



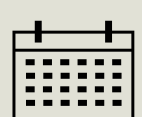
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# VOLUNTEERING IN NIGERIA



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

Go volunteering with ICYE Nigeria!



6 months - May to October 2024



Lagos / Makoko, Nigeria



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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**

ICYE Nigeria is an NGO based in Lagos, Nigeria. It is part of the ICYE network – International Cultural Youth Exchange, that provides intercultural learning experiences and opportunities for young people, supporting the strengthening of their personal and professional competencies through international volunteering in more than 40 countries. ICYE Nigeria promotes global solidarity, social justice, gender equality, peace and environmental sustainability, through development programs directed to vulnerable local communities in Lagos.

## **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.

- Educational support for children in local schools, community centers and after-school clubs;
- Organization of initiatives and meetings for community members on Health Education;
- Organization of trainings for community members on climate change, sustainable living practices and environmental conservation;
- Environmental conservation activities around the area of Makoko, such as planting trees, cleaning waterways and paths and removing invasive species;

- Realization of articles and brochures and other advocacy activities to raise awareness around the problems affecting the community and to promote policy changes.

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

The volunteers will be placed in a host family in Lagos. They will share a room in the house and will have their breakfast and dinner at home. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers since they will be at the work project during the day.

## **About the local context**

The activities of volunteers will take place in Makoko, a floating village located within the larger city of Lagos, Nigeria. Lagos and Makoko are two distinct areas with notable differences in terms of development and living conditions.

Lagos is a bustling metropolis and the most populous city in Nigeria. It is a major economic hub and houses the headquarters of numerous Nigerian companies and international organizations. On the other hand, Makoko is a floating slum, built on stilts over the Lagos Lagoon, which has gained attention due to its unique architectural structure and precarious living conditions of tens of thousands of residents. Challenges include the absence of adequate sanitation systems and clean water supply, reliable electricity and access to quality education. Moreover, the area is highly susceptible to various natural disasters, including floods, fires and storms, which make the dwellers at high risk of displacement and diseases.

ICYE Nigeria has been active on the territory to provide support to Makoko population and foster its resilience, through educational opportunities, community initiatives and environmental conservation strategies.

## **How to arrive**

Lagos Airport LOS (Murtala Muhammed International Airport) is the biggest airport in Nigeria and the closest to Makoko, which is around 20 km away from the airport.

## **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!





## Gallery



Makoko Community



Lagos



ICYE staff with an international volunteer

