

# VACK MTLV PROGRAM

**PROJECT NAME:** VACK OFFICE

**CODE:** MTLV/01

**FOCUS:** Office and field

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Months

**SHOT DESCRIPTION:** Volunteer Action for Change Kenya is a non-governmental, non-political and non-sectarian organization founded in April 2013 with the aim of offering equal opportunities to the youth, women and the vulnerable members of the society a chance to be actively involved in the development process through volunteerism. Since its inception VACK has continuously given opportunities to both skilled and unskilled volunteers in community groups within Kenya.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Development of youth engagement policies; Monitoring volunteer progress in projects; communication; website and social media updates; developing promotional materials; marketing; representing the organization in local forums; resource mobilization to support the development of the community centres

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the office.

**PROJECT NAME:** KATHONZWENI HGM SMALL HOME

**CODE:** MTLV/02

**REGION:** Kathonzwani, Makueni, Eastern Kenya

**FOCUS:** Education/Children with special needs/empowerment

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Kathonzwani HGM Small Home is a home and school for physically handicapped children situated in the Eastern part of Kenya. The home was established by the Catholic Diocese of Makueni and is surrounded by the Catholic Church and a primary school. Currently, the home is hosting 20 kids. The children are both girls and boys between ages of 10-19 years, who suffer different disabilities from polio, snakebites and handicapped from birth or during birth or accidents of different causes. Most people speak Kamba as a native language. Farming is widely practiced for example livestock, poultry, small scale farming of maize, beans, coffee, sweet potatoes, bananas and vegetables.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Working in the home's kitchen and vegetable garden; Helping children study and play after class; Training the kids in creativity through games and doing handicraft work, helping in physical exercises.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated either in a host family or at the centre depending on the need.

**PROJECT NAME:** JORA WOMENS GROUP

**CODE:** MTLV/03

**REGION:** Kasigau, Taita – Coast

**FOCUS:** Agriculture/Bussiness/Empowerment/Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 3 Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** The women group comprise of 50 members. It is located in Jora village next to Kasigau hill which is one of the Taita hills that are part of the Eastern are mountains covering 1000kmsq from Kenya to Tanzania. The main economic activities of the area around are agriculture and mining of precious stones. However, the area receives minimal rainfall which makes it hard for sustainable agriculture to take place. Therefore the women group's main focus is food security; most men engage themselves in mining precious stones. The women use local materials to weave baskets which they sell locally.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Renovation of the groups building, marketing of the baskets, construction of the rabbit hutch, conservation and monitoring of Taita white eye and Taita apalis birds, teaching in primary school, home visits, sharing ideas with the community and group members on eco-tourism ventures, assisting in organization and management of the group's activities

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the work station.

**PROJECT NAME:** CAANAN ORPHAGE

**CODE:** MTLV/04

**REGION:** Kisimani, Mombasa

**FOCUS:** Social Work/Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Cannan Orphanage was started in the year 2010 but was registered in 2011, when “Mama” was dealing with the widows, she realized that the children were the most suffering and with time her passion towards them grew so strong and strong. According to Risper, the idea to start an orphanage came as a form of a dream something she believes is the will of the Lord. The widows at the slum developed trust of her and had no worries with their children staying at her home. These widows thought she had money but to Risper, it was a matter of having heart and begging from those who were willing to help. These Kids would follow me to my place and go back to their places after having food. Initially, the kids staying at my house were 5, they latter added up to 9. All were from Kisumu Ndogo slums. Mission: To strengthen the capacity of local communities in Africa to fight poverty by promoting innovative interventions and networking for mutual learning and building the capacities of communities for sustainable development.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Administrative work, capacity building; Teaching; Parental care; Creativity activities with the children; Washing clothes, utensil; Bathing little babies; Empowering minors to be self-reliant i.e. life skills lessons; Elementary child care; Taking care of the children as well as playing with them; Ensuring the compound is clean; Motivational speaking; Food preparation and serving.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated within the centre where you will have a safe lockable room.

**PROJECT NAME:** FORTUNE LEARNING CENTRE

**CODE:** MTLV/05

**REGION:** Kayole, Nairobi

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Fortune Community Centre was started by 10 peers from the Kayole-Soweto Community who were working in various schools as untrained teachers, watching their bosses sending away vulnerable children from school due to lack of school fee, they thought how they could better the lives of this bright poor children whom some resorted to begging in the streets, the females ones resorted to child prostitution. After the close of schools in term three in 2013, the untrained teachers agreed to start a community centre to provide education, economic empowerment and HIV and AIDS education including psychosocial support to the vulnerable children and their care givers.

**Vision:** Creating the future for orphans and vulnerable children and their care givers

**Mission:** to be a leader in improving the welfare of child in especially difficult circumstance, youth in crisis and care-givers of the vulnerable children by enhancing opportunities for the development of their full potential.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** you will be involved in the following activities while in the project: serve at the Reception & Office, Serve as assistant teacher in classes, They will take children out to play, swim and other outdoor activities, help with marking and recording examination results for pupils, provide life skill education to the pupils at the centre and those in the community including the youth and develop a mentorship programme, Visit homes of our orphans at least twice a week, help out with homework supervision on a daily basis and organize club activities including debate within the centre and those with other education centres in the community

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family located in Buruburu where you will be commuting to the project and back.

**PROJECT NAME:** **BRIGHT STAR JUNIOR ACADEMY**

**CODE:** MTLV/06

**REGION:** Diani South Coast

**FOCUS:** Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Bright Star Junior School offers academic development to children in the poorest areas of Diani, who are unable to join the available schools in the area due to a number of social challenges. Bright Star has been in the forefront of trying to get more children to go to school by convincing their parents, who at times are ignorant on the importance of education, by charging a very low monthly school fee or sometimes no contribution at all. Some of the children join school very late and struggle to catch up with the curriculum. By maintaining high quality education, given by qualified and experienced teachers, the school has been able to achieve very good results, especially when taking the background of the children into account.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY:** Teaching i.e. Mathematics, English and Social Work; Helping with the preparation and serving of meals during the feeding program; Engagement in co-curricular activities i.e. Sports, drama and music

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the school.

**PROJECT NAME:** **BENEVA CHILDREN CENTRE**

**CODE:** MTLV/07

**REGION:** Kakamega District

**FOCUS:** Orphans and vulnerable children

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Non-profit organization with sole purpose of responding to orphaned and vulnerable children with inclusion of street families. It strictly considers those from slums, rural areas, streets and other dimensions of life like abused children in family settings, divorce, alcohol and drug abuse, neglect, low literacy level, personal illness(HIV and AIDS) and other chronic diseases.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Support children while still at their guardians' home by providing food, clothing, and education programme, help them break away from poverty cycle, and bring positive transformational change in the lives of the children.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated either in a host family or within the home.

**PROJECT NAME:** **CRANES OF DAGO Thim Self-help Group**

**CODE:** MTLV/08

**REGION:** Kisumu

**FOCUS:** Education/ Empowerment/Agriculture

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** The Cranes of Dago Thim self-help group was established to make an impact on the growing problem of vulnerable children, widows and orphans rights to sustainable development. This group is dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of the children and supporting the vulnerable, widows and orphans. Cranes of Dago Thim organizes routine trainings on farming for the widows and youths for sustainability projects.

**Vision:** A Self Sustainable Community

**Mission:** To promote human values through advocacy and community out-reach programs, provide care and support to the vulnerable members of the community, Education/ financial support to the less fortunate members of the society, training widows and youths on IGA and development issues to enhance their opportunities to realize their full potential and capabilities.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Sport activities with the local schools and youth, Home visit within the community, Cranes of Dago Thim have leased a farm from a member at affordable cost. It is a small farm within the member's homestead where the group rears local poultry for meat and eggs, cattle for resale, meat and milk and a small portion for planting cash crop i.e. bananas,

vegetables, tomatoes and fodders, the farm produce is sold to the locals and in the local markets and some are distributed to the supported individuals. The money realized is used in supporting the group programmes, the farm is managed by group executive office and members take turn in ensuring that the day to day activities are carried out.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the work station.

**PROJECT NAME:** MARIANNE CENTRE

**CODE:** MTLV/09

**REGION:** Kamiritha, Limuru

**FOCUS:** Persons with mental disability

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** People with a mental disability in Kenya (approximately 2.9 million) face extra challenges in their lives. Many Kenyans still associate people who have a mental disability with black magic and witchcraft, and little has been done to combat this stigmatization. Most people with a mental disability have a mild to moderate mental retardation. However, they can learn and are capable of developing skills throughout their lives. They have a wide range of talents that can be discovered at any moment in their childhood. The major shortcomings of the current educational system for (young) adults with a mental disability is that they are too old to be enrolled in a primary school, but mentally not capable to attend a normal secondary school. Because of this, Marianne center was therefore established in the year 2010, in order to focus on people with a mild to moderate mental disability from the age of 16 till 50 years. This training center for this group has given them and their parents hope for a better future. Currently, the center has 38 students. The classes are divided according to the student's abilities varying from Down syndrome to Autism. The (young) adults are trained in basic skills of life and vocational and income generating activities. At the end of the training their capabilities will be assessed and they will be attached to an employer were they get the possibility to perform basic tasks.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Teaching activities in various subjects (mathematics, language, writing, drawing, gardening, sewing, bead work, computer skills and cleaning); Follow up and home visitations; Organizing extra-curricular activities; Provision of guiding and counseling services to the students; Farm work; Swahili lessons

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in the centre.

**PROJECT NAME:** KIPEPEO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMM

**CODE:** MTLV/10

**REGION:** Western Kenya

**FOCUS:** Youth program/ICT/Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION;** Kipepeo Community Empowerment Program is a community Based Organization initiated in October 2009 to help spearhead community driven development initiatives and enable needy community groups participate in integrated development to achieve quality livelihood from; orphanage and rehabilitation of street children's, support vulnerable children, voluntary work to various community projects, Community Savings and loaning , HIV/AIDS trainings & awareness Campaigns, Capacity Building, Organic Farming, Fish Farming, Clay Works, Computer Services and Eco-Tourism and Environmental Management.

The program is also designed to respond to Emuhaya youths' needs and assets; the KCEP Project aims to empower youth to make sound career and life decisions as they transition from high school to the next phase of their lives. The project is also building the capacity of local institutions and networks to sustain the much-needed services that KCEP will provide. Specifically, the KCEP Project intends to offers youth a series of inter-connected interventions to: build skills, facilitate appropriate career choices, provide employment and/or income generating opportunities, bridge technical and university education opportunities and provide fun and safe spaces.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Computer training to orphans and vulnerable youths; community microfinance project; street kids, orphans and vulnerable children support project; education centre activities

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the work station.

**PROJECT NAME:** **AGAPE CENTRE OF HOPE**

**CODE:** MTLV/11

**REGION:** Mumias, Kakamega County

**FOCUS:** Social work

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Guided by the UN convention on the rights of a child, African charter for the rights of the welfare of children Act, the project promotes the protection of the child rights to the fullest. It facilitates the promotion of social cultural behaviors and practices that uphold child rights through advocacy.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Volunteers will team up with the members of ACoH to realize the following programmes: Protection and Rehabilitation and Orphanage Program; Health, Hygiene and Sanitation Program.; Child Rights Policy and Advocacy Campaign Program; OVC Education Program; Child Counseling and Memory Book Development Program; Capacity Building, Gender development & Sensitization program.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the work station.

**PROJECT NAME:** STAR RAYS EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

**CODE:** MTLV/12

**REGION:** Nangili, Western

**FOCUS:** Education/Computer Skills/Agriculture

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Its establishment was met by fervent enthusiasm by all as it gave the community a new dimension upon which to base their view. Having been built in order to serve the community, the institution is flocked with farmers from a wide range of knowledge ranging from compost making, bee keeping and marketing farm produce. It even gave young children a chance to learn with the hope to pursue their dreams in future.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Teaching, computer skills development, cleaning and sensitization, research centre, organic farming, income generating activities and water filtration.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated either at the project or in a host family within a walking distance to the workstation.

**PROJECT NAME:** OGUYA ORPHAN PROJECT

**CODE:** MTLV/13

**REGION:** Rarieda, Lake Victoria region

**FOCUS:** Social work

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Oguyo orphans project is a community based organization (CBO) registered with the ministry of labour, social security and services in Rarieda sub – county. The project is “charitable”. Not prompted to any manner by desire for gain.

Membership to the organization is open to everyone without any discrimination based on race, sex, religion or class.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Empowering girls to be self-reliant i.e. life skills lessons; Elementary child care; Taking care of the children as well as playing with them; Ensuring the compound is clean; Resource mobilization to enhance the development of the centre; Motivational speaking especially to the girls in the centre; Capacity building and administrative work; Educational development need of the children i.e. Teaching; Food preparation and serving.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the work station.

**PROJECT NAME:** NETWORK OF YOUTH IN ACTION

**CODE:** MTLV/14

**REGION:** Oloitoktok

**FOCUS:** Social work/education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** It is a Community based organization which was founded by young people with the desire to create change in the diverse challenges faced by young people. These challenges include; high prevalence of HIV and STI, FGM, drugs and alcohol, increased crime rates due to poverty, unemployment, growing of militia groups and social isolation

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Awareness creation and Advocacy on ending FGM, education development in local schools, women empowerment programs, and improvement of community structures.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a volunteer house within the community.

**PROJECT NAME:** UKWELI FARMERS CBO

**CODE:** MTLV/15

**REGION:** Waluka, Western Kenya

**FOCUS:** Agriculture/Social work/Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** The CBO has activities running on daily basis and mainly farm work which has committed and well skilled members. The CBO has 31 members of which 24 female 7 male. The project aims at striving for healthy living. The project was initiated due to high poverty within our community and increased deaths due to Aids and Malaria. The project has a centre where local children are able to access quality education. Through the donation from one of the previous volunteer, the project has set up a center to develop the local computer skills.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Computer skills development, life skills development among local youths, Community awareness and advocacy, Sensitization of the community on HIV/AIDS and Malaria; Education on Early Child Development within the C.B.O.; Organic Farming on {horticultural farming}; They plant soya and produce soya product added value; poultry keeping; growing of tissue culture bananas; Business development.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the work station.

**PROJECT NAME:** BELIEVE AFRICA VOLUNTEER

**CODE:** MTLV/16

**REGION:** Oloitokitok

**FOCUS:** Youth/Empowerment/Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 3 Months

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Believe Africa Volunteers was built literally from the ground up – born as a result of the founder members childhood experiences living in Loitokitok Kenya and their quest to improve the living standards of many of the communities that lives in poverty in Kenya and beyond.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Teaching in local schools, advocacy and awareness, orphan and vulnerable children Support, capacity building in community groups, promotion of sustainable agriculture, and promotion of good health among community members, rehabilitation of community structures

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a volunteer house within the community.

**PROJECT NAME:** **ST.ALICE ACADEMY**

**CODE:** MTLV/17

**REGION:** Siaya County, Kenya.

**FOCUS:** Empowering communal children

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Set up to bridge educational disparities among the endowed and less fortunate in the society. The vulnerable school goers include amongst others, orphans, children from single parent households, impoverished homesteads and destitute.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** School feeding programme, learning, sports, home visitation, and sponsorship.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within a walking distance to the work station.

**PROJECT NAME:** **MANDELEO LEARNING CENTRE**

**CODE:** MTLV/18

**REGION:** Mukuru, Nairobi.

**FOCUS:** Social work/Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** It was founded basically for the main purpose of offering the less fortunate, vulnerable and destitute families the chance to gain basic education and skills that would enable them to be able to fit in the today rather competitive and complex society. The

centre started with Pre-School up to class 3 with a population of 45 kids in the year 2003. This number grew gradually and by the year 2006 we had come to approximately 300 children with around 100 kids fully depending on the school for their education. By the year 2009 the school population was now close to 500 children both primary and high school.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Teaching on the specific subjects: English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer, etc.; Assisting in club and co-curricular activities within the school; Student mentorship; Resource mobilization to support school development if possible i.e. fundraising; Working together with the school community to make the environment clean and opening up the drainage system.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family where you will commute to the project.

**PROJECT NAME:** **LIVING WITH TOTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE**

**CODE:** MTLV/19

**REGION:**

**FOCUS:** Health

**MINIMUM STAY:** 2 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Living in total Health (LITHI) initiative is an organization that assist the underprivileged community members has access to health services. It is also registered under the Health services providing category targeting all Kenyans especially the less advantaged in our communities. We purpose to place a lot of emphasis on emergency support services, the health of the youth, women and children and the elderly in our society emphasizing on disease prevention through Health Education and Public Health Interventions.

Focus will always be on the Communities as a whole with the understanding that Health forms a key Factor in the pursuit of Development. With this in mind a health facility has been established at Kiambiu slums in Kamukunji District Nairobi County. Kiambiu and city carton are slum areas in Nairobi County of Kenya, and home to approximately 250,000 city dwellers. Like in all other slums, the residents are of low socio economic status.

Main objective: The main objective of this organization is to improve access to quality health and emergency services.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** The management of the project is open to allow you to offer your services in any of the field mentioned above. Some of the areas that you will be involved in while in the project include: Preventive and curative medical care; Laboratory services;

Awareness creation in the local community; Campaigns on emerging issues especially with focus on the youths and women; Environmental awareness and clean-up activities; Health talks. Remember always to be open-minded, flexible and open to new ideas while in the project.

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family within Buruburu a walking distance to the project.

**PROJECT NAME:** COMPASSIONATE HANDS FOR THE DISABLED FOUNDATION

**CODE:** MTLV/20

**REGION:**

**FOCUS:** Social work/Education

**MINIMUM STAY:** 1 Month

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Compassionate Hands for the Disabled Foundation (CHDF) is a non-governmental organization that was started in 2008 as an outreach Centre in Korogocho slum, in Kenya for children with disabilities. These were orphans and other vulnerable children from extremely poor families abandoned or orphaned through HIV/AIDS. The non-governmental organization is now serving 86 children with special needs that range from mental to physical disabilities. Currently operates in Ruai, Nairobi, Kenya, near St. Joseph Catholic Church. The children are thus divided into four groups i.e Physically challenged, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and the Mentally ill where they are taught on life skills, concentration, coordination, basic writing, leather work, bead work and computer classes. All the 86 children live in the home.

Our Vision “An inclusive society where persons with different abilities enjoy equal rights and have access to affordable quality rehabilitation services”

Mission Statement: To enable persons with disability to overcome their physical limitations and empower them economically and socially to become self-reliant and fully integrated members of their communities.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** Volunteers joining this project will be involved in any of the following activities that are done with the organization.

Unskilled Volunteers: Feeding the children, Sports Activities, Helping in the Kitchen, Gardening in the homes small Garden, Washing clothes and utensils at the home, Playing and entertaining the children

Skilled Volunteers: Teaching on the basic writing and reading skills, Counseling, Training on computer skills, Occupational therapy, Proposal writing to fundraise for the home

**ACCOMMODATION:** You will be accommodated in a host family where you will be commuting to the project.

**Project Name:** SHIMBA HILLS FOREST GUARD ASSOCIATION

**Code:** MTLV/21

**Region:** Kwale Town, South Coast Kenya

**Focus:** Conservation/Education

**Minimum Stay:** 2 Month

**Short Description:**

The Shimba Hills Forest Guides Association (SHIFOGA) was established in August 2004 by a group of local youths, all of whom had been involved in earlier community initiatives. Initially, the main purpose of the group was to provide reliable and well trained tour guides; who could offer their services to visitors to the Shimba Hills Ecosystem as well as researchers interested in the rich biodiversity of the area. This would thus benefit the local youths and the community in general.

The group has since evolved into other areas, for example, it has initiated its own nature trail through the forest at the outskirts of the Shimba Hills National Reserve to create awareness of the conservation issues important within the community. Since it was established, the group has received support from various stakeholders, including the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and also the group's supporters committee.

**Volunteer Activities:**

**Volunteers/trainees program:** The organization hosts both domestic and international volunteers and as well as trainees who are involved in all organizational activities, but may as well carry on activities in relation to their careers.

**School education program:** This involves visits to or by schools. The program plays a huge role in seeing that young students understand issues on conservation from their early age and be great players in environmental conservation. It is done through class sessions, facilitation, field work, art and design and recently theatrical performance/drama competitions.

**Human wildlife conflict mitigation:** Human wildlife conflict around the Shimba Hills ecosystem has proven to be a very serious matter. The organization, however, with relevant parties i.e. the **Kenya wildlife Services** (Kwale), **Kenya Forest Services** (Kwale) amongst others, engage in finding possible measures and implementing them, to try and reduce the pressure of wild animals invading community farms if not to stop, the impact of wild animals, especially the elephants around areas. We have a number of measures that we are developing to curb the problem e.g. through the support from one of the volunteers we have managed to establish beekeeping, and chili pepper planting projects as an alternative ways to reduce the pressure of elephants invading community farms and destroy crops and use of deterrent crops etc. Communities have been fully involved in this project. The continued and successfulness of these projects will highly rely on both financial and technical support to those who care and have the passion to support these promising initiative.

**Community Awareness & sensitization on environmental conservation:** The organization, through constant meetings and trainings spreads the word on conservation to the communities living adjacent/around and benefiting from the resource (the Shimba hills forest), on how best and sustainably way they can utilize the resources and at the same time benefiting from them.

**Research & primates monitoring within the Shimba Hills National Reserve and more in our Nature Trail:** Early morning and evening monitoring activities done by the members, volunteers and trainees to determine the on goings in this small forest, and as well compile a reliable data on the Nature trail and its inhabitants

**Ecotourism:** The programme is aimed at promoting responsible tourism by conserving nature whilst benefiting the local community through offering excursions to the villages therefore involving the local community around the area e.g.; *the local people (Digo and Duruma) partake in the demonstration of their culture.*

**Butterfly farming:** Butterfly farming has proved to be an important source of livelihood to some community members. They (the farmers) understand the importance of the forest, and in it they undertake most of their activities e.g. putting up traps, getting butterfly food plants etc. Our organization works hand in hand with these farmers in seeing that they have a market for their products and as well as educate visitors and interested parties on butterfly farming.

**Sanitation project:** There is a public toilet located in the centre of Kwale town, but a few years ago the facility was poorly managed and maintained; leaving it unpleasant to use for the community. In 2006, SHIFOGA decided that it would take over the upkeep of the toilet facility for the benefit of the town.