma Market, Butula Sub County within Esikoma Sub-Location.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
ARTICLE TWO: ORGANIZATION STRATEGY

Section 1.1 Visions: A Healthy and Developed Community.
Section 1.2. Mission To spearhead implementation of Community-Health and Environmental programs in Marachi Central

Sec 2.3 Group’s objectives

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

Current programs

- Numerous efforts have targeted Busia region to reduce the threats to biodiversity, these includes rehabilitation attempts and aids to help build socio economic status of communities, most river banks have are still being cultivated by the bigger group. This has resulted in slow but continual degradation of riverbanks and wetlands.
- Most of grassland and wetland in Busia are rich with biodiversity but this over exploitation of grassland and wetlands has caused a lot of negative efforts, In Busia ecosystem ,the communities realized this major cause and this programs has improved many lives of the community members.

Environmental sustainability

- Wetlands and grassland conservation will help maintain the unique species of both fauna and flora for present and future generations
- Low impact IGA and eco-torism will help to maintain the ecological integrity of the programs sites in the region
- Reduced rural poverty will if matched with greater awareness and provision of resource alternatives, promote sustainable use of biological resources and

Volunteer tasks

- Rehabilitation and conservation of Busia Wetlands
• Environmental education to schools
• Participate in renewable energy program
• Participate in nature based livelihood support program
• Participate in the support program for vulnerable children
• Submit Project Report to KVDA

PROJECT START DATES
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• 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
• The project participation fee is Euro 200 per month paid upfront on arrival to the cover costs stipulated for the entire duration of the project.
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• Orientation, evaluation and monitoring
• Volunteer mentorship

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• 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 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.

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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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• 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:

• 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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support the volunteer’s self-image and competence and thus to listen, guide, advice, teach and offer professional support to the volunteers

- **THE MENTOR** will be available for the volunteer as a constant supporting person. However, he/she should not be directly involved in the daily work of the volunteer.

- **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

**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: St. James Community Orphans School

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/27

**Location:** Mfangano Island on Lake Victoria, Homa-Bay County

**Service Sector:** Education and Orphans Support

### Overview on Hosting Organization

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- 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

**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 ad vocation (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 carter for health emergency that might arise

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

VOLUNTEER TASKS

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

PROJECT START DATES
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• Volunteer mentorship

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• Visa and Insurance
• Local travel
• Personal effects

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS
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TERMINAL
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Leisure time

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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:

• **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.
• **The mentor** will be available for the volunteer as a constant supporting person. However, he/she should not be directly involved in the daily work of the volunteer.
• **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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**Project Name:** Ushuhuda network for orphans and vulnerable children in Webuye

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/28

**Location:** Webuye, Bungoma County

**Service Sector:** Education AND Children Support

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**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.

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

The School has a population of 150 children and there are 13 teachers employed to take care of the institution.
Further, the School faces grave challenges with regards to infrastructural development and it urgently requires construction of classrooms to accommodate the increasing student population.

**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**
- It is recommended that volunteers applying to join this project should be aware that school terms in Kenya start at the beginning of the following months January and May 2020
- Schools in Kenya have three holiday seasons; April, August, November and December annually
- This means the volunteers wishing to participate in this project should arrive in Kenya at the start of January, towards the end of April 2020
- It is important to note that due to the stringent regulations by the Ministry of Education, we do not accept volunteers to join the project during the 3rd term that begins in September 2020 as the term is fully dedicated to national examinations and the Government has imposed restrictions that would not allow the participation of volunteers on the school program.

**Financial Contribution**
- The project participation fee is **Euro 200 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** for the one month placement.

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- 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 and excursion
- Visa and Insurance
• Local travel
• personal effects

**ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**
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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.

**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.

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- **The Mentor** will be available for the volunteer as a constant supporting person. However, he/she should not be directly involved in the daily work of the volunteer.

- **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.

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**Project Name:** GREAT VISION FOR NEEDY CHILDREN/BAMKA COMMUNITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/29

**Location:** MAWENI, MOMBASA COUNTY

**OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION**
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PROJECT BACKGROUND
- The institution is a Non-Governmental Institution that operates within the framework of Registered Self-Help Group. Bamka Preparatory Community Group (CBO)/Great Vision for Needy Children.
- Bamka School/Great Vision was started in 2012 by 4 teachers. We started as a merry-go-round group, then they thought of coming up with an Apbet School to help those parents who cannot afford expensive school fees for their children.
- We saw a lot of children who were unable to attend school because either the school was very far or school fees being expensive.

MANDATE: To promote high quality education and care to children in the Community in social, Religious and economic affairs.

MISSION: To be the best school in the county that offers affordable and quality education.

VISION: Empower the community by creating jobs, eradicating illiteracy and uplifting the living standards of the community.

RESOURCE: Through the table banking that we have, merry-go-rounds, donors and well-wishers.

FEEDING PROGRAM
Children are fed twice a day, break hours at 10:00am and lunch time at 12:00pm since most of them come from poverty stricken homes and some parents don’t provide food due to lack of resources.

ACHIEVEMENTS
Bamka School/Great Vision has managed through its efforts to sustain the school and the feeding program. Through the little contribution that the group gets, they have managed to rent a house and cater for educational needs for over 150 children (boys 78, girls 72). Currently the school is registered under Apbet, Provisional Level.
**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

1) The project will eradicate and reduce the high level of illiteracy in the surrounding community.
2) The community will be empowered economically and socially.
3) The empowerment will be available at most of the workers, teachers, and subordinate staff will come from the community.
4) Children will not have to work long distance in search of education.
5) Parents will have been uplifted the burden of having children at home and not going to school yet they are of school going age.

**CHALLENGES**

1) Lack of enough, furniture and staff.
2) A place of adequate enough to accommodate all the children.
3) Challenges with securing funding for strategic operations.
4) Lack of equipment for the day care centre and teaching/learning materials.
5) The institution operates on a rental premises, this makes it hard to achieve the set objectives due to resources restraints.

**FUTURE PLANS**

1) To admit more children for quality education and operates its activities on its own land.
2) Starting both rehabilitation center and adult education.
3) To open a donation kit that can accommodate emerging cases or children living with HIV/AIDS so that, they can access medical assistance and a special diet.
4) Improving quality education.
5) There is need to initiate a day care institution to serve the community members especially for mothers who are working. This can act as an income generating activity that can supplement our income.

**Volunteer Tasks**

- Teaching Primary School pupils
- General care of the children
- Organize games, sports, drawing lessons, singing sessions, dancing, and other creative, educational and extracurricular activities
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

**PROJECT START DATES**

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• Volunteer mentorship

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• Refreshments outside the project
• Air ticket and excursion
• Visa and Insurance
• Local travel
• personal effects

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**Leisure Time**

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**Laundry and Water:**

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**Medical:**

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**Mentor’s Experience with International Volunteers:** More than 3 years’ experience with international volunteers

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**Project Name:** Community Health Volunteers  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/30  
**Location:** Shinyalu, Kakamega County  
**Service Sector:** Health

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**Overview on Hosting Organization**

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**Project Background**

- Community health volunteers is a community health volunteers established back in 2008 by the local volunteers based in Kakamega County, this project is based within Shinyalu Sub County of Kakamega County with its main office at Virhembe market in shinyalu sub-county.
- The main purpose of this project was as a result of the immense destruction of kakamega forest by both the locals and outsiders.
- Kakamega Forest harbours immense and unique biodiversity due to its association with both lowland equatorial forest of central Africa and mountane forest of Kenya. Because of these unique contributions and island status, Kakamega Forest shows a high level of diversity and endemism The IUCN has put Kakamega Forest as a top
priority for biodiversity conservation in East Africa.

- The key environmental problems in Kakamega forest ecosystem includes soil erosion, cultivation in riverbanks, deforestation and cutting down of trees, encroachment of forest boundaries, illegal and unsustainable harvest of forest products, high population growth rate increasing pressure on natural resource and food security.
- Land cover and historical analyses suggest that approximately 30% of the forest has been lost since it was gazetted in 1933 and 15% of indigenous forest with the gazetted kakamega forest was lost between 1972 and 2000, Although most of the large clearing and logging has stopped since the 1980, there remains a very high demand by the local community for timber products.

**Volunteer Tasks**
- Rehabilitation of Kakamega Rain Forest
- Jigger eradication
- Orphans support
- Conduct mobile family planning clinics in the countryside
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

**Project Start Dates**
- Volunteers are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month. The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer.
- 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

**Financial Contribution**
- The project participation fee is **Euro 200 per month paid upfront on arrival** to cover costs stipulated the entire duration of the project.
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**Medical:**
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**Project Name:** ESIBILA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/31  
**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 is 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
- It is recommended that volunteers applying to join this project should be aware that school terms in Kenya start at the beginning of the following months January and May 2020
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• It is important to note that due to the stringent regulations by the Ministry of Education, we do not accept volunteers to join the project during the 3rd term that begins in September 2020 as the term is fully dedicated to national examinations and the Government has imposed restrictions that would not allow the participation of volunteers on the school program.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
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LAUNDRY AND WATER:

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**Project Participants:** Maximum 15 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations

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**Project Background**

- St. Theresa Mabera Primary School was registered on 3rd September 2018.
- The School is situated in Mabera Township along the Migori to Isebania Road, Taraga location, Mabera Sub County of Migori County in South West Kenya.
- The School is mixed day school for boys and girls located predominantly among the Kuria community that is among marginalized ethnic communities in Kenya.
- The school has a population of 187 pupils; 96 boys and 91 girls.
- The School has 8 teachers and 4 non-teaching staff members.
**Volunteer tasks**

- Teaching
- Playing with children
- Sand harvesting
- Sensitization on the effects of female Genital Mutilation (FGM) to the children, parents and the entire community
- Empowering the vulnerable in society with focus on children
- Promotion of safe male circumcision
- Home visits to the orphans and the vulnerable in society
- Inter-cultural education to foster global cooperation
- Submit Project Report to KVDA

**Project start dates**

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**Project Name:** MIWANI PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**Code:** KVDA/MLTV/2020/33  
**Location:** Malindi County, Coastal Kenya  
**Service Sector:** EDUCATION
OVERVIEW ON HOSTING ORGANIZATION

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Miwani Primary School is in the north coast, situated in Miwani village, Ganda location in Malindi Constituency. It is a community school run by Maziwani Primary School with the full support of both the community and the local government. Miwani has 158 pupils with a team of 9 teachers who work under very difficult and appalling situation in order to educate these kids. The village has a population of about 1000 people respectively.
- The school was established in 2011 following the need to start another school given that the population had increased and the other public schools were a distance away. As it were, a few structures were set up with the help of local government and the school began running.
- The school is in the heart of the village and enjoys serenity and tranquility of nature. However, most community members lack education thus is faced with a lot of economic hardships and poverty as a result.
- Therefore, the support extended to the school remains minimal considering the life challenges that they undergo. In order to seal this gap, Mafanikio has partnered with the school, local government and the county government in order to provide intervention measures to improve the school infrastructure, provision of learning instructional materials, international volunteer services and school feeding program as a way of providing a conducive learning environment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

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

The short term goals include;

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

The long term goals;

1. Borehole
2. Classrooms and
3. Fence

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

ACTIVITIES

• Offering teaching services to the children especially in Maths, English & Science
• Organizing educational trips and talent show activities
• Helping out in the poultry project (management & operation) and to some extent manual work
• Supporting school administration

VOLUNTEER TASKS

• Teaching Mathematics, English & Social studies
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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.
• 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.

CLIMATE
• Malindi is along the coast shoreline with white sandy beaches and warm weather.
• Most of the time, it is warm and the community members are also kind.
• It is therefore, recommended that the volunteer packs the appropriate cloths for the weather and maintains decent cloths in school.

GENERAL INFORMATION
• Malindi is a tourist destination; therefore, the aspects and effects of tourism can be highly seen and experienced. That means that the locals especially in the town treat the volunteers like tourists and try to extort them at every possible opportunity.
• The means of transport is tuktuks (rickshaws) or motorbikes. To & from the volunteer house to school is 2$. The distance varies within the town centres.
• Beaches are open to everyone, although caution should be put especially if traveling alone. If volunteering alone or two, it’s better to frequent to public beaches.
• Avoid the use of drugs as this could land you to jail.
• In the volunteer house neighborhood, it is advisable to maintain respect and silence as it is a residential area and keep matters privately.

Social amenities
• The house is situated in an ideal location close to the hospitals such as Aga Khan, Maimoon Hospital. It is also near the shopping malls, banks, clubs, police station and the market. All these places are accessible by foot.
• The night life is also a very big thing in Malindi and it is advisable that volunteers remain very careful and avoid late night movements.

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**Project participants:** Maximum 10 volunteers from different nationalities recruited through KVDA partner organizations.

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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 are accepted to join this project at any time of the year and should arrive in Kenya on 20th day of the month. The duration of placement is flexible depending on the availability of the volunteer
• 2-day orientation seminar will be done on the 21st and 22nd of every month

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
• The project participation fees is Euro 200 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 for the one month placement.

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 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 0721650357

**KVDA RESIDENCE**

- Volunteers will be driven to the YMCA South hostels 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.

**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**

- **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

- **The Mentor** will be available for the volunteer as a constant supporting person. However, he/she should not be directly involved in the daily work of the volunteer.

- **Mentor’s Experience with international volunteers**: More than 3 years’ experience with international volunteers

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