



Uganda Pioneers' Association

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**YOUTH VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION**



"TOGETHER WE SHAPE THE FUTURE"

**PROFILES FOR MEDIUM AND LONG -TERM VOLUNTEER
PLACEMENTS /PROJECTS 2016-2017**



INTRODUCTION

The Medium and Long Term Volunteer Program (MLTV program) is an international volunteer exchange program that is run by Uganda Pioneers' Association (UPA). UPA has hosted international volunteers since its inception in 1989. UPA uses volunteer exchange and intercultural cooperation as tools to promote community based development, intercultural understanding and youth participation through voluntary work.

The objectives of the MLTV program are to:

- Contribute to the development of community based social services
- Promote and improve natural and acquired skills useful to the community
- Promote and exchange cultures in order to create friendship and mutual understanding
- Encourage the youth as dynamic age group to take leading roles in development

UPA partners with organisations/institutions and projects that aim at the development of the local communities. These projects include; schools (primary and secondary), orphanages, hospitals, children with special needs and working with community based organisations and Non-Government Organisations.

How to participate

If you wish to participate in the UPA MLTV Program, please contact your national SCI branch.

Participants are required to pay a participation fee of **Euro 500 (five hundred Euros) on arrival for a period of 1- 3months** and **80 Euros (eighty Euros) in advance** for each additional month/s. The fee covers pick up from the airport or bus terminal upon arrival in Uganda, on-arrival training (orientation), guesthouse maintenance, accommodation and other operational bills for water, cooking gas, power, kitchen utensils and a monthly contribution for those living in host families, project evaluations and administration costs. **Volunteers are advised to have a comprehensive study of our volunteer's guidebook to acquaint themselves with the dynamics of volunteering with UPA and our projects before making decision.**

Cancellation of participation

Cancellation of participation before the project starts while in Uganda will attract a 50% refund. In case a volunteer cancels his/her participation during the project, no refund of any amount of the participation fee. This is because a lot of expenses are incurred in communication, airport pick up, orientation, prior preparations before the project and other logistics. However if a volunteer cancels his/her participation before arriving in Uganda, he will be given back the entire fee if payments were made prior to their arrival in the country.

Orientation

Upon arrival, you will be given a 3 days orientation at the UPA office. UPA will share with you information about Uganda mainly covering history, cultures, economy, political situation and social aspects. It also includes a one day tour to Kampala, assisting you in getting the basic necessities for example SIM Card, Internet and bank services etc. and getting to know how the transport system works. More still, the volunteer undergoes through the orientation of UPA and its partners and programmes. After all that, UPA introduces the volunteer to his/her project.

Evaluation



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During your placement on the project, there will be regular evaluations to check on you and your project performance. In addition there are regular volunteer meetings to talk about your placement, your wellbeing and anything. Apart from that, the UPA office is always open for any concerns and you are always welcome anytime.

End of Projects

All volunteers joining our MLTV projects shall be required to submit a written report of their experience to UPA and a copy to the host project. Volunteers are also welcome to share their experiences with UPA during the final evaluations.

Accommodation

UPA has a guesthouse for the international volunteers that can accommodate up to 18 volunteers at a time. The volunteers have to share rooms with others. The guesthouse has basic facilities including a kitchen, a bathroom, a toilet and latrines. Apart from the guesthouse you can choose to stay with a host family. The host families are either in the same area with the guesthouse and the UPA office or can be chosen close to your project. Staying with a host family gives you the chance to get in touch with the Ugandan cultures on a different level than staying in the guesthouse among other international volunteers, even though the standard of living might be more basic than in the guesthouse.

Workload, Work schedules and Work plans

We would recommend a volunteer to come with a very open mind and be highly motivated, creative and innovative as not all projects will have the capacity to follow the stated activities, duties or tasks. Some projects run on very informal approaches without clear work plans or not very organized. The volunteer should take time and efforts also to discuss with the project managers on any new ideas he/she feels can contribute to the project.

Occasionally, workload and activities may get low at certain times or eventually the volunteer may become too busy. There is no guarantee that the volunteer will be fully occupied during all the time of stay. Activities may often fluctuate due to various factors in the project. Many projects do not have a sound financial base. Therefore volunteer expectations should not be too high and if anything does not workout as earlier planned this is the best time that a volunteer's creativity, innovation and patience are most called for.

About Uganda

Uganda is a beautiful country gifted by nature. Volunteers may take time off on weekends or after the project to visit National parks (lions, elephants, giraffes, kobs, buffalos etc), go white water rafting, visit the mountain gorillas and enjoy the Ugandan sun. For further information visit: www.visituganda.com.



PROJECTS

1. HOSPITAL

GALILEE COMMUNITY GENERAL HOSPITAL

www.galileeroyalfreehospital.org

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/01

Background	Galilee Community General Hospital was started up in 2008 in the slum areas of Lubaga division, 5 km from the capital Kampala. The establishment of Galilee was due to lack of health services in the area as people had to travel long distances to the public hospitals. The hospital currently has a capacity of up to forty inpatient beds. It is registered by the Medical board council of Uganda with a practicing License.
Aim	To become a regional leader (East Africa) and international partner in holistic health care provision, combining excellent clinical services with community based services, research, education and advocacy.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation• Major and Minor surgeries• Pediatrics• Gynecology• Dental Care• Orthopedics• Maternity• Family Planning• HIV testing and Counseling• Immunization• Outreaches• Mobilization• Physiotherapy• Anti-Retroviral Therapy Centre• Tuberculosis screening and Testing



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Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the health Team • Helping on-medical personnel basing on skills possessed by volunteer • Engage in patient home visits • Provide hand in immunization • Ensuring patient care is maintained • Early childhood growth & development lessons • Represent hospital in seminars and trainings • HIV counseling and testing • HIV sensitization and awareness in schools • Participate and coordinate village Outreaches • Registration and assessment of new beneficiaries • Follow up on activities • Administrative/office work
Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being emotionally strong • motivated • open minded • Volunteers with medical background and administrative skills
Working hours	The volunteers are required to be at the hospital at 08.00 and work will finish at 17.00 from Monday to Friday but community outreaches may be conducted on selected days
Transport	From UPA Guesthouse/Nansana to Galilee community general hospital, it is 7 kms and it costs 5,000 Ugandan shillings (one way) by a hired motorcycle (Boda Boda) or 3,000 Ugandan shillings (one way) by public means.
Accommodation	Volunteers can stay at UPA Guest house although Galilee community general hospital can arrange with different families to host its volunteers near the project. The volunteer can also be placed near UPA Guesthouse in a host family.
Comments from UPA	Galilee hospital can provide good experience to the volunteer both in medical and administrative skills.
Communication	The medium of communication amongst staff, volunteers and administrators at Galilee community general hospital is English. Though majority of the clients speak little English and can only ably express themselves in local languages. The local staff are always helping in translation.
Past Volunteers	German, Dutch,Japan, Finland,Wales,Mexico



FAITH MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTRE

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/03

Background	<p>Faith Memorial Medical Centre (FMMC) was started up in 2012 in the outskirts of Nabweru village bordering with Bwaise slum Wakiso district, 5 km from the capital Kampala- Uganda. Faith Memorial Medical Centre (FMMC) is a health arm of Faith Memorial Initiative(FAMI) a community Based Organisation.</p> <p>FMMC establishment was due to lack of a one-stop centre health services provider in Nabweru county yet many people who reside a round are less fortunate with minimal chances of accessing basic quality health care services. The medical Centre currently has a capacity of up to 10 inpatient beds. It is registered by the Medical board council of Uganda with a practicing License.</p>
Aim	<p>To become a One-Stop Centre in Community and Public Health Service provision in Uganda through strengthening research and partnerships in handling holistic health care services and HIV.</p>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation• Minor surgeries• Pediatrics• General clinical care/medicine• Gynecology• Diabetic Specialist• Maternity• Family Planning• HIV testing and Counseling• Immunization• Outreaches• Health sensitization and talks• Physiotherapy• Safe male circumcision



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Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping on-medical personnel basing on skills possessed by volunteer • Engage in patient home visits • Provide hand in immunization • Ensuring patient care is maintained • Helping during community health sensitization • Represent hospital in seminars and trainings • Helping during HIV and Aids counseling and testing • HIV sensitization and awareness in schools • Participate and coordinate village Outreaches • Registration and assessment of new beneficiaries • Follow up over different activities • Administrative/office work • Proposal and report writing
Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being emotionally strong • motivated • open minded • Volunteers with medical background and administrative skills
Working hours	The volunteers are required to be at the medical centre at 08.00 and work will finish at 16.00 from Monday to Friday but community outreaches may conducted on weekends for agreed times.
Transport	From UPA Guesthouse/Nansana to Faith Memorial Medical Centre, it is 3 km and it costs 3,000 Ugandan shillings (one way) by a hired motorcycle (Boda Boda), or 2,000 Ugandan shillings (one way) by public means.
Accommodation	Volunteers can stay at UPA Guesthouse, they can also be placed in a host family near UPA Guesthouse.
Comments from UPA	This is a new project that is worth a trying as it seems to provide a good experience to the volunteer. The medical center is well equipped and has the potential to engage a volunteer.
Communication	The medium of communication amongst staff, volunteers and administrators at Faith Memorial Medical Centre is in English. Though majority of the clients speak little English and can only ably express themselves in local languages. A translator will always be available.
Past Volunteers	None



2. SCHOOLS

UPA partners with several schools that host international volunteers; these include Kindergartens and Pre-Schools, Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Schools for children with special needs.

Note:

All volunteers choosing school projects should always remember to consider the school holidays as laid out by the Ministry of Education and Sports in Uganda. That is to say **Mid-April – Mid-May, Mid-August – Mid-September and December to Early February**.

A. KINDERGARTENS

SWEETHOME BABIES DAY CARE AND NURSERY-NANSANA

(Caring for children from 3 months and above)

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/04

Background	Sweet Home Babies Day Care and Nursery –Nansana was established with the main goal of nurturing the “whole child” in areas of physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual developments. This is being realized through various programs that include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The education program • The talents program • Foster family program • An exclusive Christian- based Curriculum
Aim	To prepare children to excel as young leaders of tomorrow.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood teaching • Phonic reading • Day care services • Sports activities (Physical Exercise is a subject taught on regular basis) • Language developments skills • Reading and writing skills • Music, Dance and Drama • Art and Craft Shop (located near the UPA guesthouse) • Guidance and counseling to families • Potty and toilet training
Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend to Day Care Babies • Teach children of the ages 3 years to 6 years in all Early Childhood learning areas and development skills. Volunteers might even do this sometimes without the direct help of a teacher. • Play games with children for example sports • Teach pupils art and craft



Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent • Very open minded • Creative • Good knowledge of social work and administration • Interested in Children • Being an early childhood educator will be of great advantage • The project also encourages male volunteer to apply
Working hours	The volunteer will work from 08.00 am to 04.00 pm Monday to Friday.
Transport	No cost because the distance is in a walking distance from UPA Guesthouse host families are usually also located in that area.
Accommodation	Accommodation will be at the UPA guest house in Nansana or maybe hosted directly at the project. It is also possible to stay in a host family.
Comments from UPA	<p>The project is hosting maximum 2 volunteers at a time. It is ideal to those volunteers who would like to be in touch with smaller children and would like to get an overview on the growing stages and steps of a Ugandan child.</p> <p>Note: All volunteers choosing school project should always remember to consider the school holidays when the schools are closed in Mid-April – Mid-May, Mid-August – Mid-September and December to Early February.</p>
Communication	Communication at school is mainly in English, though especially with kids, it may be challenging since not all of them can easily express themselves in English. Translation to the Volunteer from the local language is possible from fellow workmates.
Past volunteers	Korean, Japanese, Finnish, Austrian, Dutch and Germans



GOLDEN HEARTS KINDERGARTEN

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/05

Project background	<p>Kindergarten is a critical stage in the development of each child because it lays the building blocks to future academic success. For learners this age, school is about building social, emotional, self-awareness, language, literacy and numerical skills as well as exposure to how the world works.</p> <p>In Uganda, early childhood education is offered solely by private proprietors, majority of whom targeting children from high income families. Golden Hearts Kindergarten was therefore set up for disadvantaged children from both low-income and middle-income families with a view of nurturing them into wholesome learners.</p> <p>Research shows that children learn more before the age of 6 than at any other stage in life. At Golden Hearts, we believe that each child is unique and develops/learns at his or her pace.</p> <p>Volunteering with us will therefore be a memorable experience because it is fun-packed, intriguing, full of learning, and satisfying. You will surely make a difference!</p>
Aim	To nurture a wholesome child
Project activities	<p>The activities that learners at Golden Hearts engage in enable them develop the following competences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Skills• Motor skills• Language skills• Creative skills• Reading skills• Writing skills• Reasoning and concept development• Math concepts• Social studies• Science• Arts and Crafts• Music, Dance and Drama <p>We also engage in a series of indoor and outdoor games as well as excursions</p>



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Volunteer's roles/tasks	<p>The volunteer will be expected to assist the full-time staff by participating in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing resources and materials required in the learning process • Assist with indoor and outdoor games. • Assist in arranging parties and other special school days • Preparing excursions and field tours • Music, Dance and Drama • Arts and Crafts • Engaging children with enjoyable literature – reading, storytelling and writing. • Contribute to documentation of children's learning. • Organize children's holiday camps • Arranging for teachers and parents' workshops • IT-related activities, e.g. web design, social networking, etc.
Volunteer qualities	<p>The volunteer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit passion/enthusiasm for children • Be patient and flexible • Be friendly and open minded • Be creative and have a sense of humor • Be honest, caring and reliable • Exhibit effective communication skills appropriate for children • Have respect for differences in personality, culture etc. • Have a willingness to learn and share knowledge and experiences
Accommodation & transport	<p>The Volunteer can stay at UPA Guest House, or at a selected host family. The school is 1km from UPA Guesthouse. Public transport to and from the school is readily available at 3000 Uganda Shillings</p>
Host Community	<p>The project is located in a Peri-urban area where a big percentage of people can speak English well. There are of course some scores of the community and parents who are more comfortable with the local dialect Luganda. Like most regions in Uganda people in this community are very friendly to visitors and are always interested to talk/work with people from other cultural backgrounds. At Golden Hearts Kindergarten, the main language of communication is English.</p>
Comment From UPA	<p>The placement requires volunteers that are highly motivated, creative and innovative. It is an interesting project and introduces you to a really local setting and early child growing experiences in Uganda.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> All volunteers choosing school projects should always remember to consider the school holidays, schools are closed in April-May, August – September and December to Early February.</p>
Past Volunteers	Slovakia



B. PRIMARY SCHOOLS

STEP BY STEP PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/06

Background	The school was established in February 2007. Since then it recruited 13 teachers and there are about 200 pupils from the age of 4-13. The school is non-governmental institution and has no financier
Aim	Improve literacy and give the volunteer a feel of the education system in Uganda
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach children of the age 4-12 years • Play games with children for example sports. • Engaging in music, dance and drama
Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly to teach Math and English • Play games and sports with children. • Music, dance and drama • Gardening
Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in teaching desirable but not necessary • Affinity to children • Adaptable to local teaching culture in Uganda
School Holidays	December-February , April-May and August-September
Working hours	The volunteer will work from 08.00 to 16.00. Monday to Friday
Transport	It is a walking distance and takes 10 minutes to get there from UPA guest house
Accommodation	UPA Guesthouse in Nansana or at a host family
Comments from UPA	A volunteer will teach and also be able to engage in other volunteer projects since teaching will be for only 3 hours, or specific days agreed at the project. Note: All volunteers choosing school project should always remember to consider the school holidays when the schools are closed in April, August – September and December to Early February.
Communication	Most of the children at the age of 7-12 will be able to speak English. The teachers at the school speak English
Past Volunteers	From Japan, Netherlands, Korea, Spain, Germany and Denmark



MAKERERE WEST VALLEY NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/07

Background	The school was established in 1995 as an infant school until 2001 when we had our first candidates in Primary seven. The school is registered with the Ministry of education. A partner school is located Mukono, where the volunteers also will be placed part time.
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable children of low income earners and other disadvantaged children to access quality education. • To help other residents in the area to void traveling to distant school. Thus minimizing expenditure and risks on the way • To produce good citizens by putting emphasis on moral up bringing • To produce citizens with practical skills by encouraging vocational training as well as games and sports
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching children of the age 4-12 subjects of Mathematics and English • other projects if capacity is there • Sports • Music, Dance and Drama (once a week) • Gardening (depending if the funds are there, which is not so often) <p>In the partner school Mukono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brick laying • piggery
Volunteer Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate children with knowledge of English language and mathematics • To share the games and sports skills with children in different aspects of life. • To give children vocational training in different aspects of life.
Volunteer Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to adapt to local ways of living and interact freely with the population • Volunteer should be interested not necessarily qualified • Innovative and knowledge of social work and administration
Working hours	8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday - depending on schedule
Transport	It's about 6 kms from the UPA Guesthouse It takes about 30 – 45 minutes drive by public means. It costs about 5,000/= Uganda shillings to and from.
Accommodation	At UPA guesthouse or a host family.



Comments from UPA	A Volunteer can teach and also be able to engage in other projects since the teaching will be for only 3 hours on specific days agreed at the start of the project. The school is close to slum areas and it really has pupils from very poor families. School buildings are also poor. The need for help here is enormous. Note: All volunteers choosing school project should always remember to consider the school holidays. Schools are closed in April – May, August to September and December to early February
Communication	Most of the children can understand English and the local teachers are always there to help. Only in the Nursery Section.
Past Volunteers	From Japan and Germany

ST. BERNARD ROYAL DAY & BOARDING NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/08

Background	The school was established in 1997 and the second section kicked off in April 2007. The school is registered with the Ministry education and sports. The school is located in Kawempe in suburb if Kampala, where low income families are living. The area is facing many challenges due to the raising numbers of villagers moving to Kawempe hoping to find a job in Kampala. As many are failing to get a job, women run into prostitution to sustain themselves and their families. Many men are losing their spirit in drinking. Though the area has many vulnerable children facing poverty, which is why the school tries to take on as many children as possible, even if the people can not pay their school fees. This is always a challenge for the school, but it is a heart issue to try to give education also to those who can't effort. The school has a boarding section which is accommodating about 20 pupils. The school is surrounded by a big green compound, which is located on the hill with a nice view over Kawempe.
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable children of low income earners and other disadvantaged children by only paying half of the school fees to access quality education • To provide educational services to all the children in the community than moving distance areas to minimize expenditure and risks on the way. • To produce good citizens by putting emphasis on moral development thus to respect, without physical punishment, and to promote cultural values. • To encourage children to develop self esteem, an open mind and concern about their community. • To promote and encourage the studies of sciences in order to foster technological development.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching children of the age 4-14



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music, Dance and Drama • Games and Sports • Gardening • After schools activities • Community visits to map orphanages and vulnerable children • Community sensitization on health
Volunteers Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To engage in teaching. For example English, Mathematics, Sciences etc., depending on the interest of the volunteer • To participate in Games and Sports with the children or/and to be part of the Music, Dance and Drama class. • Teaching life skills to the children (health education, social skills and children's rights) • To help with current administrative work
Volunteers Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible and able to share and discuss Ideas • Innovative • Ability to adapt local ways of living and interact freely with the children and the staff members • Open minded.
Working Hours	8.00 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday.
Transport	It's about 7 km from the UPA Guesthouse and it takes about 15 minutes by Boda Boda (Motorcycle taxi) it costs about 8000 Uganda shillings to and from the project.
Accommodation	At the Guesthouse of UPA or at a host family.
Comments from UPA	<p>The school is not very well equipped, but the teachers are running it with a lot of spirit and strong hearted. There are many areas to engage in and volunteers are very welcomed, even there is room for new initiative.</p> <p>Note: All volunteers choosing school project should always remember to consider the school holidays. Schools are closed in April – May, August to September and December to early February</p>
Communication	Most of the children at our school do understand English, but in cases the local teachers are always available to help where needed.
Past Volunteers	From Netherlands and Germany



C. SECONDARY SCHOOLS

MUYONJO SENIOR SCHOOL

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/09

Background	<p>Muyonjo Senior School – Naluvule is a well organized secondary school, started in 2007 by a group of devoted, experienced professional teachers. The school aims at availing all inclusive and appropriate education to generate a productive and self reliant population.</p> <p>The school also offers standard curriculum of all subjects, which are examinable by the Uganda National Examinations Board (UEB). Currently, the school conducts a vocational subject in information technology. In future the school plans on starting other vocational subjects including carpentry and tailoring.</p> <p>The school has an enrollment of 200 students between 13 -18 years of age. It is also an Ordinary and Advanced level School.</p> <p>Muyonjo Senior is situated in a conducive study environment on Hoima Road at Naluvule in Wakiso District 8 kms from Kampala and 3kms form UPA Guest House. It has a teaching staff of 14 well trained, competent, devoted, experienced and motivated personnel. They are not affiliated to any particular religion thus all religions are respected.</p>
Aim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avail students with skills and bring up God fearing people of any religious denomination • Maximum utilization of the student’s time at school avoiding idleness and disorder ness.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal classroom teaching to students • Care and assisting students in and outside classrooms • Training children in computer, games and sports and music, dance and drama.
Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the rest of the staff to provide the above to the students in this school
Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotionally strong. The volunteer work on this school requires a person who has close feeling for students. • Having skills in computer or information technology is an added advantage. • Teach students in languages (French and Germany). • Command of good communication in English
Working hours	<p>Munyonjo Senior School office hours are from 08.00hrs to 6.00pm. Working with secondary school students to whom English is a second language and computer knowledge an alien introduction calls for a volunteer ready to be patient and innovative.</p>
Transport	<p>The project is located 8 kms on Hoima road. It is 20-30 minutes walk from UPA Guest House which is the nearest and immediate accommodation facility. In case for transport it cost 1000 UgSh.</p>



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Accommodation	Volunteers to this project shall stay at UPA guest house in Nansana or any other special arrangement as may be organized by the School administration.
Comments from UPA	<p>The placement can be an opportunity to introduce a volunteer to Uganda's education systems. It will also be an opportunity to promote ones culture through language teaching. One with skills in training students in sports e.g. foot and hand ball and other sports is one easy way to win lasting friendship. Everything today is put together on computer therefore training students in Computer greatly helps them link with the outside world and empowers them to contribute to building a justified global village and assist Ugandans explore more potentials of using the Computer to enjoy a sustainable life.</p> <p>Note: All volunteers choosing school project should always remember to consider the school holidays when the schools are closed in April, August – September and December to Early February.</p>
Communication	Communication with School staff and of the students is preferably in English
Past Volunteers	Japan, Spain and Germany



D. SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

KAMPALA SCHOOL FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLT/010

Background	<p>Kampala School for the physically handicapped (KSPH) is a primary school catering for the educational needs of the disabled children in Uganda. Started in 1968 by a few parents of cerebral palsied children, the school aims at educating, rehabilitating and equipping physically handicapped children for self- reliance and development. It follows the national syllabus including co-curricular activities like sports, music, dance and drama, spiritual fellowship and education tours.</p> <p>It also offers vocational subjects like tailoring, screen printing, craft, tie and dye and computer training to all the children that can not continue with further education.</p> <p>The school has an enrollment of 100 pupils with physical disabilities between the ages of 6 – 18. They include those with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spinal bifida and polio amongst others.</p> <p>Therefore the school specifically provides for children with special needs. The project is located on plot 63A, Balintuma Road, Mengo (opposite the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau) just 15 -25 minutes drive from Kampala city and 30 – 45 minutes from UPA guesthouse in Nansana.</p> <p>It has a teaching staff of 13 teachers, 5 of whom are trained in special needs education with 2 of them disabled old students of the same school.</p>
Aim	<p>To educate, rehabilitate and equip physically handicapped children with skills for self- reliance and development.</p>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching children • Care and assisting children in and outside classrooms • Training children in vocational subjects, games and sports and music, dance and drama. • Assist in social and physical development of the children through offering occupational and physiotherapy exercises
Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the rest of the staff to provide the above to the children in this school



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Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotionally strong. The volunteer work on this project requires a person who has close feeling for children with special needs. • Having skills in caring for children with special needs or occupational and physiotherapy skills carries an added advantage. • Command of good communication skills • Ability to work with children with disabilities or special needs. <p>Working with physically disabled and special needs children call for a volunteer ready to be patient, not emotional and prepared to experience irritating situations. However, a volunteer shall be required to carry a very open heart that can accommodate these situations.</p>
Working hours	Kampala School for the physically handicapped office hours are from 8:00 to 16:30. Volunteers work 5 days a week.
Transport	The project is located on plot 63A, Balintuma Road, Mengo (opposite the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau) just 15 -25 minutes drive from Kampala city and 30 – 45 minutes from UPA guest house in Nansana. Travel from Nansana is easy by public means, drop off at Nakulabye trading centre (Total fuel station). It takes between 10– 15 minutes by walking from Nakulabye via Balintuma road. You can even take a boda boda at 5000 UG Shs.
Accommodation	Volunteers to this project shall stay at UPA guest house or a host family in Nansana.
Comments from UPA	<p>The placement can be an interesting one because it will offer a volunteer the opportunity to assist and support people who are really in need and will highly appreciate. A volunteer should also carry an affectionate heart full of love, care and sympathy for children with special needs, command zeal committed to seeing these children live a happy life too.</p> <p>Note: All volunteers choosing school project should always remember to consider the school holidays when the schools are closed in April, August – September and December to Early February.</p>
Communication	Communication with School staff and of the children is easy as most are educated.
Past Volunteers	From USA, Israel, Holland and Germany



ANGEL'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/011

<p>Background</p>	<p>Angel's center for children with special needs was formed after our experience in raising a child with Down syndrome. Three years of raising Abryl opened our eyes to the constraints of raising a child with special needs. The constant hospital visits and adjusting to the development challenges made us acutely aware of the deficiency of such services in Uganda. In 2012 ACCSN was registered with Wakiso district to operate as a community Based Organization to provide a space of services for children with special needs (Reg No: WCBO/1131/12). A critical service is strengthening the capacity of families to cope with raising children with development challenges.</p> <p>Vision: A Society which integrates children with special needs to fully realize their potentials.</p> <p>Mission: To be a voice and to break the silence of disability in communities, through increasing access to information and service delivery.</p> <p>We need to give disability a "human face" despite the challenge these children remain beautiful, lovely and important to the social network of Society.</p> <p>Angel's center has currently an enrollment of 15 children from the ages of 2-12years with different disabilities that range from Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, mental retardation and communication disorders. Follow us on our website for more information on www.angelscenter.org</p>
<p>Aim</p>	<p>The aim of the project is to ensure that children with disability can have an early intervention to reduce on the barriers of disability, and to strengthen the capacity of parents to cope with raising children with disability through joint income generating activities.</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of early learning for children with special needs • Provision of occupational therapy to the children • Community visits and rehabilitations • Counseling and guidance services to parents • Support parents with income generating activities • Developing the research department
<p>Volunteer tasks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The volunteer is expected to teach the children in early learning • Support the child with activities of daily living like teaching the child to bath, brush, cook, wash etc • Promote their hidden talents like sports and singing • Play with the children • Support the children with feeding • Support the center in research on the current attitude and trends of disability and How cultural practices promote discrimination and abuse of disability



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Volunteer Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love to work with children with development challenges • Patience • Flexibility • Emotionally strong • Open minded <p>We also welcome skilled volunteers like Physiotherapist, Occupational therapist, Psychologist, Language therapist or Nurses.</p>
Working hours	They work 8 hours a day from 8:30am- 5:00pm (Monday to Friday)
Transport	We are 3kms from UPA guesthouse, It's easily accessible by public means at 1000/=
Accommodation	UPA guesthouse
Comments from UPA	If you like to work with children with special needs, this is exactly the right project, where you can support and play with the children.
Communication	The staff is able to speak English, communicating with the children can also be challenging since some of them are also challenged in their ability of talking.
Past Volunteers	Netherlands, Japan, Germany, Finland.

DORNA CENTRE

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/012

Background	Dorna Centre was started by Ms Dorothy Nambi after her sister, a mother of three children with the diagnosis of autism, passed away in a car accident. Ms Dorothy Nambi decided to take these children in and support them and she began to provide therapy at her home to families with or without financial means.
Aim	The Dorna Centre aims at helping children with autism to realize their dreams and to strengthen the parents in raising their children.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art therapy • Brain gym • Music therapy • Occupational therapy • Speech therapy • Daily life therapy • Vocational skills/Education
Volunteer tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The volunteer is expected to teach the children in early learning • Support the child with activities of daily living like teaching the child to bath, brush, cook, wash etc • Promote their hidden talents like sports and singing • Play with the children • Support the children with feeding • Support the center in research on the current attitude and trends of disability and how cultural practices promote discrimination and abuse of disability



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Volunteer Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love to work with children with development challenges • Patience • Flexibility • Emotionally strong • Open minded <p>We also welcome skilled volunteers like Physiotherapist, Occupational therapist, Psychologist, Language therapist or Nurses.</p>
Working hours	They work 8 hours a day from 8:30am- 5:00pm
Transport	The Centre is about 20 km from UPA guest house, public means is easily accessible. The volunteer may use around 8000 Uganda shillings to and from.
Accommodation	UPA guest house but we can also arrange accommodation with the project if the volunteer is free to stay with the children.
Comments from UPA	This is a new project of UPA. If you like to work with children with special needs, this is exactly the right project, where you can support and play with the children.
Communication	The staff is able to speak English, communicating with the children can also be challenging since some of them are also challenged in their ability of talking.
Past Volunteers	None.



3. CHILDRENS HOME

MENGO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LINK (MYDEL)

UPA PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/013

Background	<p>Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) is a nongovernment organization based in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. It was founded in 2001 as a slum youth initiative under the patronage of Mr. Pascal Lutaya. Starting as a community based organization (CBO) during the outbreak of cholera and Ebola in many of the slum areas in Kampala, MYDEL initially focused on hygiene and health sensitization of the affected people, supported by local politicians and the community itself. Working in close collaboration with the local population and local leaders, MYDEL became aware of other community challenges, which included a high rate of HIV/AIDS infections, drug abuse, prostitution, child abuse, domestic violence and the marginalization of people with disabilities. In 2004 MYDEL was officially registered as an NGO and expanded its activities according to the needs assessment carried out in an early state of its operation. Following an early intervention approach, MYDEL decided to focus their programs on the most vulnerable children and youths from the slum community, most of whom being school dropouts and orphans. MYDEL's mission is the empowerment of this target group through education, sensitization and skills development to contribute to a sustainable poverty reduction among these marginalized communities.</p>
Aims	<p>Our major aim is to achieve a sustainable improvement of marginalized communities in Uganda.</p>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education in Primary School• Counseling and psychosocial support,• Resource mobilization,• Vocational training,• Soccer program,• Music, dance and (drama, mainly in holidays)• Community and home visits among others at our projects in Kampala and Wakiso.• New Project in Mengo: "creative learning centre"<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mainly for girls• vocational skills for girls (health, entrepreneurship loans)



Volunteer tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Organizing, teaching and supervising in the computer class • Assisting in Counseling and psychosocial support • Vocational training (if the volunteers brings the skills) • Soccer program • Music, dance and drama • participating in community and home visits together with other staff, to see the life situation of the children living in the slums
Volunteer qualities	<p>MYDEL has different programs, it depends on the volunteers skills and interest where to engage, there is room for new activities.</p> <p>Volunteers with social work skills but also other professions are very welcomed, but no profession is needed.</p>
Working hours	<p>Volunteers are supposed to be the office at around 9:30am and work will finish at around 3:30 pm (except during holidays).</p> <p>However, in some cases volunteers may work longer hours.</p>
Transport	<p>It takes 1000 ug.shs (to and from) from UPA to MYDEL Children's Centre in Nansana and 4,000 Ug.shs to and from our projects in Mengo – Kampala by public means. For Kampala Branch, a volunteer can take a boda boda at 4,000-5,000/=.</p>
Accommodation	<p>UPA Guesthouse in Nansana or a host family in Nansana</p>
Comments from UPA	<p>The placement at MYDEL can be interesting since it offers a volunteer an opportunity to be fully engaged in different activities ranging from children to community projects. It requires a volunteer who loves children and flexible.</p>
Communication	<p>Most of the children can communicate in English; otherwise, translation is also possible at the project.</p>
Past volunteers	<p>Finland, Netherlands, Germany</p>

ANOTHER HOPE CHILDRENS' MINISTRY

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/014

Background	<p>AHCM is a Non Profit, None Governmental Organization (NGO) registered by the government of Uganda, Regn. No. S5914/8153. AHCM was established as a Community Based Organization (CBO) in 2006 and acquired the NGO status in 2009. It is located in Kkona West Village, Wakiso Sub County in Wakiso District about 22 kilometers from Kampala city which is a 30 minutes drive. AHCM operates in four districts of Wakiso, Kampala, Mukono, and Buikwe.</p>
Aim	<p>Giving hope to the orphaned, street children and children from impoverished families in Uganda through strategic partnership with child actors; provision of a safe home for the homeless children, re-union of the homeless with their families or adoption, provision of psychosocial support and counseling for parents, Caregivers and Children; Development of the spiritual well being for</p>



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	better future citizens ; formation of strategic partnership alliances for advocacy of children's and women's rights; investigating in education for children, income generating activities for women and strengthening evidence based programming and policy research.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of a safe and secure home for the homeless, abandoned and vulnerable children • Farming projects – poultry, piggery, livestock, cultivation • Construction of rain – water tanks in community families of Lukwanga parish to provide safe and clean water for the children • Training in life skills such as brick/block making, tailoring and embroidery, art and craft, farming activities • Vocational studies • Guidance and Counseling- for career choice, behavioral change, psychological healing and coping • Psychosocial Facilitation Skills for normal and optimum functioning. • Supporting orphans and other vulnerable children with basic needs such as education , shelter, clothing, food and medical care • Advocacy for children's rights • Preventive and curative health services
Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading materials to kids to help them in their English fluency. • Raising awareness about the organization's work and activities, as well as the plight of vulnerable children in the country both locally and internationally. • Walking with pre-scholars to school • Assisting children in their home work assignments • Bathing the children and maintaining proper hygiene • Playing with the children, counseling and disciplining them • Administering medication to the sick children • Assisting the children in doing house chores – fetching water from the well, farming, etc • Offer professional expertise to the children and AHCM management.
Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving heart- ability to offer love and care to the children • Guidance and Counseling Skills – on behavioral change, reproductive health, sexuality, HIV/AIDS • Motivational skills – Motivating children and the young adults on best behavior, success tips, offering Career guidance. • Hardworking and ready to take on any task and challenges. • Flexible • Ability to work in a multi-cultural setting
Working hours	8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday to Friday) 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (Saturday)
Transport	Public transport – Taxi and Motorcycle (locally known as "boda-boda")



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	It will cost a volunteer between Ugx. 4000 – 4500/= a day (to and from) if the volunteer lives at UPA Guest House.
Accommodation	A volunteer may live at the UPA Guest House or in a host family depending on his/her choice.
Comments from UPA	Working with vulnerable children and young adults may call for a volunteer readiness to experience irritating and challenging situations. However, a volunteer shall be required to carry a very open heart that can accommodate these situations. <u>You should</u> be highly motivated to create own tasks / activities at times.
Communication	Communication with AHCM children and staff is easy as most are have attained a formal education. However, In case of children are not able to speak good English, translation is always available.
Past Volunteers	Japan, Finland and Germany.

VICTORIOUS CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/015

Background	Victorious Children's Ministries (VCM) is a Community Based Organization registered by the government of Uganda, Reg. No. WCBO/31/11 VCM is located in Kawanda Kaayi Zone, Nabweru Sub-County in Wakiso District about 10 miles from Kampala city which is one hour and 20 minutes drive. VCM operates in Kawanda Kaayi Zone, Kirinnyabigo.
Aim	To help orphaned, and children from poor families realized and obtain their full potential in life. To give children the tools to ensure that they will be able to reintegrate in their community as healthy, happy, responsible and independent adults and to cooperate and collaborate with local authorities and members of the community to offer a chance at life and a new start for orphans and other vulnerable children. We aim to help each children reach their potential in life that otherwise may not have been obtainable.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying for a first-class education • Access to necessary health services and clean water • Preparing three meals a day • Providing a safe and secure home for the homeless, abandoned and vulnerable children • Advocacy for children's rights



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Volunteer task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care: Help facilitate and organize activities, games, singing and dances as well as other creativity-based activities • Teaching reading materials to kids to help them in their English fluency • Game and Sports: We also like to visit the local playground down the road from our house in Kawanda. Here we enjoy playing football, netball, rope Jump, hoola hoop and lots of other fun running games • Counseling and disciplining the children • Household: Helping with cleaning, cooking and gardening • Helping in Administration work and Management: Prepare Budgets and project proposals, help writing grant letters, setting up and maintaining personal files for the children • Assisting children in their home work assignments • Teaching at nursery school • Computer training to the children • Art and craft product development and identification of markets • Teaching adult English
Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving heart- ability to offer love and care to the children • Motivational skills • Commitment • Flexible and patient • Ability to work in a multi-cultural setting • Creativity • Being able to work with others, whether volunteers, staff or beneficiaries • Team player
Working hours	8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday to Friday) 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (Saturday)
Transport	Since the Volunteer will stay at the organization guesthouse, there will be no need for transport to work, however in case the volunteer needs to go to the city for one reason or another the public transport will be at least 7,000/= (to and from)
Accommodation	A volunteer may choose to stay right here in Kawanda (project) at the volunteer room. We have a small room with a bedroom and a bathroom in a house located on our compound where you will enjoy privacy during the morning and night but also a host family can be organized.
Comments from UPA	This is a new project but interesting for volunteers with strong love for vulnerable children and flexible.
Communication	Communication with VCM children and staff is easy as most of them use English. However, In case of children are not able to speak English, translation is always possible.
Past Volunteers	None



SAVE STREET CHILDREN UGANDA (SASCU)

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/016

Background	<p>SASCU is a child protection agency nongovernmental organization established in 2005 specializing in protecting and rehabilitating street children, as well as disadvantaged children and youths in slum areas in Kampala City and surrounding districts, enabling them to realize and fulfill their full potential. We envision improved social and economic welfare of Street, Ex-Street Children and other vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Currently, SASCU has its activities concentrated in and around Kampala where there are overwhelmingly high number of children living on streets either independently or with 'street families', living in extremely appalling conditions particularly children who have fled from poverty and conflict, children who are orphaned or are infected with HIV/AIDS and those who are grossly mistreated/abused in their homes by parents/ guardians.</p>
Aim	Giving Hope to Street and other Vulnerable Children Enhancing Humanity in the Society
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate multi-stakeholder engagement in national and international policy processes in promoting the welfare of street, ex-street and other vulnerable children and youths. • To raise awareness of, and improve access to, information and knowledge on Street children and policy issues at national and international levels • To facilitate the capacity building of community stakeholders working with street children • To promote withdrawal, rehabilitation and reintegration of street children • Increased awareness and responsiveness to child Protection issues at community level in slums and other areas with highly vulnerable children
Activities	<p>SASCU provides a wide range of services to children who have been abused and exploited. These range from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation services for children at our transitional home with children receiving support services, • Home tracing of abandoned children, • Street and community Outreach services, • Reintegration of abandoned and Street children, • Family empowerment and livelihood support, • Sport and talent development, • Youth employable skills services, • Education services, • Advocacy and awareness of child rights issues, • Medical treatment, shelter, nutrition, psychosocial support and skills training among others
Volunteer task	Save Street Children Uganda is looking for volunteers for the roles listed



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer in Human resource issues for volunteers and staff. • Counselors for both children and youths on SASCU program • Filing and updating children's files • Social workers specifically for rescue, reconciliation, rehabilitation and resettlement • Psychiatrist to deal with psyche social issues • Volunteer in general cleaning and laundry • Volunteer to play and pass on interactive skills to the children • Volunteer in spiritual welfare • Volunteer to assist in the store • Assisting in our finance office • Volunteer in advocacy and net working • Volunteer to assist in child sponsorship letter writing • Volunteer in fundraising • Volunteer in media and publicity • Volunteers to assist in teaching in the interim school and helping kids with their home work. • Assisting with soccer training session • identify talented street children and the orphaned vulnerable children/youths • Assist in mobilizing soccer equipment like, soccer balls, soccer uniforms, boots • Assisting in data base
Volunteer qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving heart- ability to offer love and care to the children • Guidance and Counseling Skills. • Motivational skills • Hardworking and ready to take on any task and challenges. • Flexible • Ability to work in a multi-cultural setting • Having computer skills • Be a person who loves sports activities • Having some fundraising skills and able to communicate well
Working hours	8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday to Friday) 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (Saturday)
Transport	Public transport – Taxi and Motorcycle (locally known as "boda-boda") It will cost a volunteer Ugx. 8000/= a day (to and from) if the volunteer lives at SASCU Guest House.
Accommodation	A volunteer may live at the SASCU Guest House or in a host family depending on his/her choice.
Comments from UPA	SASCU is a new project that seems interesting for volunteers who have a strong passion for vulnerable children and young adults. <u>You should be highly motivated to create own tasks / activities at times.</u>



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Communication	Communication with SASCU children and staff is easy as most are have attained a formal education. However, In case of children are not able to speak good English, translation is always available.
Past Volunteers	None.



5. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

KIYITA FAMILY ALLIANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT (KIFAD)

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/018

Background	Kiyita Family Alliance for Development (KIFAD) is a registered indigenous / local Non Governmental Organization, established in 2001, registration No: S. 5914/5184 which is community based with its Headquarters in Nansana Town Council, Wakiso District Uganda. We concentrate mainly on increasing care and support to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in order to mitigate the effects of the epidemic. Besides that we aim at strengthening the coping of OVC and People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) families to progressively become self reliant, building the internal capacity of KIFAD for effective and sustainable programme design and implementation and finally, improving access to food among families/households, infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, as far as our financial means allows us to.
Aim	To contribute to increased access to comprehensive HIV/AIDS treatment, care and support to orphans vulnerable children (OVC) and People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Wakiso District.
Activities	<p>HIV/AIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) • Referrals into care and support structures • Follow up and Home visits <p>Capacity Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Literacy Skills Training • Promotion of Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) • Vocational and Apprenticeship Skills Training • Food Security and Nutrition Trainings • Business and Income Generating Activities Skills Trainings <p>Strategic Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen Linkages • Networking and Collaborations • Lobbying and Advocacy • Information and Knowledge Sharing
Volunteer tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative work • Fundraising activities - To be part in drawing fundraising avenues/plan to raise money for community activities • Monitoring and evaluation of projects • Strategy planning (mainly experienced volunteers but also motivated ones) • Visiting families and explain the importance of using contraceptives. • To raise awareness about health, education and sanitation



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Working hours	Typically Monday- to Friday, 8:00 am-17:00 pm, but may vary depending on the project. This may include Saturdays and Sundays (Community testing's are mostly done on the weekends)
Transport	KIFAD is located only about 5km from UPA Guest house. A volunteer will use public means and a bodadoda which will cost 6000 shs to and from the project.
Accommodation	A Volunteer may opt to stay at UPA Guest house or in a host family.
Comments from UPA	<p>KIFAD is a small organization but may be an interesting organization to work with. It is one organization that can provide a very good learning environment to volunteers because of its commitment to networking with several Civil Society organizations.</p> <p>Over the years, the project has grown and is starting to specialize and will now prefer volunteers with particular qualifications.</p>
Communication	Communication with KIFAD members and staff is easy as most are educated. Not all orphans and their client families speak good English.
Past Volunteers	From UK, Netherlands, USA, German, Spain and Belgium



KAWEMPE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (KYDA)

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/019

Background	<p>Kawempe Youth Development Association is a Non- Governmental Organization whose vision is to provide an appropriate framework for enabling the youth to develop social, economic, and cultural skills in order to enhance their participation in the overall development process and improve their quality of life.</p> <p>KYDA mainly targets vulnerable children and youth aged 10 -24 years with particular emphasis on school drop outs, street children, drug abusers, teenage mothers, HIV/AIDS orphans and slum youth in Kawempe division of Kampala District and the surrounding Wakiso District. Therefore KYDA operates in two Districts of Kampala and Wakiso.</p> <p>KYDA is located on 5 ½ miles from Kampala City along Kampala-Gulu road highway in the Central region of Uganda. This area is characterized by a huge number of peasants mainly wage earners, who were displaced by the Luwero Triangle war and migrated to Kawempe Division and the surrounding parts of Wakiso to escape war effects. Well as the street children come as a result of the war insurgency in Northern Uganda, high cost of education, peer influence, single motherhood, abject poverty in homes and child neglect hence they find streets more welcoming.</p> <p>The organization is registered under the 1989 Non-Governmental Organizations statute by the NGO Board and it operates a head office in Jinja – Kawempe zone A on Wakiso District without posts in Kazo-Angola, Kawempe 1 and 11 parishes of Kawempe Division- Kampala District</p>
Aim	To empower Children and youth with life and vocational skills, especially those out of school so that they can live better lives able to sustain themselves.



<p>Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training vocational skills; tailoring, hairdressing, mechanics and electricians. • Providing recreation activities to children and youth such as games and sports, drama etc. Through which preventive messages about HIV/ AIDS can be passed on to the youth. • Providing rehabilitation services to children who were sexually exploited by offering them behavioral change sessions, legal support, etc. • Train life skills. • Provisional of vocational skills to vulnerable children. • Counseling. • Support orphans and other vulnerable children with basic needs such as education, clothes, food and medical care. • Advocacy. • Preventive and curative health services. • Re integration of the children to their families after rehabilitation, that is, family reunion and resettlement. • HIV testing. • Kiganda Children for Change Project; KYDA's street children project with the aim to get children back to school. • Working in the Demo garden. • Designing and producing handcrafts.
<p>Volunteer Tasks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social support to HIV/AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children. • Join in home visits to positive living children or other vulnerable children to assist in food preparation, cleaning (hygiene) basic medical care and counseling. • Office work related to organization development and programming. • Move within the slum communities of Kawempe division and the rural areas of Wakiso, to care givers of orphans. • Volunteers can also spend time working within the studios, ie participating in health talk, talk shows, dialogues, schools where our orphans receive education from and offices of the agencies which support the work of the Project. • Participate in organizing recreational activities, retreats for children. • Music dance and drama • Participate in the Kiganda Children for Change Project; teaching the children basic English/Math, life skills teaching, home visits, fundraising, counseling, writing reports, additional programs such as music, dance & drama, gardening and sports.



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Volunteer Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotionally strong. • The volunteer should be ready to interact with marginalized, vulnerable and neglected positive and negative children inside and outside slums and villages. • Ability to work with children and youth. • Kiganda Children for Change Project prefers volunteers in the age of 21 and above, because of the intensity and uniqueness with the street children.
Working Hours	KYDA office hours are from 9.00am to 16.00pm five days a week. However, the possibilities of having optional activities over the weekend may not be ruled out, if so, there is a possibility to change hours during the weekdays.
Transport	<p>KYDA is located five and a half miles from Kampala-Bombo-Gulu highway, operates in Wakiso Kampala districts both in central Uganda region. Public transport is available all day long using mini busses or Boda Boda's (motorcycles).</p> <p>It will cost a volunteer 10,000 Uganda shillings to and from, if the volunteer lives in UPA guest house, with a 10-15 minutes walking distance off Bombo road in Kawempe trading centre (or when using a Boda Boda transport). One should also have the patience and tolerance to go through the heavy traffic jam in Bwaise town in the rush hours of the morning and evening (in case you're using public transport).</p>
Accommodation	A volunteer may live in UPA Guest house or UPA may provide accommodation for the volunteer in a host family within the local communities to further enable the volunteer integrate more with the typical family life in Uganda.
Comments from UPA	Working with marginalized, youth and children may call for a volunteer ready to experience irritating and challenging situations. However, a volunteer shall be required to carry a very open heart that can accommodate these situations.
Communication	Communication with KYDA members and staff is easy as most are educated. However, not all orphans and vulnerable children are able to speak good English.
Past Volunteers	Germans, Dutch, Finnish, Swedish, Japanese, Italians



TOGETHER AGAINST AIDS POSITIVE ASSOCIATION (TAAPA)

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/020

Background	TAAPA (Together Against AIDS Positive Association) is a community Based Organization working for social justice and development in Wakiso District established with the aim of enhancing the quality, effectiveness and gender equity of the HIV response by reaching out the inadequately served populations (women living with HIV/AIDS) at the community and national level. Legally, TAAPA was founded in February 2001 and Registered as CBO under district community based service department in March 2002 (No WCBO/477/02) with offices in Nansana town council. TAAPA's programming activities are focused on three thematic areas of: (1) addressing HIV and AIDS and mitigating its impact including Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children; (2) gender equity and women's rights in HIV/AIDS; and (3) strengthening economic sovereignty for PLHIV and demand for services.
Aim	A society in which all PLHIV are able to achieve their rights and fulfill their responsibilities
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide psychosocial support to PLHIV in the community • Carry out HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) • mobilize and sensitize the community on HIV/AIDS issues, identify PLHIV and refer them for treatment • carry out follow up for clients referred and home visits • Conduct advocacy dialogue meetings with key stakeholders for better HIV/AIDS service delivery and rights. • Conduct training to PLHIV in treatment literacy and Positive Prevention • Conduct information sharing meetings in the community • Business and Income Generating Activities Skills Trainings
Volunteer tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participate in HCT • raise awareness on HIV/AIDS in the community • Participate in advocacy dialogue meetings • monitoring and evaluation of projects • fundraising activities; be part of fundraising plans and activities to facilitate organization community projects • networking with other volunteers
Volunteer Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-motivated • Good mobilization and communication skills • fundraising and resource mobilization skills • Good inter personal skills • Flexible • good capacity building skills in advocacy and health • Good management skills
Working hours	Monday to Friday 9.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M however this may vary on projects because some activities are carried out on weekends especially on Saturday or



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	during week days, may go beyond 5.00 P.M
Transport	TAAPA is located about 500 meters from Nansana town council so the volunteer may choose to walk or use a bodaboda of Uganda Shillings 1000 to the office.
Accommodation	The volunteer may choose to stay in a host family or a place of choice
Comments from UPA	TAAPA can be an interesting project especially for volunteers interested in working with people who are HIV positive, Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children.
Communication	Communication with TAAPA staff is convenient for the volunteer since all Staff at TAAPA speak English apart for TAAPA community peer educators who do not speak good English
Past Volunteers	Germany, Switzerland

UGANDA YOUTH AND WOMEN'S EFFORT FIGHTING AIDS (UYWEFA)

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/021

Background	Uganda Youth and Women's Effort Fighting AIDS (UYWEFA) was established in 2007 after realizing gaps in home based care. As a charity organization, it dedicates and designs activities and campaigns to promote awareness and sensitization of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and other diseases to become self reliant. It is registered with Wakiso District Directorate of Community Based Services as community based organisation number WCBO 325/07.
Aim	To mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS for people living with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS through provision of home based care, advocating health rights and empowering youth and women with the aim of enabling people living and affected by HIV/AIDS to become self reliant.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide counseling and support to people living with HIV/AIDS in Kazo and surrounding areas. • To mitigate the effects of HIV/AIDS in the community. • To provide basic primary education to orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs). • To provide training in business, literacy, nutrition and parenting to people living with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS in Kazo Central • To sensitize the community about HIV/AIDS, focusing on ways to prevent the spread of the virus.



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Volunteer tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach children at nursery stage in mathematics, English, science, reading, writing, arts and crafts and practical skills. • Play games and sports with children. • Teach adults literacy, business skills, nutrition and basic healthcare. • Music, dance and drama. • Psycho-social support to people living with HIV/AIDS • HIV/AIDS counselling and prevention work in communities, schools and workplaces • Assist teachers in preparing lesson plans and administering exams • Assist in school administration and management • Prepare and submit updates on the education centre to the community • Conduct home visits to vulnerable children where necessary
Volunteer qualities	UYWEFA requires that a volunteer has an open mind and be creative. A self-driven and motivated volunteer, willing to work under minimum supervision. Having administration or management skills would be of an added advantage <i>but not</i> mandatory.
Working hours	Volunteers working in the nursery section are required to be at work from 07.30 and will finish at 13.00. Volunteers providing adult education will work in the afternoon and evenings. For volunteers carrying out community activities times will vary and can be adapted to suit volunteers other commitments.
Transport	UYWEFA is based in Kazo, 5 miles from Kampala. From UPA Guest house volunteers will get there by public means with an estimated cost of about 6,000 Uganda shilling (to and from).
Accommodation	UPA or UYWEFA will organize accommodation with a host family or a rented room
Comments from UPA	The placement requires volunteers that are highly motivated and innovative. It is an interesting project and introduces you to the challenges of a peri urban community in a really local setting.
Communication	It is possible to communicate in English or through translations by project partners in case of families without good English communication skills.
Past Volunteers	Ugandan, Israeli, British



LOVE MINISTRY

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/022

Background	<p>The idea of Love Ministry was initiated in 1995 by Florence Athieno. She was a victim of neglect by her mother and given this experience, she wanted to help other children with a disadvantaged background. It started in 1997 with 2 orphaned children facing difficult conditions due to the death of their parents. It now has about 40 children under the care of the vision bearer. Love Ministry is a registered Non-Governmental Organization and its 7km from Kampala city. This organization was formed with an aim of restoring hope among the lives of the disadvantaged children in the community, through the provision of basic needs such as health care, education, food, clothes, shelter etc.</p>
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase awareness on prevention of HIV/AIDS, and Malaria Control among the Children • To increase awareness on Sexual Reproductive Health Care and Rights among the Youths • To network and support Orphans and disadvantaged Children in areas of Education and Health • To establish a Youths/Children`s Center to offer Library, Secretarial Services and Computer Training
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Orphans and other Vulnerable Children with basic needs such as Education, Shelter, Clothes, Food and Medical care • Counseling services • To provide recreational activities to Children and Youths such as games and Sports, Drama etc through which preventive messages about HIV/AIDS can be passed on to the Community • To provide rehabilitation services to children who are sexually exploited by offering them behavior change sessions, Legal support etc. • Training life skills • Provision of vocational skills to vulnerable children • Preventive and Curative Health Services
Volunteer Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Support to HIV/AIDS Orphans and other Vulnerable Children • Join in Home visits to positive living Children or other Vulnerable Children to assist in Food preparation, Hygiene, Based Medical Care and Counseling • Office work related to organization development and programming • Volunteers can also get involved in class teaching activities i.e. Art work, P.E and English • Participate in organizing recreational activities, retreats for Children etc. • Music Dance and Drama



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Volunteer Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotionally strong. • Ready to interact with the marginalized Vulnerable and neglected positive and negative Children especially abandoned and street children • Ability to work with Children and Youths.
Working Hours	Office hours are from 8:30am – 4:00pm. However, these have two different shifts i.e. from 8:30 – Midday and from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
Transport	From the Guesthouse with the Boda Boda to the project is about 8 000 UGX to and from and takes about 20 min per ride.
Accommodation	A Volunteer may live in UPA Guest House or Love ministry may provide accommodation for the volunteer in a host family with one of our community based volunteers who are carefully selected.
Communication	Communication at the Organization will be English and Luganda
Comment From UPA	If you have love for children, love ministry is definitely good placement for you. It is a project for orphaned children which will give exposure to the volunteer about the real life of orphans in Uganda.
Past Volunteers	From Germany, Britain



TRUST FUTURE UGANDA

PROJECT CODE: UPA/MLTV/023

Background	Trust Future Uganda (TFU) is an NGO which aims at offering a brighter future to youths, orphans or vulnerable children and disadvantaged women living in Uganda. Trust Future Uganda is located in Kazo Central Zone Nabweru Katooke Road, Nansana Town Council, Wakiso District and 5km from Kampala City Centre.
Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide orphans and vulnerable children with educational support • To empower disadvantaged women through economic activities • To create awareness on health issues • To offer functional education to adults
Activities	Trust Future works in three sectors: education, health and economic empowerment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children. Our primary school counts 183 students, including 53 most vulnerable children or orphans. We educate children from 4 to 14 years. • Adults who didn't receive or complete their primary education. We offer them language courses and business mathematics three times per week. 2. Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with local organizations we offer free HIV test, counseling and psychological support to the local community. • In partnership with a local dispensary, we provide our vulnerable pupils with a free access to health care and medicine. 3. Empowerment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disadvantaged women through economic activities like craft products (mats, lady's hand bags, beads, craft shoes, envelopes and paper bags). • Youths: we provide youths – who drop out of school or got early marriage – with professional skills (i.e. bricks and shoes making or sewing activities).



<p>Volunteer tasks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management: accountancy and finance of the projects prioritize NGO's needs - Project management: planning, implementation, monitoring, defining budget and evaluation, finding new sources of sustainability. • Research work: qualitative and quantitative research about our beneficiaries (disadvantaged women, youth and children) regarding to living conditions, health, income, nutrition, accommodation, etc. • Field work: social work in the communities, meetings and interactions with our beneficiaries (advices and prevention), guidance and psychological support. • Journalism: in order to create awareness among the social network, you will collect and write short interviews and positive stories of Trust Future's members – either staff, or beneficiaries (Humans of Trust Future). • Marketing / communication: strategic marketing and operational, promotion of the projects, creation of promotional supports (video, brochure, flyers, business card, ...), promotion of volunteering (through also voluntarism) and internship, writing job description of volunteering opportunities, finding international market for Women empowerment's craft products, etc. • E Marketing: interactions with the web users on social networks (i.e. Facebook) and the website (update and writing) • Public Relations: - partnership-building : with the objective of recruiting new volunteers/internships and collecting supports, you will be looking for international partnerships with High School (social workers, teachers), Secondary School, foundations, companies (Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), etc., - search of local partners (building a strong network), - fundraising programme (writing fundraising proposals and implementation) • Teaching: in collaboration with the teaching staff, you will teach subjects such as English, Mathematics, Sciences, Geography, Physical Education, Art (drawing and painting) or any other relevant subject (i.e. foreign languages, computer skills).To provide recreational activities to children and youth such as games and Sports. • Photography / Video: in order to create awareness about Ugandan living conditions and culture, you can capture pictures or videos of Trust Future's environment (community) or members (staff, beneficiaries). • IT: updating of the website.
<p>Volunteer qualities</p>	<p>Anyone with an open mind and a caring soul can volunteer with TFU. No specific skills or training is required. However, being proactive and flexible are essential. What you will achieve depends on your commitment and motivation. Please note that teaching function may not be available during school holidays: January, April, August and December.</p>



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Working hours	Office hours are from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
Transport	From the UPA Guest House it is 15 min with a BodaBoda. Cost are about 6 000 UgSh to and from.
Accommodation	A Volunteer may live in UPA Guesthouse or TFU may provide accommodation for the volunteer in a host family with one of our community households who are carefully selected.
Communication	Communication at the Organization will be in English.
Comment from UPA.	Working with children as well as communities makes TFU a good placement which will introduce the volunteer to Uganda's education and healthy system. The volunteer should be highly motivated with an open mind. Note: All volunteers choosing school project should always remember to consider the school holidays. Schools are closed in April – May, August to September and December to early February.
Past volunteers	From Belgium, France, Finland, Germany, Ireland

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT UGANDA (CEFOVID-UG)

Project Code: UPA/MLTV/024

Background	CEFOVID Uganda is a registered indigenous / local Community Based Organization, established in 2011, registration No- LUB/12/212 with its Headquarters in Lubyapa Parish- Kampala District; Uganda. In light of the growing incidence of Vulnerability in slums and its adverse socio-economic impact, the need for establishing of an all round community led initiative to mitigate the socio-economic impact of Vulnerability in SLUMS was fore seen and CEFOVID Uganda was initiated CEFOVID concentrates mainly on increasing care and support to people affected by Vulnerability in order to mitigate the effects of the epidemic. Furthermore, we aim at strengthening the coping of People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) families in slums to progressively become self reliant for economical sustainability of their families.
Aim	To contribute to increased access to comprehensive health services, home based care and support to SEVERELY vulnerable families and children (SVFC) in the SLUMS of Lubyapa Parish.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Life skills training to vulnerable women in slums ❖ Support to Orphan and Vulnerable Children with quality education ❖ Teach and train kids at our charity nursery school in the Kosovo SLUM
Volunteer tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To engage in the avenues of fundraising for the different activities done in Kosovo slum ❖ Community work like sanitation and hygiene in Kosovo slum ❖ To support with administrative work at the offices ❖ To support our Kindergarten (age 2.5-6 years)with teaching, art and game



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Working Hours	9:00 am to 16:30pm, Monday to Friday
Transport	From UPA Guest house to CEFOVID Uganda Office and 4km this cost around 6000 Ugandan shillings to and from for public means transport.
Accommodation	Volunteers can stay at UPA Guest house though CEFOVID Uganda always have Host Family arrangement Care for her Volunteers(HOFACOV)
Comments from UPA	CEFOVID can be an interesting project especially for volunteers interested in working in slums and children.
Communication	The basis of communication at CEFOVID Uganda is English though majority of the Vulnerable Families and communities we operate in speak basic English.
Past Volunteers	From UK, German and USA

CHRISTIAN CHILDRENS CENTRE UGANDA (CCCU)

Project Code: UPA/MLTV/025

Background	<p>Christian Children's Centre Uganda (CCCU) is a charity organization founded in 2003 by Grace Wamala. He began working at Namirembe Cathedral in Kampala teaching music and bible study to the boys and girls brigade, a youth development group. This work inspired him to reach out to orphans, abandoned and vulnerable children in the community in order to help them get a better life and become responsible and self-supporting individuals. His goal was to accomplish this through mentoring and motivational speaking.</p> <p>The organization started in 2003 and got registered in 2008 as a Community Based Organization (CBO) with a reference number; WCBO/098/08 registered by Wakiso District and also in 2011, CCCU got registered as NGO by the Uganda NGO Board reference No. S.5914/9089</p>
Aim	To promote and support the welfare of vulnerable children, orphans, youth and families with low income.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Primary Health care services, • Educational sponsorships, • Home-based care, • Food nutritional support, • Counseling & guidance, • Bible Studies, • Community outreach program, • Vocational skills program, • Volunteer services



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Volunteer tasks	<p>Volunteer's Work: Activities range from community outreach to administrative work. Volunteers should prepare to assist with one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping kids in the after-school activities like home work, games and sports • Administration work in offices • Preparing progress reports for children who have sponsors • Preparing monthly volunteer newsletters and activity reports. • Resource Mobilization and fundraising activities • Community outreach in the neighboring villages. • Counseling and psychosocial support • Vocational training (if the volunteers brings the skills)
Volunteer qualities	<p>CCCU- has different programs, it depends on the volunteers skills and interest where to engage, there is room for new activities. Volunteers with social work skills but also other professions are very welcomed, but no profession is needed.</p>
Working hours	<p>Volunteers are supposed to be the office at around 9. 30 am and work will finish at around 3:00pm (except during holidays). However, in some cases volunteers may work longer hours.</p>
Transport	<p>It takes 3,000 UGX (to and from) from UPA guest house to (CCCU) Christian Children's Centre Uganda in Nansana.</p>
Accommodation	<p>UPA Guesthouse in Nansana or host family around Nansana</p>
Comments from UPA	<p>This is a new project but placement at (CCCU) can be interesting since it offers a volunteer an opportunity to be fully engaged in different activities ranging from children to community projects. It requires a volunteer who loves children and flexible.</p>
Communication	<p>Most of the children can communicate in English; otherwise, translation is also possible.</p>
Past volunteers	<p>None.</p>