

MEDIUM TERM VOLUNTEER (MTV) INFORMATION SHEET

Tanzanie

<p>Project Code: TZ-UV. 423 Title: Early Childhood Education Location: Mbande-TEMEKE Arrival date: First Monday of any month</p>
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Dear Volunteer!

We welcome you to participate in this volunteer project aiming to contribute to the education development of the children. The staff and hosting organization are looking forward to work, learn and share with you. Kindly let us know if you need more information.

Introduction: Early childhood education refers to the formal teaching of young children by people outside the family or in settings outside the home. "Early childhood" is usually defined as before the age of normal schooling, less than five years in most countries. In recently years, the importance of early childhood education among parents has significantly increased. This is after realizing that the fact that it benefit the children. The main goal of an early childhood program is to help children develop cognitively and socially, introduce them to the school setting and prepare them for Primary school.

Through early childhood education, children gain long-lasting academic and social benefits that will benefit them throughout their lives. In responding to the needs in Chamazi Community, various private & public institutions have started or integrate early childhood education in their institution especially Primary Schools. Some programs are also running independent by private nursery schools.

Project Objectives: This project is therefore aiming to improve early childhood education in the community to meet the stated objectives:-

- *Academic skills development:* To assist Children to develop academic skills on literacy, mathematics, science and even social studies.
- *Physical Development:* To learn about moving - demonstrates basic gross motor skills, demonstrates basic fine motor skills.
- *Cognitive Development:* To learn about the world - sustains attention, understands how objects can be used, shows a beginning understanding of cause

and effect, shows a beginning understanding that things can be grouped, uses problem solving strategies, engages in pretend play.

- *Social development:* To learn about self and others - trusts known, caring adults, regulates own behavior, plays with other children, learns to be a member of a group, and uses personal care skills.
- *Language development:* To learn about communicating - develops receptive language, develops expressive language, participates in conversations, understands and uses words, enjoys books and being read to, shows an awareness of pictures and print, experiments with drawing and writing.

Project Activities: Activities of the project will be carried out around the Community including existing nursery school; as well activities to be organized at UVIKIUTA botanical garden every evening. All activities will be focused to realize the above mentioned objectives. Volunteers will be involved in the following activities

- Assisting local teachers in supervising the children in class as well as Teaching basic numeric. - Teach reading, art work etc. Preparing material for school activities, organizing activities such as music, singing, and introduction of Basic English as foreign language.
- Capacity building for Nursery school teacher by assisting them in improving their language skills.
- Outdoor and recreational activities for children from the community to be held at UVIKIUTA botanical garden

Note: We are expecting so many children especially in the afternoon to participate in this project, in this regard, and we are requesting to bring a lot of energy, team spirit, flexibility and smile. Working with children is always fun, however flexibility could be its ingredient.

Study theme: "Early Childhood Education: Challenges & Opportunities". Please bring information to share with others.

Free time activities: We have provided free time on the weekends for those wishing to enjoy what nature and Tanzanian landscape offer. Options are to visit the historical town of Bagamoyo, Zanzibar as well Mikumi National Park. These are some of the closest attractions you can see for that short period of time. We are working with our tour operator to prepare a good package for you and it should be presented during the orientation. This activity will be financed by the volunteers themselves.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be hosted UVIKIUTA Youth center or host families around the Eco village. Volunteers will be sharing rooms; you will have access to Water. Electricity will be available though not reliable.

Food: Food will be provided to the volunteers throughout the project while in the Project.

Volunteers might share cooking in turns with a support of a local kitchen staff or host family if stay with family. Volunteers with meals restrictions should inform the camp leaders on arrival for prior arrangements. Vegetarian meals will be available.

Language: Kiswahili is the National language spoken by most Tanzanians. Knowing a few words and phrases of Kiswahili is highly appreciated by the locals. In the projects people will be able to communicate in English. A large number of people in Tanzania are able to conduct a basic conversation in English. It is very important that volunteers can communicate at least Basic English in order to benefit from the project activities.

Skills/ Requirements for this project: This project is suitable for volunteers who are:-

- 18 Years and above
- Interest in working with Children and Youth
- Creative, flexible, and patient (necessary)
- Open minded and independent
- Good team players
- Able to work under limited resources and less supervision
- Interest in learning languages especially Kiswahili

Project Finances

- Participation Fee: Volunteers are expected to pay 400€ as participation fee for the first month and then €300 for each additional month. The fee is non-refundable and should be paid on arrival day. The duration of stay should be confirmed early enough during the application. The fee does not cover the following costs:-
 - a) Cost of visas, Permits, or any expenses related to immigration or official procedures
 - b) Cost pocket money, holidays, and other free time activities
 - c) Cost of transport from volunteers' home community to the project and return
 - d) Cost of any medical services, Food and accommodation before or after the project agreed dates
 - e) Food and accommodation outside the designated place of the project unless planned and approved by UVIKIUTA.

- Airport Pick up: 20Euro – One way trip pick up from the Airport to the orientation place. Volunteers need to inform us if drop off is needed for another extra fee.

Meeting point: Volunteers will be picked up at Julius Nyeere International Airport on their arrival. Please inform us at least seven days before arrival, exactly arrival date, time and flight number so that we can arrange pick up.

<p>Things to bring with you</p>	<p>Do not bring anything you cannot carry yourself. Restrict yourself to one bag and one small day-pack that can hold your camera, Swahili phrasebook, water bottle, lunch, sunglasses, sunscreen, a small first-aid kit, and any extra articles of clothing you might need to handle changes in weather.</p>
<p>Clothing: Modest cotton clothing (not tight, flashy, ripped or displaying potentially offensive inscriptions or illustrations) is the most appropriate. Military wear are strictly illegal and thus will not be accepted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cool summer clothes ▪ Few nice clothes for parties, ceremonies and special occasions ▪ Long pants and long sleeved shirts ▪ Shorts (not short shorts) and T-shirts that cover shoulders. ▪ Rain wear and folding umbrella ▪ Sandals and walking shoes ▪ Work shoes and gloves (See type of work) ▪ Pajamas ▪ Bandana, sun hat or scarf ▪ Bed sheet and sleeping bag ▪ sports wear
<p>Toiletries: Non-scented items are preferable, since they do not attract insects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zip-lock bags ▪ Soap, soap dish and shampoo ▪ Sunscreen ▪ Toothbrush and toothpaste ▪ Comb and /or brush ▪ Nail clippers ▪ For women, sanitary napkins or tampons ▪ For men, razor, shaving cream and blades
<p>Personal first-aid kit: Best to be stored in a strong plastic bag, to keep it dry and clean.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small supply of: disinfectant, Band-Aids, gauze and adhesive tape, calamine lotion, insect repellent, throat lozenges, pain killer, anti-acid, and any on-going medication ▪ You may wish to check with your doctor about what kind of vaccinations you may need

<p>Miscellaneous Add any of these items to your list according to your own personal preference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small day-pack ▪ Camera ▪ Water bottle ▪ Pocket English-Swahili dictionary/phrasebook ▪ Flash light (torch) and batteries ▪ Notebook and pens for personal diary ▪ Sewing kit with needle and thread ▪ Sunglasses ▪ Extra pair of prescription glasses, if applicable ▪ Music instruments, CD player, playing cards, various games that you would like to share ▪ Souvenirs, recipes and other items you may need for cultural exchange/ cultural evening ▪ Two passport size photographs (please hand these photos on during the registration of volunteers on arrival)
<p>Donation? Sometimes we are asked by volunteers, if they can bring some stuff to donate and what is useful for them to bring.</p>	<p>Yes, some people will be in need of materials you want to bring; e.g. those living in poverty, widows, seniors, orphans, vulnerable children's etc. Some donations can go to the project. You may want to bring the following items, but to do not feel obliged to do so;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English language books for children and for secondary schools ▪ Pencils, colors, Exercise books and other educational aid ▪ Sports stuff (Balls, wears, equipment's etc.) ▪ Children and adult cloths ▪ Used Laptops (Which can be used by the school to teach or facilitate teaching planning) ▪ Posters, materials and any other resources related to the project theme ▪ Do not bring: Medicines or food stuff including sweets for donation!!