

Features of volunteering in Uganda

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Map of Uganda



- Population of 45 million inhabitants
- 50% young people
- 83.35% living in rural areas
- 71.9% economy depends on agriculture
- 4.4% industry
- 23.7 service
- Ugandans averagely live below 2.5 USD per day
- Average Monthly household income is 133.3 USD

Volunteer centers

- Variety of volunteer centers in Uganda unfortunately lack statistics on the number of volunteer centers due to lack of a major volunteer body to overlook or organize volunteer centers
- There are many volunteers coming in on institutional levels, private and individual levels working in various regions, others are social tourists

Volunteer ages

- Most volunteers working in Uganda are between age 18 to 45 average best to fit in the social environment in Uganda
- Most are university students or interns
- The focus is always on young people because the country depends on their future

The fun of volunteering in uganda

- Uganda is ranked as one of the most friendly nations in the world
- People are very social and making friends is just as easy as counting 1 to 10.
- Right from the airport you will see smiling faces and waving at you with words like Mzungu(meaning white person) logically interpreted as moving around .
- All times people will engage you about where you cone from, touch your skin
- Dont hesistate to ask for directions when lost, people will be willing to direct you upto your destination free of charge
- The food is organic straight from the garden however clean drinking water is expensive since its only bottled.
- Rich culture with over 360 cultures and languages with different dress codes makes it a place to explore during your voluntary work .

Cons or bad side of volunteer in Uganda

- Feeling that you have not made any impact due to so many unsolved and endless problems in communities
- Ugandan time, if you are one who likes working on schedule you just have to slow down your challenges(there is no hurry in African) 9am means 10 or 11 am.
- Mosquitoes and lots of contagious diseases so you need to arrange your first Aid box
- Politics leading to instabilities
- Electricity, constant long hours power cut and water supply

Areas of volunteering in uganda

- Education/youth development. With 50% of population under age of 15, most areas of volunteering is needed more with the children especially in schools, orphanages and other child centers
- Health, Uganda has been one of the rare stories of HIV/AIDS in Africa, Malaria ranking so high therefore needs of awareness is Paramount .
- Community and economic development especially WASH systems, adult education, income generating skills training
- Agriculture, improved skills away from subsistence production to commercial value addition farming
- Conservation, climate change challenges like importance of planting trees, problems of pollution, bad fishing habits, wild hunting of rare species

Now that you know

- You should decide where to volunteer in Uganda which region depending on your needs
- Choose a project specification like conservation, health, education etc
- Plan your finances depending on the period of volunteering
- Contact us by email: mail@powermindsyouth.org with your interest we will have you a placement within days that fit in your period and budget.
- Power Minds Youth Organisation is building a volunteer dormitory or hostel to help on cutting down the costs of accommodation for volunteers . Its very expensive to get meaningful accommodation with security, cleanliness and accessible. Please support out construction finishing by donating to our project and get yourself a souvenir from Uganda made by the young people specifically for you .

- Thank you for listening.
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