

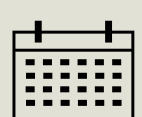


# VOLUNTEERING IN KENYA



Do you want to contribute to Children and Local Community Empowerment and Environmental Conservation?

**Go volunteering with CIVS Kenya!**



6 months - May to October 2024



Kuth Awendo, Kenya



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## **About ECHAV**

The present individual volunteering is part of the ECHAV project - Empower vulnerable Communities through HumAid Volunteers, coordinated by IBO Italia in partnership with other European and non-European organizations, inside the program European Solidarity Corps Humanitarian Aid Volunteering, aimed at providing practical support to humanitarian aid projects of host organisations in non-EU countries and contribute to strengthening local capacity and resilience.

## **About the Hosting Organisation**

CVS Kenya - Center for International Voluntary Service - is a Community Development Organization operating in the marginalized and poverty-stricken areas of Kenya to contribute toward the socio-economic and cultural empowerment of disadvantaged communities and fight against poverty and social exclusion. CVS Kenya runs a wide range of volunteering projects including teaching, childcare, environmental protection, agricultural work, healthcare and supporting people with disabilities.

## **About the activities of volunteers**

Volunteers will work full-time (between 30 and 38 hours per week) and will have two days off per week.

- Teaching basic subjects such as English, drawing and creative arts for children
- Organization of recreational activities for children
- Support in providing balanced meals and in cleaning/maintenance of equipment used by children
- Organization of ITC technology courses for young people to increase knowledge and employability
- Capacity building trainings in schools and in other social places for



local communities on environmental conservation methods and agricultural practices

- Working in the center's Model Farm to help improve farming techniques

### **About food and accommodation of volunteers**

Volunteers' accommodation will be at the Kuth Awendo Resource Center. There will be separate female and male rooms to be shared. Three daily meals will be provided by cooks and volunteers will assist them preparing food in shifts. Typical Kenyan food includes rice, ugali, chapatti, beans, and vegetables/fruits. Meat, sadines and/or eggs are also available for those who want to eat them.

### **About the local context**

The activities of volunteers will take place in Kuth Awendo, a small rural village located within the Kisumu County, Western Kenya. There, CIVS Kenya has established a functional Community Resource Center to support women, men, youth, children and people with disabilities through capacity building programs.

The closest city is Kisumu, the largest urban center of Kisumu County and the third-largest city in Kenya, which is one hour by car. Kisumu has developed as an important commercial and industrial center of the country and it is located on the shores of Lake Victoria.

A significant portion of the population in the district, including Kuth Awendo community, is engaged in agriculture, which constitutes their primary means of subsistence. Kenya's agriculture sector employs more than 40% of the total population and more than 70% of Kenya's rural people. It accounts both directly and indirectly for approximately 53% of Kenya's gross domestic product. The challenge that remains is that most farmers work without basic agricultural inputs or modern technology and

lack adequate financial services. CIVS Kenya has been active in the last years to empower local populations through trainings on environmental conservation and agricultural techniques aimed at enhancing food security and sustainability. The organisation is also active in education and assistance to vulnerable children and youth of the territory.

## **How to arrive**

Kisumu International Airport is the closest to Kuth Awendo village, which is one hour by car.

## **Who can apply**

Citizens aged 18-35 from one of the 27 EU member countries or citizens legally residing in one of the countries associated with the program (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey and the Republic of North Macedonia).

Volunteers should be motivated and willing to adapt to the new culture, new food and environment, and to follow the safety guidelines that they will receive.

## **Economic conditions**

- Volunteers will receive an allowance of 32€ per day to cover flight tickets, Visa costs, vaccinations and other personal expenses.
- Airport pick up upon arrival & drop off, food (breakfast, lunch and dinner), accommodation and all administrative costs will be covered by the program.
- Volunteers will receive complementary insurance coverage and will have access to a range of support services, including language support and training.
- Additional funding will be provided for those with specific needs.

For more information please contact the hosting organization, the sending organization or the coordinator!





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