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# CIVS



## **MEDIUM & LONG TERM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM 2018**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WHO IS CIVS?

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**CIVS Kenya** is a community development agency operating especially in the marginalized and poverty-stricken rural areas of Kenya. We pursue an integrated socio-economic and cultural development approach in the fight against poverty and social exclusion of Kenyan communities under the maxim “DEVELOPMENT BY PEOPLE”. We believe that people should retain the responsibility for their own development while CIVS supports, guides and mentors their efforts with innovative and customized high quality services. CIVS achieves this aims through its two program areas: International Voluntary Service (IVS) and Community Development.

The **INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE** is designed for people who want the chance to make a real difference in the fight against poverty, fostering development by the people as well as developing harmonious relations among people of different backgrounds and cultures. We organize short term, medium and long term and weltwärts project attachments throughout the year both in cities and rural areas for volunteers to offer their services as they learn, gain exposure and experience.

Our **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** activities focus on the areas of Food Security, Water & Sanitation, Vulnerable Children & HIV/AIDS, Good Governance and Emergency Relief in order to mitigate the effects of hunger, environmental degradation, diseases and mismanagement of public resources.

### VISA AND AIRPORT ENTRY

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When you are booking your flight, please make sure that your arrival is at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Please also include your terminal of arrival so that you can easily be identified upon arrival.

You can get you visa at the Airport in Nairobi upon you arrival. It is also possible for you to apply for an e-Visa before your arrival via a dedicated internet portal at '[www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke)'.

You can use the CIVS address as your address while in Kenya. The tourist visa for Kenya is valid for 90 days and you can renew it for another three months at the Immigration Offices in Nairobi, Mombasa or Kisumu.

### ORIENTATION

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There will be an orientation seminar for new volunteers lasting three days including Nairobi city introduction and project placement. Our monthly orientation seminar starts on the first Monday every month. It would be good if the volunteers can arrive at least one day before the orientation starts.

## **PARTICIPATION FEES**

CIVS solely depends on volunteer contributions to support its activities.

<b>VOLUNTEERING PERIOD</b>	<b>FEES</b>
Up to 1 month	250 Euro
2 months and longer	200 Euro per month

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

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

The following costs are NOT included:

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

## **TOURS & SAFARI**

CIVS Kenya organizes tours and safaris to spectacular sites of interest in Kenya. Volunteers, who wish to participate, should let us know as soon as possible in order to enable us to make proper arrangements. The fee charged is all-inclusive of meals, transport, park entry fees, accommodation and tour guiding. The cost of a 3 days safari to Masai Mara National Reserve is 330 Euro.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

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

## CIVS/MLTV-01/18: MALIA CHILDREN'S HOME

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Mua Hills, Machakos County.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Malia Children's Home is a non-profit organization, which accommodates destitute children from all backgrounds and communities in Kenya. Driven by the desire to help the less fortunate in the Kenyan society, the founders set up a home within their homestead to accommodate and shelter the children in need.

In the year 2009 with the help of the clergy and the area chief, Malia Children's Home was thus started with 5 children. Two years later, i.e. 2011, the home was registered as a charitable Children's institution with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social development. It currently hosts 25 children who are between the ages of 2 years and 8 years.

The home is managed by an Executive Committee of 5 composed of the Patron, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee representative, clergy and the Area Chief. The committee meets once every month to deliberate on upcoming issues at the secretariat and give strategic directions in line with the institutions mission and vision. The home has employed 4 staff to run this programmes: A matron, two teachers and one social worker all of whom are qualified professionals and have undergone intensive training on childcare and the national child protection policy. The secretariat is also tasked with the duty of liaising with the relevant Government institutions to ensure maximum standards of child protection and care are adhered to. Apart from children's welfare development, Malia Children Home engages in a number of activities for purposes of self-sustainability such as dairy farming, poultry farming, and drip irrigation.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Farming, digging clearing of bushes in the garden within the project
- Taking care of the cattle and helping with the dairy farming
- Feeding and taking care of the poultry
- Feeding program and assisting with preparation and serving of meals to the orphans

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will stay in a host family near the project site. Breakfast and dinner will be provided by the host family and volunteers will get lunch at the Children's Home.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will be available throughout the year.

## **CIVS/MLTV-02/18: ST. MICHAEL DAY CARE AND RESCUE CENTRE**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

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This project is located in Ukunda District, Kwale County

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

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Established in 2013, St. Michaels Day Care and Rescue Centre is an institution for the preschool aged children and young girls who have been rescued from streets of Ukunda. Many of the parents find themselves away from their homes the entire day in the quest for food, water and work and are not able to afford to pay house helps to take care of their children while they are at their work places. The centre takes care of children whose parents have low-income jobs or are unemployed mostly of whom have semi-permanent jobs. The centre also supports young girls who have been left homeless and abandoned by their families. While they are away searching for semi-permanent jobs, the project provides a safe place for their small children by providing meals and basic education. Since the target group is quite poor and due to the scarcity of foodstuffs, many of the children at the center find their only meal of the day there.

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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- Assisting in the preparation of meals and feeding of the children
- Developing age appropriate sports activities to promote the physical health of the children
- Developing in and out-door extra-curricular activities to develop creativity of the children
- Assisting in teaching children basics of language, speaking, writing, etc

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

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The volunteer will stay in a host family within the project site. Meals will be provided by the host family.

### **PROJECT AVAILABILITY**

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This project will be available throughout the year.

## CIVS/MLTV-03/18: BLESSED TO BLESS ORPHANED GROUP

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Butso location, Shiyunzu Sub location, Kakamega County.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Blessed to Bless Orphaned Child Self Help Group was founded in the year 2005 a pastor who was brought up as an orphan himself and consequently had an interest and a vision of helping and supporting the orphans and vulnerable children within the community. He was assisted with other 15 well-wishers within the community whereby they formed a development group that was registered as a self-help group. The well-wishers began with 7 orphans that were being taught under a tree until 2012 when they received some support from an American well wisher to construct classes for the children. The orphanage is currently hosting 350 children who are aged between 4 to 18 years. Many children have benefited from education in this project since its formation.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Skill development through teaching of Creative Arts, Drawings, English and simple Mathematics subjects
- Organizing of games and extra-curricular activities for the kids
- Farm work which includes digging, weeding, watering and planting of crops
- Assisting with preparation and serving of meals to support the feeding program
- Guiding and counseling programs to support the children

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteers will be accommodated by a host family next to the project site where breakfast and dinner shall be provided. Lunch will be provided at the orphanage. There are pit latrines, bath shelters and a kitchen at the project available for use by the volunteers.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-04/18: KYALE SMALL HOME

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Volunteer in the Eastern region of Kenya and work with physically handicapped children in Kyale Small Home. This is a school and a home that was established in 1994. A primary school and Catholic Church surround this home, which currently houses 21 children. These kids are boys and girls aged between 10 to 19. These children have suffered accidents, handicaps from or during birth, snakebites, and polio among other disabilities.

This home was established to cater for the challenged children within the local community. Every child is entitled to better care and upbringing. In most Kenyan societies, the physically challenged children get stigmatization from other members of the community making them feel less than human. Most people speak Kikamba as a native language. Farming is widely practiced for a living e.g. livestock poultry, small-scale farming of maize, beans, coffee, sweet potatoes, bananas, and vegetables. Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, may be seen from the home.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Working in the home's kitchen and vegetable garden
- Helping children study and organizing of extra-curricular activities such as indoor games
- Assisting the children with wheel chair mobility
- Helping with arrangement and preparation of the beds
- Assisting with preparation and serving of meals
- Training the kids in creativity through games and doing handicraft work as well as assisting them with their homework

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located at Nunguni, in the Eastern region of Kenya. It is approximately 3 hours drive from Nairobi city.

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.



## CIVS/MLTV-05/18: KIERENI SECONDARY SCHOOL

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Chuka, Tharaka-Nithi County, Kenya

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Kiereni Secondary School is a learning institution for secondary students comprising of 520 students, both boys and girls. The school has 12 classes and was established in 1987 by the PCEA church. The institution has both teaching staff as well as non-teaching staff, who have the responsibility to lead the students to become responsible people in society. It offers educational services that are relevant to the growth of the local community. The school offers boarding facilities to the students.

The school offers the Ministry of Education recommended curriculum with the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE) as the final examination at the end of 4th year. Co-curricular activities include games and sports, drama, music, scouting, girl guides, Science Congress and debating

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in teaching of physics, biology, chemistry, English and Mathematics subjects
- Organizing, coordinating and participating in extracurricular activities like athletics, football and coordination of clubs in the school like scouting, drama, music etc.
- Supporting and developing the environmental conservation and farm work of the school

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will be accommodated within the project site. Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the host family and volunteers will get lunch in the school.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-06/18: GOOD SAMARITAN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Soweto Slums, Eastern Nairobi region.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Good Samaritan Children's Centre is a community-based organization that was established in the year 2004 in response to the needs of the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in Soweto Slum. The Centre started with two children who were abandoned by their parents and rescued by the area district officials and brought to the founder's house. It hosts around 63 children both boys and girls. These are either orphans or abandoned children.

The children have been orphaned for various reasons, although majority are due to the HIV epidemic, poverty and unwanted pregnancies. The children's circumstances and histories are as different as their personalities, but now they have the optimism and opportunity for a more positive future. The dedicated caregivers at the project are working hard to provide the basics of life such as shelter, security and food. However, they are acutely aware that it is education which can break the cycle of poverty. From time to time, they receive donations of food items and clothing from people in the local community and other well-wishers.

The caregivers at the orphanage are dedicated and loving, doing the best they can with the little resources they have. At the very least, they are providing these children with a stable family environment. They also have a primary school section running from preschool to standard six. The children are between 6 months to 18 years and are all attending formal education.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in feeding of children and serving of meals
- Assisting with teaching of subjects such as English, Mathematics, Creative Arts, Science and Social Studies subjects
- Providing of guidance and counseling services to the children
- Playing with the children and organizing of dance events during school holidays
- Helping the children with homework

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live in a host family near the project site. Breakfast and dinner will be provided by the host family and volunteers will get lunch at the project.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project is available throughout the year. However, the orphanage section is available during the months of April, August and December but not the school section.

## CIVS/MLTV-07/18: CIVS COMMUNITY SERVICE

### LOCATION

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The project is located in Buruburu estate, Nairobi east region of Kenya.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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1. Website design (improving/ redesigning the CIVS Kenya website)
2. Social Media Management (CIVS activities on Facebook, Twitter, CIVS website)

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Website Design
- Analyzing the current CIVS Kenya website for areas of improvement & benchmarking it with competitor
- Making suggestions on website improvement
- Implement agree website improvement
- Assisting in orientation of new volunteers

#### Social Media Marketing:

- Monitoring & analyzing the current activities of CIVS Kenya on social media platforms and bench marking them with main competitors
- Making suggestions for improvements for social media appearance & interactions
- Implement on agreed improvements
- Setting up a photo database for all project/activities

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live in a host family near the project site where they will get breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will be available throughout the year.

## CIVS/MLTV-08/18: COMMUNITY HEALTH VOLUNTEERS

### LOCATION

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The project is located in Virhembe Market, Kakamega County of Kenya.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Community Health Volunteers (CHV) is a community based organization established in 2006 by Kenyan volunteers operating within Kakamega County of Kenya. The organization is situated at Virhembe Market and focuses on fighting HIV/AIDS and other health issues. The mission of this project is to spearhead implementation of community health conservation projects in order to create a better life for communities in Western Kenya.

The organization pursues the aim of expanding capacities of the community in regards to dealing with HIV/AIDS. It seeks to design and implement quality HIV/AIDS interventions, as well as to support people living with HIV/AIDS by increasing access and improving the quality of healthcare and referral services for them through increased linkages with the Ministry of Health. The group also aims to promote safe sexual behaviors and practices among youth and vulnerable groups. Community Health Volunteers have established the only dispensary in this area and are planning to set up a computer-training center that will serve as a learning center for the youth.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- School outreach programs; Awareness creation in the community on sexual and reproductive health
- Assisting the medical staff in the dispensary
- Co-coordinating and taking care of the patients
- Taking patient samples, pulses, temperatures
- Offering voluntary, counseling and testing for HIV/AIDS
- Writing and updating of records in the hospital
- Providing advice and emotional support to patients
- Jigger treatment in the community and local schools

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live in a host family close to the project site. Breakfast and dinner will all be provided by the host family and volunteers will get lunch at the project.

### QUALIFICATION

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Volunteers with computer skills as well as those in the medical field (doctors, nurses, etc) are needed for this project.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will be available throughout the year.

## CIVS/MLTV-09/18: MARIANNE CENTRE FOUNDATION

### LOCATION

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

### PROJECT DETAILS

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There are around 2.9 million individuals with various forms of mental disabilities in Kenya. These Kenyans face many obstacles in their daily lives since many communities still consider mental disability an ailment caused by witchcraft. These individuals are more than capable of developing useful skills given adequate support. The current education system is unable to support young adults who have mental disabilities since they cannot enroll in an ordinary secondary school

Marianne Center Foundation began in 2010 to help individuals with disabilities aged 16 to 35 years. Marianne is a vocational training center that offers support for these individuals and their families. There are around 40 Kenyans enrolled in this center who have different disabilities including Autism and Down Syndrome. The students are divided and grouped into classes depending on their abilities so that they are trained on important vocational skills such as beadwork, baking, farming, activities of daily living (ADL) among others.

The mission of this organization is to make a difference in the life of young adults with special needs and disabilities in order to be self-reliant and easily integrated into mainstream life without fear of stigmatization.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in teaching of various subjects such as Mathematics, Language, writing and computer lessons
- Promoting core activities such as such as drawing, sewing, bead-work and gardening
- Running activities of daily living such as cleaning, personal hygiene etc
- Organizing extra-curricular activities such as sports and nature walks
- Provision of guiding and counseling services to the students

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects and then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-10/18: KAYA KINONDO ECOTOURISM PROJECT

### LOCATION

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The project is located in Ukunda, Kwale District of Kenya.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Coastal Kenya has sacred forests called Kayas. These pockets are made up of forests 10 to 400 hectares found in the Kwale, Kilifi and Malindi districts of Coast Province and owe their existence directly to the cultural beliefs and history of the nine Coastal Mijikenda ethnic groups.

Kaya Kinondo ecotourism project is a pilot project that seeks to initiate and test the viability of ecotourism as a means of linking conservation to tangible social and economic benefits of local community. This conservation and development group started with the aim of coordinating conservation and developmental activities in the area. All incomes of the project go towards maintenance of the Kaya, cultural ceremonies, community projects such as schools and water projects. Finally, through a financial services association established by the community as part of the project, the project gave loans to community groups and individuals within the area to initiate income generating micro projects.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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The volunteers will engage in the following:

- Provide assistance to project management regarding improvement of ecotourism activities and microfinance
- Support the Marketing of Kaya Kinondo Ecotourism Project on social media
- Assist in survey and assessment of Kaya ecosystems
- General cleaning of the project site

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live together with a host family where they will get basic meals i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will be available throughout the year.

## CIVS/MLTV-11/18: NEW ALUMNI EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Ruaka at Racharage junction along Limuru road, Nairobi County.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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New Alumni Educational Center began as a tuition center in the year 2011 teaching 2 children under a tree. Currently the center has around 200 students. The school has both teaching and nonteaching staff of which some of them are volunteering. The school is registered as a Community Based Organization. The main objective of the center is to see a transformed society by nurturing global leaders who will effect positive change in their communities and the world at large. The center reaches out to the less fortunate in the society and bringing their dreams into reality. The school offers mentorship programmes to the students as well as holding social justice events at the school.

The school offers the Ministry of Education recommended curriculum with the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE) as the final examination at the end of 4th year. The school engages in extra-curricular activities such as games and sports, drama, music, scouting, girl guides, science congress and debating.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in teaching physics, biology, chemistry, English and Mathematics subjects
- Organizing, coordinating and participating in extracurricular activities like athletics, football and coordination of clubs in the school like scouting, drama and music

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live together with a host family where they will get basic meals i.e. breakfast and dinner and lunch will be served at school.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## **CIVS/MLTV-12/18: JENRACY CHILDREN'S HOME**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

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The project is located in Sinai Slums in Donholm along Jogoo road, Nairobi County.

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

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Jenracy Children's Home was established in 2009 with a lady who realized that there were many orphaned children within the neighborhood who came from poor families and majority of their parents were either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. The main objective of the project is to support the orphans and vulnerable children through provision of basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, education and health care.

The home has managed to support over 100 children of whom some of them are working and some are in colleges. They currently have over 40 pupils who have managed to be educated at Modern Care School a private school that has offered subsidized school fees rates to enable the children continue with primary education. Since its formation, the project has purchased land and is planning to construct a permanent school and a home to support the OVCs.

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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- Empowering the minors to be self-reliant through provision of life skills lessons
- Helping with preparation and serving of meals
- Assisting local volunteers with provision of basic needs to the children such as cooking, cleaning etc
- Assisting in teaching English, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Health & Hygiene and creative arts

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

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The volunteer will stay in a host family, which is about 15 minutes drive to the project. The host family will provide both breakfast and dinner to the volunteers.

### **PROJECT AVAILABILITY**

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.



## CIVS/MLTV-13/18: BROWNHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Kayole Estate, Nairobi East region.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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

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

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

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will stay in a host family near the project site. The host family will provide both breakfast and dinner to the volunteers.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-14/18: EMMANUEL'S NEW HOPE RESCUE CENTER

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Soweto Slum in Embakasi, East of Nairobi.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Emmanuel's New Hope Rescue Center (ENHRC) is a community-based organization which was founded in 2007 with the aim of giving hope to children whose hope seemed cut off by poverty, crime and HIV/AIDS. The organization started as a support center for orphans and vulnerable children. The main aim was to give them the opportunity to go to school as well as to provide basic needs like food, education and clothes. In total, ENHRC has 56 kids and 34 of them live at the center. The children are aged between 1 to 19 years. The center has several programs e.g. school program, youth program, feeding program and counseling program. All the children stay at the centre when school closes.

Emmanuel's New Hope Rescue Center aims to give the children a place of peace and happiness where they can grow up in safety and are provided with quality accommodation and basic needs like proper nutrition as well as high-quality education.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals for the children
- Developing creative arts with the kids
- Helping in teaching of subjects such as English and mathematics
- Playing with the kids
- Helping in general cleaning of the center
- Support fundraising activities of the center

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will stay in a host family in Buruburu near the CIVS office. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will be available throughout the year.

## CIVS/MLTV-15/18: AHERO RESOURCE CENTRE

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Ahero town, Kisumu County.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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The Ahero Resource Center was started in 2009 by CIVS. The project is located in Ahero, about 25km east of Kisumu town. The Center serves as a One-Stop-Shop offering a variety of services to the local community.

The centre is equipped with training facility provides capacity building opportunities in Agriculture, Entrepreneurship and providing venue for community groups meeting. The in-class training is complemented by practical learning on the adjacent Farmer Field School i.e. a model Farm which encompasses a Greenhouse, open farm and Poultry house that provide practical examples of modern farming practices. The Ahero Resource Centre is also equipped with comprehensive rainwater harvesting infrastructure to fully utilize the short and heavy rains in the region.

From time to time depending with the availability of funds, 30 school going Orphans and Vulnerable Children get a free lunch at the center to improve their concentration and school performance.

Additionally, a borehole provides a reliable and affordable source of safe water for the community. The construction of two water kiosks in the wider area connected with the borehole will improve accessibility to clean and safe water in the community significantly.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Working in the Model Farm of the center and helping to improve the agricultural methods, crops, etc.
- Maintenance of the centre
- Improving the record keeping of the centers activities
- Assisting in preparation of meals for OVC feeding program
- Supporting promotion of the Ahero resource Center and its activities

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will stay in a host family near the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will be available throughout the year.

## CIVS/MLTV-16/18: FORTUNE LEARNERS' CENTER

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Kayole estate, East of Nairobi.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Fortune Learners Centre is a project that was founded in year 2013 as a charity organization by 10 social workers from Kayole and Soweto slums who were working in various schools as untrained teachers. Their motivation was drawn by watching their former schools sending away vulnerable children from school due to lack of school fees. They thought how they could better the lives of these poor children who had resorted to begging in the streets. The females resorted to child prostitution. After the closure of schools in the last term of the year in 2012. The untrained teachers agreed to start a community centre to provide education, economic empowerment and HIV/AIDS education including psychological support to the orphans, vulnerable children and their caregivers. Fortune's core areas are education, orphan support and protection, economic empowerment for older orphans and caregivers, volunteer/Internships, educational trips, sports HIV/AIDS and gender based violence awareness. The school hosts nearly 100 children from extremely poor backgrounds, aged between 3 and 12 years. The children attend classes from class 1 to 8. The school has seven teachers.

### PROJECT ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in teaching English, Mathematics, Social Sciences and creative arts subjects
- Supporting early childhood development through age appropriate games & activities
- Helping in preparation and serving of food
- Assisting with administrative work of the school
- Providing HIV/AIDS awareness lessons to the pupils

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will stay in a host family in Buruburu near the CIVS office. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December.

However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays

## CIVS/MLTV-18/18: MAGODO CHILDREN'S HOME

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Harambee Estate, Nairobi

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Magodo Children's Home was started in the year 1990 and registered as a community-based organization. The project's main objective is to facilitate the provision of basic needs to vulnerable children and to further their education by supporting them spiritually, emotionally and psychologically to the best of our ability. It serves around 500 vulnerable poor children and orphans living with their relatives in the nearby slums. It further supports 80 vulnerable orphans and destitute children of Magodo Children's Home and serves the community at large. The home provides basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing, medical care, rehabilitation and education. The complex Centre offers primary school education which starts from class 1 to 8, non-formal education; i.e. vocational training, technical training, HIV/AIDS campaigns, feeding programs, medical, clothing, sports, rehabilitation and counseling at the Center and through house-to-house outreach programs, seminars, workshops etc.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Taking care of the younger children as well as playing with them
- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals
- Feeding the young children
- Assisting in teaching English, Mathematics and Social Studies
- Ensuring general cleanliness of the compound

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will be hosted by a host family in Buruburu estate, which is about 30 minutes drive to the project. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## **CIVS/MLTV-19/18: PEACE HUMANITARIAN CHRISTIAN CENTRE INTERNATIONAL**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

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The project is located in Njiru East of Nairobi.

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

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Peace Humanitarian Christian Centre International is a community initiative project that was founded in 1993 to empower orphaned and destitute children around Ruai location. The project aims to secure a brighter future for children through nutrition, education support and spiritual awareness. Apart from offering educational opportunities to the children, the center also aims at dealing with the vices of crime, drugs and substance among the children and youth staying in the area.

Currently, the centre has about 580 students from pre-primary to high school level who are aged between 3 to 18 years. The centre has 9 teachers and 2 non teaching staff. Additionally, the centre has an orphanage where orphans and vulnerable children live. It also has a small kiosk, which they sell some foodstuff and other commodities thus sustaining the needs of the Orphans and vulnerable children.

The Centre also offers guiding and counseling sessions. It also offers vocational training to girls who have dropped out of school to attain skills in dress making which can help them acquire self-employment to sustain their livelihoods. The centre offers these through tailoring classes and salon lessons.

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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- Assisting in teaching of nursery, lower and upper primary classes
- Provide counseling sessions to the students
- Working in the orphanage farm to improve farm output
- Empowering the minors to be self reliant
- Teaching tailoring skills to the students
- Support the promotion of education and other related affairs in the community
- Develop children's' creativity through sporting activities, drama and music
- Fundraising activities for the project

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

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The volunteer will live with a host family near the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### **PROJECT AVAILABILITY**

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This project is available throughout the year. However, the orphanage section is available during the months of April, August and December but not the school section.

## CIVS/MLTV-20/18: CROSSROADS SPRINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Gisambai location, Hamisi District Vihiga County.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Founded in 2004, Crossroads Springs Primary School is both a school and orphanage and is a top performing school both academically and in co-curriculum activities. The school was initiated purposely to provide care for orphans and vulnerable children most of whose parents had died of HIV/AIDS. The School strives to help students to develop skills in order to be able support themselves in future.

Crossroad Springs started with 40 children in 2004 and now serves 220 children, with over 120 children being total orphans. The children are of mixed gender and their ages are from 3 years to 13 years. These children are provided with education, meals, shelter and medical needs. The school runs from ECD (Kindergarten) to Standard eight (eighth grade). The school also accepts children who are not orphaned in order to be inclusive.

The activities undertaken by the school include; teaching and training the children in doing music, poems, traditional dancing athletics and ball games like football and netball as well as training children in scouting activities. The school also hosts a women group called *mukhono khu mukhono*, which does rearing of pigs, fish, chicken and cattle. They also practice organic agriculture, and tailoring with the aim to generate income for children upkeep at the school.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in teaching mathematics, English, science and computer studies
- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals at the school.
- Helping in nursing and educating the children on health and hygiene
- Training children in sports, music, poems and dancing
- Assisting children in development of creative art skills like painting and drawing
- Taking care of the younger children as well as playing with them.
- Farm work, which includes weeding, planting of variety of crops and harvesting
- Taking care of domestic animals like cattle, chicken and pigs

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-21/18: STAR OF THE MORNING SELF HELP GROUP

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Kochieng' East location, Nyando district, Kisumu County of Kenya.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Star of The Morning Self Help Group was founded in the year 2005 with a major objective of uplifting the community members to be self-sufficient and self-reliant through sustainable development in the society. In 2006, Star of The Morning School was established as part of the project's initiative to offer basic education and provision of basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, health care to the orphans and vulnerable children who were living within the community. The school hosts nearly 320 children from extremely poor backgrounds, aged between 5 and 14 years. The children attend classes from form 1-8 with a total of nine teachers.

The group also focuses on the needs among the youth, widows, and people living with HIV/AIDS to achieve fullness of life and the integrity of creation through sustainable, participatory and integrated community development projects.

The group also has a small garden where they grow maize, beans, potatoes and tomatoes where they sell to provide food to the orphans and to promote self-sustainability.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Farmwork which includes digging, weeding and watering of crops
- Assisting in teaching of Mathematics, Arts, English, Social Studies and Science subjects
- Engaging in games and sporting activities such as football, volleyball

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live with a host family near the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will be available throughout the year. However, the school section is not available during April, August and December holidays.



## CIVS/MLTV-24/18: NEW BEGINNING EDUCATION CENTRE

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Kamola area, Embakasi District, Nairobi County of Kenya.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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New Beginning Education Centre was founded in the year 2012 with an objective of offering preschool, primary education, social, economic and spiritual support to the orphans and vulnerable children within the local community. The centre serves over 80 children from Kamola slums and it has five teachers.

The people living in this area depend on casual jobs, small-scale businesses i.e. sale of drugs to earn a living and cater for their families' needs. This has affected them so much that there is continued usage of drugs among the members of the community thus increasing drug and substance use among the youth and the community members. Young single mothers are also involved into prostitution as a means of providing for their children thus posing as a major threat to the spread of HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Because of these factors, there was the formation of the centre not only established to provide education but also to act as a centre of transforming the lives of the community members through participation in income generating activities and other community development projects as a way of rehabilitating the drug addicts, the infected and affected with HIV/AIDS hence offering an opportunity to alleviate poverty thus leading to a sustainable development.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in teaching of Mathematics, Arts, English, Social Studies and Science subjects
- Engaging in extracurricular activities such as poems, skits, music, scouting and ball games
- Offering of counseling programs to the orphans and vulnerable children
- Feeding program where the volunteers will assist with preparation and serving of meals

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live with a host family near the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-23/18: SHADOW MOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S HOME

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Babadogo area, Nairobi county of Kenya. It is approximately 40 minutes drive from CIVS offices

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Shadow Mountain Children's Home is a project that was founded by Hanna Wangari in April 2014 as a rescue centre for orphaned and vulnerable children living in Babadogo, Ruaraka Nairobi County. The project rescues children that come from the streets of Nairobi, where they have been orphaned or abandoned by their families due to poverty or illness. There are also cases where some children have run away from abusive situations and are brought to the children home by people while others are brought by the police. The project's main objective is to build self-reliant Individuals morally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Since its establishment, the project has so far taken 4 children to a Secondary boarding school in Meru, and 25 children to a primary boarding school in Nairobi. 41 children are currently residing in the home. The main activities undertaken by the orphanage include giving care and support to orphans and vulnerable children, empowerment for older orphans and HIV&AIDS education.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Taking care of the younger children as well as playing with them
- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals
- Feeding the young children
- Offering counseling to older children in the home
- Assisting in teaching English, Mathematics and Social Studies
- General cleaning of the compound

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteers will be accommodated in a host family in Buruburu estate where all meals shall be provided. There are toilets, bath shelters and a kitchen at the host family.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project is available throughout the year. However, the orphanage section is available during the months of April, August and December but not the school section.

## **CIVS/MLTV-24/18: BISHOP J. WAICHERE CENTER SCHOOL**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

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The project is located in Maai Mahiu, Limuru County

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

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The Bishop J Waichere Center School was founded to provide children from poor families who cannot afford school fees the possibility to attend secondary education. The school therefore offers formal learning in the mornings while there are non-formal education courses in the afternoon (dress making, beat making, etc). These courses are primarily focusing on the provision of practical vocational skills to enable the children/ youth gain employment on the job market later on. Part of the pupils live in the school while others or coming from outside for the classes.

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals at the school
- Assisting in teaching (Maths, English, science)
- Using sports, dancing painting activities to develop creativity in the children
- Assisting in privation of vocational training courses

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

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The volunteer will live with a host family near the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### **PROJECT AVAILABILITY**

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-25/18: TOTO ANGEL CENTER

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Kayole Estate, Nairobi County

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Toto Angel Center was founded in the year 2013. It is currently supporting 15 children between 3 – 12 years from a variety of backgrounds. The situation in Kayole Estate where the center is located is characterized by a high poverty rate, low education and marginalization of the community. Many vulnerable children are neglected and abandoned by their caregivers. Toto angel Center provides a safe place where children can spend the day, provided with meals and basic education. There are 9 children who are currently enrolled in the center's pre-school group and another 6 are supported in local primary school with books, tuition and lunch. In order to change the situation in the community the center has also started regular dialogue with the community members and engaging the adults in income generating activities such as tailoring where they make shopping bags which are used to support the centre.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in preparation and serving of meals
- Assisting in provision of basic education to the children (simple maths, English, science)
- Using sports, dancing painting activities to develop creativity in the children
- Maintenance of the center
- Support community engagement activities

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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The volunteer will live with a host family near the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-26/18: SIGOMRE SMALL HOME

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Sigomre Division, Ugunja district, Siaya County of Kenya. It is approximately 9 hours drive from Nairobi city.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Sigomre Small Home for the Physically Challenged Children was established in 1996 by a Mill Hill nun with Rt. Rev Zachaeus Okoth, Bishop of Kisumu diocese and the community. The purpose of its establishment was to provide basic needs such as accommodation, education, food, shelter and health care for disabled people within the surrounding communities. The community at Sigomre donated land for construction of the facility. The project has been supporting many people who are physically and mentally challenged thus empowering them socially and economically to become self-reliant and fully integrated members of their communities. Currently the home hosts 52 people with disabilities of which 28 are males and 24 are females. They are aged between 3-25 years. The home has boarding, primary and vocational training sections, which are located within the project site. The vocational training section provides skills like tailoring and carpentry mainly to those who fail to complete their schooling.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Assisting in teaching English, Mathematics, Social Sciences and creative arts
- Sewing, beadwork and crocheting
- Provision of nursing services and general health education
- Playing games with the physically challenged people
- Teaching of computer to the students
- Care giving services such as preparation of meals, assisting the kids with mobility and general cleaning of the home
- Physiotherapy sessions that include physical assessment of range of movement and manual muscle strength testing
- Farm work which includes weeding, planting of variety of crops and harvesting

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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The project is available throughout the year.

## CIVS/MLTV-27/18: TUMUTUMU SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Kirimukuyu Location, Nyeri County, Central part of Kenya which is approximately 4 hours drive from Nairobi city.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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The school was started in 1965 by the PCEA church to give formal education to children who have hearing problems. The school had 2 trained teachers and 4 pupils which was a unit in Tumutumu Primary School upon its formation. The enrollment has increased due to awareness. At the moment the school has 160 children. They are not able to cater for the increasing demand to meet all their basic needs. They have Early Childhood Development and Education, primary and vocational training centre. The learners are drawn from all over Kenya. They offer candidates for KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Examination) and government trade examinations. The school is under management of the principal who works along board of management and the school staff. About 8 students have learning disabilities and can neither do formal nor informal education. The school is full boarding where the pupils get food and accommodation. They have a special class for learners with multiple disabilities.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Helping in preparation of meals, serving and feeding the children
- Helping in training the children in beadwork and craft work activities
- Teaching of subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science and Sign language
- Helping with dressmaking and tailoring activities
- Training the children how to read and write as well as assisting them with their homework
- Playing together with children and organizing of sports and dance activities

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## CIVS/MLTV-28/18: CHEERFUL SPECIAL HOME

### PROJECT LOCATION

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The project is located in Karatina Location, Nyeri County, Central part of Kenya. It is approximately 4 hours drive from Nairobi city.

### PROJECT DETAILS

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Cheerful Special Home is a charitable children's institution which was started in 2005 by two volunteer teachers who by virtue of their profession had realized the problems children with mental disability from poor families and orphans were going through. The home aims to provide quality services to mentally handicapped orphans so that they may be productive and useful members in the society. They also make the children feel wanted and appreciated which helps them develop their talents.

The project cares supports and trains these vulnerable children. It is not moneymaking business but an initiative where they can all join hands and help these desperate children. There are 24 children aged between 10 to 17 years who leave in the project. It has 11 staff and caretakers who take care of the children.

The project relies on well-wishers and people of good will who support them with basic education, food, clothing and health care services such as jigger eradication. The project would like to enroll more vulnerable children in the home but due to insufficient funds and resources, the project can only support few children.

### VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

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- Helping with preparation of meals, serving and feeding the children
- Engaging the children and training them on vocational skills e.g. Activities of Daily living (ADL) i.e. dress making skills and arranging of beds
- Training children how to read and write as well as assisting them with their homework
- Guiding, counseling and offering psychological support to the children
- Playing together with children and organizing of extracurricular activities such as sports, games and dance

### ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

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

### PROJECT AVAILABILITY

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This project will not be available during the months of April, August and December. However, the volunteer will join alternative projects then resume after the school holidays.

## **CIVS/MLTV-29/18: TUMAINI FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

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The project is located in Buruburu estate in Nairobi, about 10 minutes walk CIVS offices.

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

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Tumaini Fund for Economic Development International (TFEDI) is a local Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) based in the slums (ghetto's) of Nairobi, Kenya. It is set up in order to fight the widespread poverty, HIV/ AIDS and many social problems in Nairobi's slums and ghetto's. The project is also offering as Micro-Finance project as a strategy to reduce poverty. This is done under Small Assistance Enterprise Program (SEAP). Tumaini's vision is to see a society where the children, youth, women and men are healthy and financially capably of providing in their basic needs.

### **MISSION**

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TFEDI aims to support the local community through church development projects, entrepreneurship education and training, business advocacy and the provision of micro credits to start up small businesses.

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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- Entering the organizational information data and expanding the Microsoft Access database
- Preparation of reports as profit and losses and the improvement the administration processes by organizing a proper filing system
- HIV/AIDS Programme-where there is issuing of loans to the People Living With HIV/AIDS
- Updating the organization's website

### **ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD**

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The volunteer will live with a host family near the project site. The host family will provide breakfast and dinner.

### **PROJECT AVAILABILITY**

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This project is available throughout the year