



# Zimbabwe Workcamps Association

## Mid Term Volunteer Projects 2020 in Zimbabwe

### **Brief Background and History**

Zimbabwe Workcamps Association is a youth volunteer organization founded in October 1993, registered with the Zimbabwe Youth Council. It is a non-political, nonsectarian, non-religious, voluntary organization. Its membership is open to anyone above the age of sixteen years irrespective of nationality, gender, race, religion, political view or educational qualification. Zimbabwe Workcamps Association employs international voluntary services as a double edged sword namely education and community development.

**Scope of Work:** Volunteers participate in a number of different tasks at their respective project host. The work ranges from physical demanding jobs to administrative tasks such as data entry, documentation and data analysis, other most popular tasks are teaching, social work, building, environmental conservation, health promotion, coordinating youth events to mention but just a few.

**Working Schedule:** Participants work around 8 hours a day from Monday to Friday. The lion's share of our volunteer placements does not require volunteers to work on public holidays and weekends, unless highlighted or in the event of the need arising from the project.

**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 mental attitude as well as openness to new culture, new experience. The secret remedy to, make the most of your time while volunteering in Zimbabwe is to adapt to the local environment. It is important to highlight each and every project is unique. It is critical to mention that volunteers should make the most of their time with the community they serve, since this is a chance of a life time, 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 in on request. 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 make a smooth start in a new surrounding possible as well as to build capacities for the volunteers, so as to meet the community with open mind.

**Accommodation:** The volunteer will live with host families within the community and this will provide 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.

**Food:** Basic meals will be provided in the host family from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open minded. This will make it easy to negotiate entry in to the community as volunteers.

**Investment:** The participates will contribute **€250 per month**. The fee covers orientation, evaluation, monitoring, project set up, office running/administrative expenses, supporting small community projects running of activities during the project, certificate of participation, accommodation, feeding at camp and communication prior to, during and after the camp. Participations are advised to reserve **€50 for airport transfers**, transport to and from the workcamp venue.

*The Participation fee €250 does not cover the following,*

Internal travels to and from the project station.  Refreshment outside the project  Air ticket, excursions, visa and insurance  Local travel and personal effects

### ***Detailed M/LTV Program***

**Mutare Called to Care - Project Code ZWA M/LTV090**

**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. From this same centre, volunteers have an opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor play 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.

#### **Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge 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.

#### **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

**Terminal:** Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport

## **Orphanage Home – Gokwe - Project Code ZWA M/LTV091**

**Project in Brief:** The orphanage is a safe house for abused and vulnerable children in Gokwe. Since its inception the orphanage has housed and saved many children who are dumped by their parents due to unwanted pregnancies and some have the most shocking stories you have ever heard. It currently shelters children of all ages. A reasonable number of the children are HIV/AIDS orphans who lost their parents from HIV/AIDS, some were deserted by their parents dumped in bushes, toilets among other places. The centre also acts as a drop-in centre where abused children are kept in good health and safety while investigations are pending by responsible authorities.

### **Scope of Work:**

Children at the orphanage are hungry for love, care, educational assistance and even just a smile and friendship. Volunteers are essential in providing these simple but usually undermined gestures. These are important for cognitive stimulation, emotional or confidence building which are important to develop inner drive and boosting their self-esteem. This opportunity will present volunteers a chance to impact both the children and themselves. It will give volunteers a gratifying blend of fresh, thrilling, and amazing experiences. The experience of each volunteer is different depending on the level of their innovation and inner drive. Volunteers therefore are expected to have passion for children and the drive to engage children actively to increase the chances of their experiences being worthy while.

Daily volunteer activities include playing with the children using those kinds of games that we take lightly when we are back home and think they are old fashioned, assist with school homework and generally ensuring that children are engaged at all times. Children usually wish to understand the volunteer, where they are from, what music they like, sporting activities, and including what sorts of social experiences they prefer engaging in. It is those kinds of things we take for granted that they want to hear. There is an opportunity for endless intellectual capacity to what volunteers could do. Whatever it is that you can think of, just know that your initiatives have an astounding positive effect on the children something that they will not forget.

## **Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge Requirements)**

Being a part of the orphanage 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 particular skill required to participate in this program.

## **Accommodation**

Accommodation is provided at the centre or either 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:** Gokwe

**Language:** English

**Terminal:** Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport

## **Ruwa-Rehabilitation Centre - Project Code ZWA M/LTV092**

**Project in Brief:** Ruwa Rehabilitation Centre is home for people with severe and multiple injuries with a strong bias to spinal code. It provides respite care, rehabilitation and training for caregivers. The volunteers will work with the staff members at Ruwa Rehabilitation to provide respite care as well as rehabilitation for the disadvantaged members of our community.

## **Scope of Work:**

Ruwa Rehabilitation is looking for Orthopedic Technologist, Her/his duties will include working with people with multiple and severe and physical disabilities. Moreover, volunteers will be involved in helping in the manufacturing and fabrication of assistive devices such as artificial legs. The volunteers will also be involved in capacity building activities for the sustainability of

Ruwa Rehabilitation Centre. The volunteer will also take part in the process of resource mobilization for the centre.

### **Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge Requirements)**

Orthopedic Technologist, Doctors, nurses, paramedics, medical students, social workers, physiotherapist, agriculturalist, Fundraisers, Development Practitioners are most welcome to this project. However, volunteers with other ideas to share are most welcome.

### **Accommodation**

Volunteers will be accommodated at Ruwa Rehabilitation Centre. 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:** Ruwa

**Language:** English

**Terminal:** Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport

### **HIV/AIDS project – Victoria Falls- Project Code ZWA M/LTV093**

**Project in Brief:** The program aims to support thousands of children and youth in Zimbabwe infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through sexual and reproductive health education activities. The largest population of the Zimbabwean children, at least a quarter are orphaned by the pandemic and over 200 000 are infected. Children live in poverty and require support from the little anyone can offer them. The project is based in Victoria Falls a tourist and border town currently also highly impacted by HIV/AIDS with mainly children and young people affected.

### **Scope of work:**

Located in the World Heritage Site – Victoria Falls, volunteers have the opportunity to engage with the most affected children and take them through a healing and joyful moment through play

and education. This is an amazing volunteering opportunity for those who need no other skills but an open heart and the willingness to work on programs that can make vulnerable children's lives better.

The program has a positive impact on the targeted children and youth. They face hardships through stigma and discrimination in the community and among their peers who often do not understand the disease yet. Volunteers are there to provide this emotional support and education to the rest of the young and children who are at risk of infection. Volunteers do this through school-based HIV/AIDS clubs targeting adolescent youth. Furthermore, volunteers would occasionally use sporting activities especially soccer one of the largest sports in Africa to educate young people on HIV.

### **Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge Requirements)**

No special skills are required in this program. Basically, passion and commitment is all volunteers require to take part in this program.

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation is provided in a choice of either a host family or at the Volunteer House which is located approximately 4kms from the city centre. The house provides spacious air-conditioned rooms to refresh volunteers from the heat out while they are undertaking their community work. Bedrooms are equipped with single beds accommodating at least a minimum of two and a maximum of four people per room. Volunteers should be aware that the room set up changes frequently and can expect to use bunk beds. We take great note of space and the comfort which our volunteers require after hard work out in the field. Our lounge is equipped with a spacious lounge suit and entertainment in the form of television set with a wide variety of international news and entertainment channels. Internet facilities are provided free of charge for volunteers 24hrs a day. However, it should be noted that this may be regulated or restricted in some instances depending on the daily usage but would generally be available all the time.

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**Location:** Victoria Falls

**Language:** English

**Terminal:** Victoria Falls International Airport

### **Tose Respite Care Home -Harare- Project Code ZWA M/LTV094**

**Project in Brief:** Tose is a center for children with multiple and severe disabilities. The centre 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 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.

**Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge Requirements):** Tose is looking for volunteers with the following expertise, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, IT Specialist, Fundraising Strategist

#### **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

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## **Bongai Shamwari -Early Childhood Centre- Project Code ZWA M/LTV095**

**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.

**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.

**Areas of Specialization:** Basically, passion and commitment for early childhood development and community development is all that is required to take part in this program.

**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- Chikanga High Destiny Suburbs, 10 km away from the City Centre Mutare

**Special Remarks:** Emotionally competent and feel comfortable to work with kids and people from all walks of life

**Language:** English

**Terminal:** Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport

## **Tsungirirai Orphanage -Norton- Project Code ZWA M/LTV096**

**Project in Brief:** Tsungirirai Orphanage is home care centre which caters for the children coming from very humble and disadvantaged backgrounds. The centre caters for the total development of the kids which ranges from offering accommodation provision of food, clothing and school tuition and fees. With contemporary economic situation in Zimbabwe where a lot of people have lost their livelihoods due to Marco Economics climate prevailing in the country a lot of children in around and Norton are vulnerable. The centre is failing to take care of the ever-

increasing number of children in need of help, hence the dire need of Resources Mobilization officer

**Scope of Work:**

The Resource Mobilization Officer will contribute to Tsungirirai work through research and documentation, resource mobilization. The ideal candidate will be specifically involved in identifying and respond to opportunities for funding. Volunteers will also be involved in capacity building activities especially for the outgoing children. S/He will learn from other staff members to perform duties

**Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge 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 Word Suite (including Excel, Word, Publisher); Adept at using social media platforms (e.g. Face book, Twitter etc.); Strong oral and written English language skills; Ability to work independently

**Accommodation**

Volunteers will be accommodated at Tsungirirai Community 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:** Norton

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**Teaching at a Kindergarten – Victoria Falls- Project Code ZWA M/LTV097**

**Project in Brief:** 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.

### **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 art work, painting and play (indoor or outdoor).

**Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge Requirements):** No special skills are required.

### **Accommodation**

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### **Childcare – Victoria Falls- Project Code ZWA M/LTV 098**

**Project in Brief:** The project is based in Victoria Falls at our offices which also act as a recreational hub for children and youth who lack basic community and educational services. It provides children and youth an opportunity not only to interact but access basic services to promote their social wellbeing. The idea of the centre is to keep children and youth out of risk places which they might otherwise find themselves in as a result of a lack of opportunities in safer places.

#### **Scope of work:**

Volunteers on this program facilitate 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 recreational services to children and youth who do not have access to such services. 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 Victoria Falls Child Protection Committee and our staff to identify and resolve all child protection related issues. From this same centre, volunteers have an opportunity to engage in indoor and outdoor play games with children 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 their protection.

**Areas of Specialization (Skills, Knowledge Requirements):** No specific skills are required to participate in this program.

#### **Accommodation**

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