

Farming Assistant Volunteer

Farming Assistant Volunteers work with organizations, schools and communities to build and maintain community gardens and to assist with the promotion of agricultural initiatives. General farming tasks often include ploughing, planting, irrigation and harvesting but volunteers may also assist with briquette stoves, solar stoves, sustainable construction or other community-based projects.

Farming Assistant Volunteers do not require any formal training or experience. A keen interest in community-based production and a willingness to assist with the physical duties on a farm, is all that is required. However, many organizations would significantly benefit from the assistance of volunteers with previous training and/or experience.

Volunteer Tasks /Activities

PREPARE LAND

Farming assistant volunteers would work side-by-side with the farmers in the community preparing the land for planting. This is a hard job requiring lots of manual labour in the hot Ecuadorian climate, so volunteers must be able to work in such climactic conditions.

SELECT AND PLANT SEEDS

Once the soil is ready, different crops are grown. Farming assistant volunteers may be asked to go to the markets with staff to select good seeds to grow. Healthy and ripe seeds of the best variety are needed to be sown to produce healthy crops.

FARMING ACTIVITIES

As a farming assistant volunteer you would be required to participate in numerous farming chores. Volunteers must be willing to work on the farms wherever help is needed, in a pleasant and agreeable manner.

SELL FARM PRODUCE

A farming assistant volunteer may be asked to assist in the selling of farm products to customers and some institutions. A volunteer may be expected to assist in the marketing of farm produce to help increase the amount of produce sold in a day.

Fundraising

A farming assistant volunteer may be asked to help with fundraising endeavours at the centre such as writing proposals seeking financial support for their current various projects and programs, as well as the implementation of new ones. The organization doesn't have sustainable funds and is always looking for new donors. Volunteers would receive assistance from the local staff in obtaining the necessary information to develop these proposals.

ACCOMMODATION

-All volunteers will stay in a volunteer house. Volunteers can expect to share a room with 1 to 4 other volunteers of the same gender. The volunteer house can accommodate up to 45 volunteers at one time.

-Rooms have a lot of space and are of high quality. We have hot showers and permanent water supply, electricity and security 24/7. Wi-Fi and Satellite TV are available.

-Bedding and towels will be provided. Housekeeping and laundry are offered 3 times a week.

-Our accommodation is located in Moshi Town, 10 minutes away from the City Center, and 500 meters away from public transportation.

MEALS

We provide 3 meals per day: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner.

Breakfast usually consists of toast, eggs, noodles, tea, or coffee. Lunch includes local or western foods and dinner often includes chicken curry, pasta, noodles etc. We provide bottled drinking water for the whole duration of the trip (3 liters per day/per person).

If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know so we can make arrangements for you. We will do our best to see that you are well taken care of, but as a volunteer, there is a need to be flexible.

TYPICAL DAY

These are the main volunteering activities:

- Teaching English
- Teaching single mothers and women how to read, write and speak English
- Helping with math and science courses, volunteer teaching is far broader than just teaching English
- Most of the English teaching at this placement will be informal, however, structured English lessons during the day would be appreciated
- English will be practiced during games or other after-school activities that you will develop
- These games may involve singing or dancing activities and should encourage the children to interact with each other
- Engage in skills and social development activities
- The goal is to create a warm and happy learning environment
- Proposal/Grant Research/ fundraising & Writing (Help with preparations for any other projects of the organization/schools).

HERE'S HOW YOUR TYPICAL DAY WOULD LOOK:

7 am to 7:30 am: Breakfast

7:30 am: Organized Transport to your placement

8 am to 12 pm: Volunteer Work at school

12 pm to 1 pm: Lunch at Volunteer house

1 pm to 2 pm: Break

2 pm to 4 pm: Volunteer Work at school and lesson preparations

4 pm to 5 pm: Break

5 pm to 6 pm: Swahili Class for all of our volunteers

6 pm to 7 pm: Break

7 pm: Dinner

**Volunteers have the weekends off*

LOCAL EXCURSIONS AND SIGHTSEEING

-We provide a free excursion to the local waterfalls. {Ngoro Waterfall in Marangu- under the roof of mount Kilimanjaro }

SUPPORT

-Volunteers will get a free local SIM card so they can keep in touch with us and their family.

-We provide support and assistance to our volunteers 24/7 while they are here.

-The hospital is 15 minutes away from the volunteer house, and 25 minutes away from the placement.

-We have our own vehicle and will provide service to the hospital if needed.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE FEE?

Accommodation

3 Meals a Day

Orientation

Local Excursions

Pick Up/Drop Off

Hospital Transport when needed

Wifi & Satellite

Volunteer Tshirt

Local Sim card

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE FEE?

The following is not included in the fee:

- Flights
 - Insurance: participants are encouraged to consult a travel clinic and/or their personal physician to discuss recommended immunizations for Tanzania
 - Visa, if needed
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