

VACK 2017 WORKCAMP PROGRAM



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CODE	PROJECT NAME	THEME	COUNTY	DURATION
VACK/STV-03/2017	Oguya Orphans Project	To promote responsible attitudes for HIV/AIDS through awareness creation.	Siaya	4-24 March 2017
VACK/STV-04/2017	Ukweli Farmers CBO	To alleviate poverty and hunger through agricultural activities.	Vihiga	9-29 April 2017
VACK/STV-05/2017	Cranes of Dago Thim	Training communities on IGA and development issues to enhance their opportunities to realize their full potential	Kisumu	7-27 May 2017
VACK/STV-06/2017	Network for Youth in Action	To raise awareness and educate people about the dangers of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).	Kajiado	4-24 June 2017
VACK/STV-07/01/2017	Kipepeo Community Empowerment Program	Youth Empowerment through Career Development and ICT Development.	Vihiga	2-22 July 2017
VACK/STV-07/02/2017	Benava Childrens Center	Working together to identify and implement action, based on mutual respect of diverse cultures and contributions.	Kakamega	9-29 July 2017
VACK/STV-08/01/2017	Canaan Orphanage & School	Empowering Minors to be Self reliant through life skills development	Mombasa	6-26 August 2017
VACK/STV-08/02/2017	Jora Women's Group	Women Empowerment through sustainable Micro-Finance Development.	Taita Taveta	11-31 August 2017
VACK/STV-09/2017	Agape Center of Hope	Transforming street children and most vulnerable children into a leading dignified and responsible life in the community.	Kakamega	9-29 September 2017

Project Name: Oguya Orphans Project

Project Location: Siaya County

Project dates: 4th – 24th March 2017

Project overview

Oguya 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. Most of the children at the orphanage are orphaned due to HIV/ AIDS which is quite high in this region due to various cultural practices such as wife inheritance. Some of the children are also infected thus need care giving and counseling.

Key issues: Many children do not live to enroll in school hence, high drop-out, no care to continue with education due to absenteeism, orphan headed household as well as care of ailing parents by the children. Main project activities: To address the above key issues, the project activities are directed towards improving, in a measurable way, the lives of children under 18 years old who are either orphaned or made more vulnerable because of HIV/AIDS, and have been denied access to education and other basic needs. Project focus: The project focused on the most vulnerable children of the “Last Smile “who are economically and socially outside. Identification of these children is done at a relatively early stage in their development. By the community health workers with a vision for change to produce sustainable improvement in their lives Inputs. The project operates with community inputs, .involvement and investment embracing community to prioritize the most vulnerable children that are deeply rooted in their community and lives within their family setup. Service delivery: This is based on the actual needs of the child and includes ensuring access to basic education from early childhood development through secondary level .Currently, the project has initiated a Residential OVC care at Nyangoma catholic mission with a placement of twenty (20) girl child orphans where they are engaged as an active participant in their own growth and development rather than as passive recipient of our service. Future plans: Our future plan is to empower OVCS and attract greater community involvement in the food security and HIV Intervention activities both in preparation and treatment

The project objectives are:-

- To provide education and material support to orphans and vulnerable children – OVCS.
- To improve the livelihood of families caring and supporting children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.
- To enhance the quality of life of orphans infected or affected by HIV.
- Lobby for the recognition and protection of children living positive.

Vision: Making the difference and bringing back hope.

Motto: The smiling children.

Mission: To Rescue children in distress.

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- 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 and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat. Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 3rd of March 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Ukweli Farmers

Project Location: Vihiga County

Project dates: 9th – 29th April 2017

Project overview

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 HIV/AIDS and Malaria. The projects aims are to improve the lives of its members and that of its community by actively involving them in Agricultural activities such as maize and beans farming, raring of chicken and other livestock. Products are sold to help sustain its members.

Vision: To alleviate poverty and hunger through agricultural activities.

Mission: Initiate and encourage income generating activities by empowering women, men and the youth to acquire agricultural modern skills and creating awareness in the field of HIV/AIDS and Malaria.

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- 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 and Food

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Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 8th of April 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Cranes of Dago Thim Self Help Group

Project Location: Kisumu County

Project dates: 7th-27th May 2017

Project overview

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.

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- Cranes of Dago Thim has 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 fodder.
- 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 and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat.

Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 6th of May 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Network for Youth in Action

Project Location: Kajiado County

Project dates: 4th-24th June 2017

Project overview

Network of Youths in Action also works in the areas of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) and HIV prevention in Kenya. Through the Alternative rite of Passage program which mainly focuses on the pastoralist communities our main focus groups are men, boys and communities although our programs are cross cutting. We employ innovative, tested, integrated approaches that are simple, homegrown, participatory, and holistic and ones that reinforce existing work, our thematic interventions are guided by research, training, synergy development, advocacy, tool development and extensive grassroots engagement .our key revolve is to build competences , raise the level of awareness ,influence attitude/behavior change and objectively provided information.

Our SGBV programming specifically focuses on addressing attitudes that generate traditions of terror and encourage the use of violence as enshrined in patriarchy, negative masculinity and the entire negative socialization processes. We reserve the trend by targeting the men and boys and working with them to change negative attitudes, practices and beliefs that put women and girls at even greater risk of vulnerability including HIV infection.

NOYAS strength has been our fostering of active and meaningful involvement of the program beneficiaries. The target groups are involved as participants in the conceptualization, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of program as decision makers, advocates, peer educators, change makers/agents, campaigners and planners of activities.

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- Awareness creation and Advocacy on ending FGM
- Education development in local schools
- Women empowerment programs, and improvement of community structures

Accommodation and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat.

Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 3rd of June 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Kipepeo Community Empowerment Program

Project Location: Vihiga County

Project dates: 2nd – 22nd July 2017

Project overview

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.

Workcamp Activities

Computer training to orphans and vulnerable youths; Sport activities with the local schools and youth, Home visit within the community; street kids, orphans and vulnerable children support project; education centre activities; Brick Making, Construction work and farming. Volunteers are advised to carry work cloths including rubber gloves, boots, sandals, rain coat, umbrella, torch, sleeping bags, mosquito repellent, sunscreen lotion, donations of every kind and official cloths for special occasions etc. A personal first Aid kit is also essential.

Accommodation and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat. Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 1st of July 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Benava Childrens Centre

Project Location: Kakamega County

Project dates: 9th-29th July 2017

Project overview

Benava is a combination of an Indian and Latin word meaning “Excellent, Healthy, and Strong”. It was founded on 15th of June 2013 by Miss Benazir Valeria Inziani and now caters for 32 children from 1year one month to 15 years. Benava centre is a non-profitable Organization with a sole purpose of responding to Orphaned, and vulnerable Children with inclusion of street based families’. The recruitment and assessment is strictly considered those from slums, rural areas, streets and other dimensions of life like abused children in family settings, divorce, alcohol and drug abuse. neglect, abandonment, low literacy level, personal illness(HIV and AIDS)and other chronic diseases. Benava Centre is situated in Kakamega District near Airstrip which is the land mark. At the moment the Centre is supporting the Children while they are still in their guardians homes by providing food, clothing and education programme. It gets donations from well wishers and friends from different places. We are planning to construct a place for them if we get enough support because many children they don’t go to school because of lack of fees, and other domestic issues that affects their well being. By giving them a place to sleep,eat and learn well, will enable them access assistance and tools that will enable them to have a happy, healthy, strong, and productive life in their native land, ultimately help them break away from the poverty cycle, and bring positive transformational change in their lives as a key benefit to ensuring their holistic development and growth is achieved as they need attention, love, and care by people who are focused to providing alternative support system through advocacy of child rights and change of attitude for the sole welfare of the child in the society. Benava Centre has Eight Board members, social worker and Secretary who help in strategic thinking, supervising management, accountability and policy formulation.

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- Construction work
- Feeding program for orphans
- Brick making
- Working in the group farm
- HIV/AIDS awareness campaign

Accommodation and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat.

Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 8th of July 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Canaan Orphanage and School

Project Location: Mombasa County

Project dates: 6th – 26th August 2017

Project overview

Canaan 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 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.

It reached a point whereby they could not go back to their places any more. I realized that they had trusted me and were both referring to me as “mama”. Their mothers also felt safe with their children staying at my place. I realized this was a call from the Lord, The Father Almighty and that He was fulfilling the dream I had back then in the 2003. The only solution was to look for a place that is spacious, safe and at least with a room whereby could study and sleep well. The children welfare now had to come first. Starting the orphanage became a priority and we registered it. The home has 30 children at the moment with seven staff members offering services to help in the daily growth of these children.

Vision: To be the leading charitable organization in providing child care and support to orphans.

Mission statement: To promote behavioral change among the orphans and support them to be responsible members of the society through education, healthcare counseling and prepare them spiritually for the challenges in life.

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- 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 and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat. Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 5th of August 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Jora Women Group

Project Location: Taita Taveta County

Project dates: 11th – 31st August 2017

Project overview

Jora 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 arc mountains covering 1000kmsq from Kenya to Tanzania. The main economic activities of the area around is agriculture and mining of precious stones. However, the area receive 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.

History

Jora women group was started in 1974 by a group of women who came together in order to improve the livelihood of the community members. Over the years the group has participated in various activities which include goat keeping, jatrophas farming, basket weaving and maintaining their building premises. The women group has also been involved in various conservation efforts with other organizations and volunteers. The group's projects having been challenging, for example the goat project involves members acquiring a goat from another member after the goat gives birth but this takes long time before the other member gets a goat. The baskets weaving also takes long before the group gets buyers. The rabbit rearing is a new project that the group started engaging itself in agribusiness but this also have been met with challenges of constructing an appropriate structure.

Vision: To fight poverty and conserve the nature

Mission: To empower the women group for economic and environment development

Objectives

- To fight poverty through agribuisness and entrepreneursh activities
- To conserve the environment through planting trees
- To organize Taita cultural shows to promote its culture
- To collaborate with various organizations and institutions in order to achieve the stated objectives
- To conserve the endemic birds and birds through creating awareness on the importance of conserving the natural habitats
- To engage its members and the community in eco-tourism activities

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- Basket weaving, rabbit rearing
- Environmental conservation
- Business entrepreneursh
- Agriculture and eco-tourism

Accommodation and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat.

Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 10th of August 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15

Project Name: Agape Center of Hope

Project Location: Kakamega County

Project dates: 9th – 29th September 2017

Project overview

Agape Centre of Hope is non-profit making organization initiated by the efforts of Volunteers purely and actively working to improve and uplift the people quality of life by developing a support mechanism that can ensure the provision of social guidance to the communities at the approachable level. ACoH has taken the challenge by playing a proactive role initiating the supplementing efforts for eradication poverty by increasing livelihood options. ACoH is a unique organization established in Mumias town solely for the eradication of street children. Its innovative technique of social mobilization through PRA or PAR enables the poor to accesses, to control or utilize most efficiently the resources at hand. It is represented by the people who are committed to social and economic change of the poor and believe that strengthening and empowerment of the poor is critical to the poverty alleviation, because the powerlessness and poverty are almost synonymous. The pragmatic reality is that the poor lack choice and control over the resources and right to influence their future from the basis of their powerlessness. ACoH development society has a well-experienced implementation team and has at least 18 volunteers. It is successfully achieving arms and objectives of the organization in collaboration/support of different philanthropist.

Vision: Envision a community living a life of dignity and hope

Mission: To ensure the safety and well-being of children, the abused and less fortunate individuals in our community.

Objectives: Transforming street children and most vulnerable children into a leading dignified and responsible life in the community; Transformation of drop out school children with an aim of getting them back into the mainstream education; To work to uplift the status of children & women in the society through poverty alleviation & gender development programs and enhancing gender equity by expanding women’s access to justice and women’s human rights; To alleviate poverty through empowering poor people and increasing their access to income, opportunities; To provide help under health & Nutrition services for women and children; To encourage young people through capacity building program to develop a healthier, safer lifestyle; To provide help to people suffering from Natural calamities and work for uplifting poor rural/village people for their overall development; To propagate the need for tree plantation/pollution control and environmental awareness.

Workcamp Activities

- Sport activities with the local schools and youth
- Home visit within the community
- 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 and Food

Volunteers will be hosted at the project. You will need to have a sleeping bag and mat.

Food is provided from what is locally available and the volunteers will share in the responsibility of preparing the food.

Meeting Point and orientation

All volunteers taking part in this project will be picked from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and stay in Nairobi before departing to the project. Orientation will take place on the 8th of September 2017 at the VACK Office in Buruburu, Nairobi.

Number of volunteers: Maximum of 15