

TeachAManToFish Volunteer Program EcoVolunteerism - Tanzania, East Africa

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Introduction

Have you ever wanted rather than giving donations, to do something a little more 'hands-on' to help make a difference?

For volunteers who are looking to escape from the comforts and routines of their world to assist the poor and the disadvantaged in society then Tanzania represents a great option.

Tanzania is a country of amazing wildlife, beautiful landscapes, and huge smiles.

The people are extremely friendly and hospitable and Tanzanians are proud of their culture and love welcoming people from outside to integrate and mix in with their local customs and way of living.



In short, it's a fantastic place to experience Africa's culture and take part in an international volunteer program.

EcoVolunteerism projects put people at the centre of their efforts and are geared towards empowering the Community to develop as whole.

Program Areas

Child Development

Tanzania ecoVolunteerism's mission is to advance the dignity of children around rural Tanzania by supporting innovative community-based organisations working with vulnerable children.

The needs of children though in many ways universal, are best responded to in ways that fit the particular situation on the ground.

Every child has the right to good education and every member of our community has a role to play, these basic beliefs guide us.

Education & Sports

"Education is not a way of escaping the country's poverty; it is a way of fighting it." Mwalimu Nyerere - first President of Tanzania

Education is closely related to poverty and development, a basic education by which communities could acquire basic skills and knowledge to improve their living is one of the keys to break out of poverty cycle in which families and communities have been trapped for generations.

We consider sportive, educational, cultural activities and as well as healthcare as an integral part of our basic functions giving a great importance to improve moral and physical health of these villages and their children.

We are keen on using sports curriculum to create understanding and a spirit of cooperation between the most communities.

Environmental Colours of Microfinance.

This is, going beyond Microfinance in transforming the use of Nature to close the Poverty gap, which is the relation we have created between the environment and the rural marginalized communities.

The Organisation promotes an economically, socially and environmentally approach to Beekeeping and Microfinance using modern Langstroth Hives, making them accessible to the marginalized rural community through their networks of partner groups on micro credit terms; loans are obtained on an agro-based system where repayment is done only when the hive is harvested. We guarantee to purchase every kilogramme of honey at fair price.

This highlights a general manner for improving environmental management and the standards of living of the rural communities. It is meant to encourage

thought and reflection.

The Environment & Conservation

Every year, the human population rises, and meeting Tanzania's demand for land, water, energy, and food will be impossible - unless we make significant changes.

Not only is there a compelling moral duty to tackle poverty and social exclusion countrywide, but also there are powerful practical reasons for doing so. Tanzania's urban prosperity is not sustainable in the midst of countrywide rural poverty.



Poverty breeds high levels of population growth, conflict, diseases, rural migration to the urban areas and environmental degradation.

These will increasingly affect on us and on the future generations.

We catalyse change in communities, who are living in extreme poverty yet

surrounded by abundant natural resources, so they can make a difference that matters.

WomenLINK...wanawake

A woman is a baobab, the tree that builds the village.

She is the head of the household.

She has the responsibility for the whole family and for work.

She rises with the sun and doesn't sleep before the sun.

Anonymous Afrikan Saying.

Poverty, low literacy levels and cultural perceptions of women's roles handicap women and hinder their empowerment. While we work to close the poverty gap we must also close the gender gap.

Everything we have learned shows that when women are empowered through laws that ensure their rights, healthcare that ensures their well-being and education that ensures their active participation benefits so far beyond the individual, they help the family and the community.

The imbalance attributed to women's place in a patriarchal society, their reproductive and productive roles and the fact that their roles as mothers and

wives and community members put a constraint in their times and access to any credit or information.

Women and rural communities are waking up to the reality of information communication technologies, including computer technologies like the Internet and email.

TeV has been involved in documenting women's knowledge systems on "Women, Wisdom and Well being".

Practices related to healing, cooking, animal husbandry, grain storage, water management and other such aspects that have been documented stand testimony to women's capacity of coping with constraints and their ability to adapt to limitations.

Program Practicalities

As part of your volunteering experience you will enjoy:

Thoroughly researched and personalized projects: TeV offers the best projects that focus on matching the interests, skills, and experiences of volunteers with their volunteer work. Volunteers will get detailed information of their project, including living arrangements and food, before departure.

Airport Arrivals: Upon the receipt of the flight information, our volunteer coordinator will meet volunteers in the airport. Please make sure to send your flight information.

In-country transportation: TeV manages one-way transportation to project. Volunteers will be responsible for their personal and return travel.

Support of Country coordinator: From the very beginning to the end of the project, In-Country coordinator will help volunteers by supporting and regularly visiting them.

Pre-departure information: TeV's comprehensive pre-departure information will offer detailed information on issues that will concern volunteers, such as health, safety, and cultural shocks.

Emergency support: TeV will provide you with 2-3 mobile telephone numbers of the staffs for emergency support (these numbers are available for use at all times-24hours / 7days).

Volunteers will also get contact details to pass along to your family before departure.

Food: Breakfast & Dinner locally available, fresh and nutritious food.

Accommodation: Our Hostels are clean with comfortable living spaces, and volunteers will stay in shared room.



Requirements

There is no standard requirement regarding education or work experience, although we do expect you to come with an open mind and an enthusiasm for making a difference in the lives of local people.

The minimum age for participation is 18 years old.

Time

Volunteers are accepted at any time of the year with groups starting at the beginning and middle of each month.

Financial contribution per person (for shared accommodation) :

Programme Weeks	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
UK £	£310	£340	£370	£450	£480	£510	£540	£620	£650	£680	£710
US \$	\$620	\$680	\$740	\$900	\$960	\$1020	\$1080	\$1240	\$1300	\$1360	\$1420

For some it may seem strange to have to pay in order to work for free. However, it is necessary to charge a small amount in order to defray costs of the accommodation, food as well as program administration that ensures your safety and ongoing support. We are aware of the fact that many volunteers do not have a lot of money and we therefore always endeavor to keep this contribution to a minimum.

What the financial contribution does not cover:

Airfare

Visa and Visa extension fee

Insurance

Immunization

Any entrance fee during sightseeing and travel while in your placement

Transfer to airport, airport taxes upon departure
Any personal expenses, i.e., telephone expenses, mineral water and soft drinks, Gifts

How To Apply

If you're interested in applying to volunteer under this scheme and would like an application form - or if have any questions about this program - just e-mail: volunteer@teachamantofish.org.uk