



INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL
YOUTH EXCHANGE

WORK PROFILE ZIMBABWE



ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN ZIMBABWE WITH ZWA

Zimbabwe Workcamps Association offers international voluntary services with the following aims:

To assist with community development

To encourage the concept of voluntary service as a force in the search for peace, equality and international understanding

To enable young people to encounter and understand different cultures

To organize and run voluntary workcamps in Zimbabwe independently or in collaboration with other volunteer organizations or government departments

To promote peace, democracy, social justice, volunteering and exchange of information, skills and best shared practices.

Expectations from Projects: Volunteer projects take place in very humble places around Zimbabwe. The bulk of our projects are not that difficult at all, what is only needed is flexibility, positive mentally attitude as well as openness to new culture, new experience. It is important to highlight each and every project is unique, hence volunteers should make the most of their time with the community they serve, since this is a chance of a lifetime, to work and live with people in their respective communities, just like them.

Arrival and Orientation: Volunteers will be picked up from the Airport or regional bus station. They will be transferred to any lodge in town of their choice. Two-day orientation will be organized in close collaboration with the volunteers and ZWA staff. The main objective of the orientation is to minimize the effects of culture shock as well as to build capacities for the volunteers, so as to meet the community with open mind.

Accommodation: The volunteers live with host families within the community. This provides volunteers with the opportunity to learn more from the local people and also share in their daily way of life as well as deep understanding of the host community.



SPECIAL PROJECT FOR NATIVE SPEAKERS OF GERMAN

DIE DEUTSCHE SCHULE, Zimbabwe (Harare & Bulawayo)

Die Deutsche Schule has two schools in Zimbabwe: in Harare and in Bulawayo. The school's mission is to give its students a complete education in the German language and culture and to enhance a deep understanding of language diversity and global connections.

Die Deutsche Schule works with local teachers of German and offers native-speakers of German the possibility to complement the local teachers in the field of practical communication in German, as well as working on the correct pronunciation and teaching about the culture of the German-speaking countries in Europe. We would like to give our students the opportunity to have authentic language experiences and cultural exchanges.

Courses are offered from A1 up to B2 level.

Scope of work:

- Facilitate interactive speaking and conversation sessions with the students in German
- Facilitate activities and discussions as well as share personal experiences for the students to bring the diversity of the German-speaking countries closer
- Collaborate with the local teachers in various lessons

Requirements:

- Motivation and passion to share your skills and knowledge in the German language and German-speaking cultures with the students and teachers
- Basic-intermediate English skills

Accommodation:

The volunteer will be hosted in an apartment from the school. Host family possible upon request.

Location: Harare or Bulawayo

Language: English & German

Length: 1 month up to 6 months



Nzeve Deaf Centre – Mutare

Project in Brief: Nzeve Deaf Centre is an organization for deaf and hearing people. It was formally registered in 2005 but started its work in the 90s. The organization works to promote deaf culture and the inclusion of persons with disabilities in their communities. Our vision is to see the Deaf Community valued in an inclusive society. The Centre provides hearing tests and early childhood learning classes for deaf children so that they develop sign language and social skills before they join a mainstream school. Deaf youths come to the center for vocational skills in carpentry, building, sewing, and horticulture to prepare them for independent living. Livelihoods training is provided to the parents of deaf children and youths as well as other persons with disabilities in the Manicaland province. Disability/deaf awareness occupies a greater part of Nzeve's work so that communities are inclusive and can support persons with disabilities to live quality life.

Scope of work:

This program facilitates extra-curricular activities for children and youth through a child center which supports those who need it most. The idea of the Centre is to provide educational and recreational services to children and youth who are deaf. The center also addresses issues of child abuse among other challenges as it is a safe home to deliberate and receive support from Volunteers work together with representatives of the Protection Committee. At the Centre, volunteers have an opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor play games with the youths who occasionally visit the Centre for play. It is basically an opportunity for international volunteers to appreciate initiatives around safeguarding the rights of children and youths who are differently enabled.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated at Nzeve Centre. Rooms will be available Females and Males. Volunteers should bring their own sleeping bag and a small mattress. Running water is available, Water system toilets are available.

Location: Mutare

Language: English



Participatory Organic Research Extension & Training

Project in Brief: Participatory Organic Research and Training (PORET). PORET Trust works with the community to address hunger, malnutrition, and poverty. The aim of PORET is to support the farmers in the low rainfall area of Chaseyama in Zimbabwe in adopting techniques and skills which are essential for them, their families and the whole area to survive and attain a sustainable, productive and healthy life situation. At Chaseyama, we have begun creating a space in which people can learn adapted techniques and methods that improve the quality of community life. And several farmers in Chaseyama have begun adopting ideas that are relevant to their own sites. We are currently planning to expand our work since the demand is growing in the face of the climate change problems we are facing today.

Scope of Work: Volunteers on this program facilitate training and extra-curricular activities for the beneficiaries. The idea of the centre is to provide hands on training, so as to be self-reliant. The centre also addresses issues of the local communities in regard to sustainable livelihoods.

Volunteers will work together with the communities in crafting strategies which have the capacity to achieve zero hunger amongst the beneficiaries as well as the surrounding communities and beyond. Volunteers will also have an opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor games with the beneficiaries. It is basically an opportunity for international volunteers to appreciate local initiatives by the surrounding communities in their humble efforts to put hunger into the archives of history in Chimanimani.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated at the Centre. Rooms are available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Chaseyama Village: Chimanimani

Language: English



Mutare Called to Care

Project in Brief: Called to Care Centre is a community Christian inspired organisation which seeks to transform lives of the disadvantaged members of Mutare community especially the homeless people. The volunteers will assist the centre with capacity building programs at the centre in the three existing programs namely farming God's Way, Mukana Wenyasha Master Kitchen where the less privileged are undergoing training so as to be self-reliant. It provides rehabilitation and training so that the beneficiaries will be able to contribute positively to the community. The volunteers will work with the staff members at the centre to provide training as well as rehabilitation for the disadvantaged members of our community.

Scope of Work: Volunteers on this program facilitate training and extra-curricular activities for the beneficiaries. The idea of the centre is to provide hands on training, so as to be self-reliant. The centre also addresses issues of child abuse among other challenges. Volunteers work together with representatives of the City of Mutare, Presbyterian Church Committee and Called to Care staff to identify and resolve issues related to homeless people. Volunteers will also have an opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor games with the beneficiaries. It is basically an opportunity for international volunteers to appreciate initiatives around safeguarding the rights of the less privileged members of the community.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated at the Centre. Rooms are available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Mutare

Language: English



Goromonzi Permaculture Club

Project in Brief: Zimbabwe Workcamps Association through the transformation agenda is constructing a multipurpose community centre at Gusta Village in Goromonzi. The projects seek to bring services to the rural people who walk very long distances to school and clinics. Being a youth inspired organisation ZWA acquired 10hectares of land and they want to bring the desired change to local communities.

Scope of Work: Volunteers who join this exciting international workcamp get an opportunity to immerse into a worthy while experience in the community driven system change programs in Zimbabwe. Volunteers will engage in designing a youth led community multipurpose centre as well as fencing and constructing two office blocks as well as spatial planning and designing of the land/The team of participants will be split into two groups. eight volunteers will work from construction of the offices block on the same duties while the other 7 do spatial planning and designing and they change roles after agreed days, so that each volunteer can have the opportunity to work on the two programs . We are working with other international and regional players on this noble project.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated at Demberere Camping Site. Rooms are available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Goromonzi

Language: English



Regional Community Services Project // Enhancing South-South Cooperation and Networking

Project in Brief: In the spirit of regional cooperation three sister voluntary inspired youth organisations namely UVIKUITA (Tanzania) South Africa Voluntary Workcamps Association (SAVWA-South Africa) and Zimbabwe Workcamps Association forged partnership for a regional camp which will last about 40 days starting at Dar es Salaam, moving to Zimbabwe ending in South Africa. The primary objectives of the projects are multiple faceted namely regional integration, south-south youth exchange as well as building prosperous and peaceful Africa through youth empowerment, volunteerism and pan Africa exchange as well as scaling up global, regional and national actions to meet young people's needs, realize their rights and tap their possibilities as agents of change.

Scope of Work:

The volunteer project seeks to mitigate the harmful impacts of climate change. The work will involve varying activities which shall be spread across. This will include but limited to gender, climate colonisation and environmental work around, making tsootso stove, water harvesting dams, Bio fertiliser (Bokashi) making, reforestation programs as well as working with people in their respective communities around Gutsa village. The program requires a willing workforce of volunteers, to facilitate wonderful experience camp. This is a highly participatory projects, which will empower volunteers and communities in a remarkable manner. The project will valorise the importance of grassroots gender awareness programs climate change mitigation strategies and climate colonisation. In a nutshell the project will accord the young men and women a very rare opportunity to gain skills in gender, permaculture and agroecology, which are critical and essential in improving their livelihoods in their respective communities. The community may ask us to perform other necessary specific tasks outside the scope of our agreement. This is seen as a way of promoting community driven development.



Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated at Demberere Camping Site. Rooms are available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Goromonzi

Language: English



Tose Respite Care Home

Project in Brief: To provide respite, rehabilitation and consultation services to families and individuals with severe mental and physical disabilities through training, outreach, and advocacy programs so as to promote a dignified life at Tose, in the community, nationally and beyond. Tose Respite Care Centre was registered as a National Welfare Organization in November 1992, Registration number WO17/92. The present National Headquarters has been functional since June 1998. The Centre has 2 units, a Residential home with a capacity of 50 clients. An outpatient department which can accommodate up to 20 clients per day. The founder members; Desi Page (Nee Matongo), and the late Tim Page, after months of research discovered that there were tremendous gaps in the care and rehabilitation of people with severe mental and physical disabilities (learning) in Zimbabwe and decided to start this new initiative. At Tose we aim to provide a service of care and relief to people with learning disabilities (PLWDs) and that the services remain a shared responsibility with the families or careers. We also aim to facilitate the care of people with learning disabilities so that they are given dignity and respect both at TOSE and their communities.

Scope of Work:

Tose is home for people with severe and multiple disabilities. It provides respite care, rehabilitation and training for caregivers. The volunteers will work with the staff members at Tose to provide respite care as well as rehabilitation for the disadvantaged. The volunteers will also help in the garden, kitchen laundry and any specific request from administration at Tose.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated at Tose Respite Care Home. Rooms will be available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Harare

Language: English



Fambidzanai Permaculture Centre

Project in Brief: Fambidzanai Permaculture Centre works towards achieving food secure Zimbabwe that depends on sustainable land-based food systems (permaculture). Activities thrive on skills training in sustainable agriculture methodologies. Trainings are supplemented by practical demonstrations illuminating the ecological and economy viability of permaculture. Creating enhancing and facilitating market opportunities for farmers produce remains a key mandate. FPC also focuses on climate justice and leadership with the primary objective of community development through training, awareness raising and advocacy.

Scope of Work: The volunteer project seeks to mitigate the harmful impacts of climate change. The work will involve varying activities which shall be spread across. This will include but limited to gender, climate colonisation and environmental work around, making tsootso stove, water harvesting dams, Bio fertiliser (Bokashi) making, reforestation programs as well as working with people in their respective communities around Gutsa village The program requires a willing workforce of volunteers, to facilitate wonderful experience camp. This is a highly participatory projects, which will empower volunteers and communities in a remarkable manner. The project will valorise the importance of grassroots gender awareness programs climate change mitigation strategies and climate colonisation. In a nutshell the project will accord the young men and women a very rare opportunity to gain skills in gender, permaculture, and agroecology, which are critical and essential in improving their livelihoods in their respective communities. The community may ask us to perform other necessary specific tasks outside the scope of our agreement. This is seen as a way of promoting community driven development.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated at the Fambidzanai Permaculture Centre. Rooms are available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodation.

Location: Harare

Language: English



Tsungirirai

Project in Brief: Tsungirirai is a shona word meaning to persevere and being courageous. The organisation was founded by Mrs Phillipa Henderson in 1994. Witnessing the ravaging effects of HIV/AIDS in the early 1990s in the Norton community, Mrs Henderson moved into action due to her compassionate and mission focused nature. Thus, in 1994 she initiated Tsungirirai and became the founding Director of the organisation. At first, the organisation started by offering counselling and home-based care services for HIV affected and infected persons. Two years later, the organization got registered through the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare in 1996 as a formal welfare organization that focused on HIV/AIDS programming. Since its inception, the organisation had a two-tier governance structure comprising of a 5-member Board of Trustees at the top followed by an Executive Committee made up of 7 members. However, due to new regulatory requirements of the Private Voluntary Organisations (PVO) Act, the board of trustees is no longer applicable thereby rendering it redundant.

Programmes offered by the organisation have evolved over the years being shaped by the changing HIV and AIDS environment. At inception, the organisation's core focus was on the provision of home-based care as many people were being discharged from the hospitals while in a bedridden condition. Thus, the Home-Based Care (HBC) project was amongst the first major initiatives of the organisation. Still within the formative years albeit at a later period, HIV prevention activities like stepping stones and Auntie Stella initiatives were also implemented to increase awareness on HIV/AIDS. These educational programmes had a massive impact in the community with a core focus on preventative measures aimed to reduce the rate at which people were being infected.

During the period of the late 1990s and early 2000s, a lot of children were orphaned due to the effects of the pandemic and many more were left vulnerable due to be bedridden nature of their infected parents and loss of bread winners. This increasing incidence of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) resulted in the organisation broadening its scope to include OVCs programming to ensure strong social safety nets for affected children.

Around 2008-9 medication in the form of Anti-Retroviral drugs (ARV) was now available to the public at cheaper prices. As a result, Tsungirirai implemented the New Life project that offered post-test counseling including intensive education on drug adherence. Support groups for infected persons were also formed during this era and these initiatives had a lasting impact on beneficiaries



and their families. Since 2010 to date the organisation's programming has largely targeted children and youths still focusing on the area of HIV and AIDS. This shift was necessitated by the fact that children and youths had been neglected in previous programming initiatives not only of Tsungirirai but of various organisations. Thus, since the year 2010 children are now being identified for HIV testing and counselling and Support groups for children have also been formed. Several prevention activities targeted at youths are also being implemented.

At present, the organisation is implementing an OVC project that incorporates aspects of economic strengthening, education assistance, integrated management of podiatric AIDS care and treatment, school health assessments, child protection, ARSH and psychosocial support. The HBC project is still being implemented in the community even though most people are now mobile. Caregivers visit children living with HIV in their homes offering psychosocial support and other forms of help and care depending on needs.

Scope of Work: Volunteers on this program facilitate training and extra-curricular activities for the beneficiaries. The idea of the centre is to provide hands on training, so as to be self-reliant. The centre also addresses issues of child abuse among other challenges. Volunteers work together with representatives of the Town of Norton, Faith based organisations and Tsungirirai staff to identify and resolve issues related to people who are disadvantaged. Volunteers will also have an opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor games with the beneficiaries. It is basically an opportunity for international volunteers to appreciate initiatives around safeguarding the rights of the less privileged members of the community.

Food: Basic meals will be provided from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open-minded. This will make it easy for them to negotiate their entry into the community.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be accommodated at the Tsungirirai Centre. Rooms are available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodation.

Location: Norton

Language: English



TOSE Respite Care Home

Project in Brief: Tose is a center for children with multiple and severe disabilities. The center provides respite care rehabilitation and training for caregivers. Tose is a Shona word that means together. We Together Overcome disabilities and Problems, share success and sorrows and Encourage each other. Respite means rest. The home is unique in the sense that it offers relief to parents and guardians of the physical challenged as well as offering basic survival skills to the disabled. Most of them are regarded by the society, institutions and hospitals as lost hope.

Scope of Work: Tose is home for people with severe and multiple disabilities. It provides respite care, rehabilitation, and training for caregivers. The volunteers will work with the staff members at Tose to provide respite care as well as rehabilitation for the disadvantaged. The volunteers will also help in the garden, kitchen laundry and any specific request from administration at Tose.

Requirements: Tose is looking for volunteers with the following expertise, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, IT Specialist, Fundraising Strategist.

Food: Basic meals will be provided from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open-minded. This will make it easy for them to negotiate their entry into the community.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be accommodated at Tose. Rooms will be available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Harare

Language: English



Matopo Primary School

Project in Brief: Matopo Primary School is in a rural area in Matabeleland South in Umzingwane District, 48 km from Bulawayo, old Gwanda Road. Matopo is full of nature, a mountainous area full of heritage. The participants will get a chance to explore Matopo and get to know its culture and Heritage.

Scope Work: The work will involve the uprooting of *lantana camara* an alien invasive species prevalent in the district destroying vegetation and biodiversity: *Lantana Camara* is an Invasive Alien Plant rated as one of the world's top ten worst weeds. *Lantana Camara* is displacing the native vegetation within the school yard and the surrounding communities and its buffer zone and threaten the stability and visual appearance of the area. The ecological collapse of invaded conservation areas is now a very real threat.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be accommodated in one of the schoolhouses. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/ aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Matopo

Language: English



Chimanimani: Teaching at Kindergarten: PORET

Project in Brief: This project focuses on supporting Kindergarten education for children at a local Eco Village at PORET Kindergarten Chaseyama village Chimanimani. Early Childhood Education is key to the promotion of cognitive, physical, and social development of children in the first 1000 days of their lives. This project's aim is to promote access to ECD services to children and promoting the education of ECD children through play.

Scope of Work: Volunteers in this project are engaged on a day-to-day basis with children in ECD as Teacher Assistants. They provide a conducive platform for children to access educational services and promoting play as the pivot of education for children in this grade. Children in this grade are between the ages of 3 to 6 years of age. Volunteers have an opportunity to be innovative and initiate educational games for children as well as facilitating coloring and paintings. It is a project for those volunteers who wish to be immersed in visionary artwork, painting, and play (indoor or outdoor).

Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge Requirements)

Being a part of the facilitating team at a kindergarten triggers an extensive interest in volunteers and is an opportunity to discover one's hidden or unknown skills, patience, love, talents and even interests something which usually the volunteer themselves never recognized. It is a chance to discover the inner person. Our volunteers are given an opportunity to be as innovative as much as they could as they will simply have this time. There is therefore no skill required to participate in this program.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided at the centre or a host family. At a host family, volunteers have the opportunity to immerse themselves into the real Zimbabwean culture and day to day life as they live in, eat and participate in host family activities. These host families are carefully selected based on a critical criterion to ensure basic comfort for our volunteers.

Location: Chimanimani

Language: English



Eve Sports Academy

Project in Brief: Eve Sports Academy works with the community to address challenges faced by kids in the city. The city of can no longer afford to provide reactional services to the young children of Mutare. The aim of Eve Sports Academy is to support the children in adopting techniques and skills in sports which are essential for their personal development as well as a healthy lifestyle. Eve Sports Academy have started creating space in which people can learn adapted techniques and methods that improve the quality of community life through sports, especially the disadvantaged members of the community.

Scope of Work: Volunteers on this program facilitate training and extra-curricular activities for Children coming all walks of life. The idea of this program is to accord children from the city of Mutare and the surroundings communities with hands on sports training, so that the beneficiary can be self-reliant. The Sports Academy also addresses issues of community development through sound sports management. Volunteers will work together with the communities in crafting strategies which have the capacity to achieve identify talent amongst the beneficiaries as well as the surrounding communities and beyond. Volunteers will also have an opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor games with the beneficiaries. It is basically an opportunity for international volunteers to appreciate local initiatives by the surrounding communities in their humble initiative to use sports as a vehicle to promote community development.

Requirements: No special skills are required in this program. Basically, passion and commitment are all volunteers require to take part in this program. Development Practitioners are most welcome to this project. Volunteers with other ideas to share are most welcome.

Food: Basic meals will be provided from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open-minded. This will make it easy for them to negotiate their entry into the community.

Accommodation: The volunteers will live with host families within the community, and this will provide volunteers with the opportunity to learn more from the local people and share in their daily way of life as well as deep understanding of the host community.

Language: English



SPROUT

Project in Brief: SPROUT Women Empowerment Trust founded in 2018 with the aims of addressing challenges faced by women in acquiring opportunities and resources to fully in sustainable economy. It also focuses on governance and leadership with the primary objective of community development whilst nurturing the environment in the rural, peri urban and urban vulnerable spaces through training, awareness raising and advocacy. With contemporary economic situation where a lot of people have lost their livelihoods due to COVID 19 and Marco Economics climate prevailing in the country a lot of women are vulnerable.

Scope of Work: The organisation is failing to take care of the ever-increasing number of girls and women in need of help, hence the dire need of Resources Mobilization officer. The Resource Mobilization Officer will contribute to SPROUT work through research/documentation, social media, monitoring and evaluation and resource mobilization. The ideal candidate will be specially involved in identifying and responding to opportunities for funding. Volunteers will also be involved in capacity-building activities, especially for the girls. S/He will learn from other staff members to perform duties.

Requirements: Communication or media studies preferred, experience in communications, editing communication content including writing compelling stories; Experience in grant writing and resource mobilization; Strong negotiation skills with experience in influencing, creativity, innovativeness, and entrepreneurial thinking; Proficient user of Microsoft Suite; Adept at using social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter etc.); Strong oral and written English language skills: Ability to work independently.

Food: Basic meals will be provided from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open-minded. This will make it easy for them to negotiate their entry into the community.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be accommodated by host family Rooms will be available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Language: English



Bongai Shamwari Kindergarten

Project in Brief: Bongai Shamwari Early Childhood Center, provides early education for kids from disadvantaged background from Chikanga and the surroundings communities in Mutare and Penhalonga. The philosophy for the Centre is a quality preschool education helps to build self-confidence, learn social skills and develop lifelong passion for education.

Scope Work: The volunteers will develop a social health care for the Centre, offer some in house training for the kids and staff members as well as tailor made training Programme with strong bias on Gender and development Programme. Requirements: Basically, passion and commitment for early childhood development and community development is all that is required to take part in this program. Food: Basic meals will be provided from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open minded. This will make it easy for them to negotiate their entry into the community.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be accommodated at Bongai Shamwari Centre. Rooms will be available Females and Males. Volunteers should bring their own sleeping bag and a small mattress. Running water is available, Water system toilets are available.

Location: Mutare

Language: English



Victoria Falls Musi OA Tunya

Project in Brief: United Children of Africa (UNICA) is a nonpolitical and non-religious NGO governed by a board of Trust, made up of competent development practitioners coming from diverse backgrounds. UNICA work in collaboration with numerous partners and local volunteer to deliver educational, health care and other support services to the community.

Scope of Work: This project focuses on supporting Kindergarten education for children at a local rural school in Victoria Falls. Early Childhood Education is key to the promotion of cognitive, physical and social development of children in the first 1000 days of their lives. This project's aim is to promote access to ECD services to children and promoting the education of ECD children through play. Volunteers in this project are engaged on a day-to-day basis with children in ECD as Teacher Assistants. They provide a conducive platform for children to access educational services and promoting play as the pivot of education for children in this grade. Children in this grade are between the ages of 3 to 6 years of age. Volunteers have an opportunity to be innovative and initiate educational games for children as well as facilitating coloring and paintings. It is a project for those volunteers who wish to be immersed in visionary artwork, painting and play (indoor or outdoor).

Requirements: Desire to work hard as well as being comfortable to work with people with from different backgrounds.

Food: Basic meals will be provided from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open-minded. This will make it easy for them to negotiate their entry into the community.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be accommodated by host family Rooms will be available to individual volunteers. Volunteers with special needs like seniors/aged, families and physically challenged will have special arrangements for their accommodations.

Location: Victoria Falls

Language: English