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# volunteer general information

## VOLUNTEERING WITH **help2kids** IN TANZANIA AND MALAWI

Our volunteering programme offers you the unique opportunity to immerse yourself into the traditions of fascinating African countries. Join a young and dynamic team and experience the work of an NGO in Africa.





## GENERAL

**help2kids** offers you the opportunity to discover the wonders of Africa and to live an unique experience in an aid organization. We need up to 16 volunteers for projects in Tanzania and up to 15 volunteers for our projects in Malawi throughout the year.

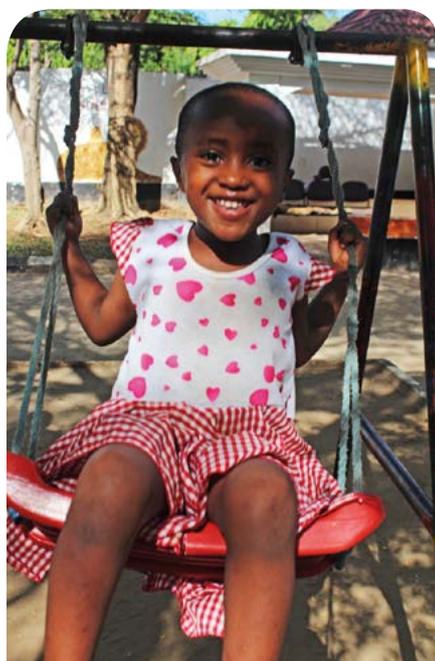
What makes volunteering with **help2kids** unique is the possibility to combine two very different countries that are still close to each other. You can volunteer for one or more months in Malawi and change later to Tanzania, or vice versa. Permit prices for volunteers in Tanzania are quite high and depend on your length of stay so volunteering in Malawi for some of your time (where there are no special permits for volunteering) is a great way to save money.

## REQUIREMENTS

Experience with children is an asset but not obligatory. Tell us your strengths, skills and interests. We have many projects and need different profiles, talents and competences. You should be at least 18 years old (with the consent of the parents we also accept 17 years) and willing to stay at least one month either in Tanzania or Malawi.

We are looking for motivated, flexible, adaptable, open-minded, communicative and pro-active volunteers who wish to immerse themselves into the African culture and traditions. While volunteering at **help2kids**, we ask that you try to keep an open mind to the new culture around you, as it is likely to be very different then your home country.

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## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Your tasks as a volunteer may include (according to project needs and your wishes):

- Teaching English and assisting the children with their homework
- Teaching Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Computers, Sports, Songs, Games, Dance, and other fun learning tools
- Teaching IT / computer skills
- Assisting with classes at the help2kids Primary School
- Volunteering at the health clinic in Malawi
- Teaching English to our fishermen at English Corner
- Working with our Tanzanian / Malawian staff at our projects
- Planning and organizing free time and sport activities for the children
- Household and administrative duties, such as helping to cook and gardening
- Sharing culture and traditions
- Participating in and/or planning field trips

Be creative and inspirational! If you have any preferences or wishes regarding your work – please let us know. Also tell us what you are interested in or if you have some special skills or knowledge which could be beneficial to our projects. We have different kinds of assignments and would be more than happy for you to help with them! You know more than you are aware of and we can use everyone willing to spend time with us, our children and projects.

You will be part of an international team working with people from the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Germany, Australia, Ireland, Norway, France, United States, England, Italy, and many other countries.

What can you do during the weekend? There are plenty of exciting leisure activities around our guesthouses in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and Senga Bay Malawi). For further inspiration, have a look here:

For Tanzania: [www.friendlygecko.com/guesthouse/activities](http://www.friendlygecko.com/guesthouse/activities)  
 For Malawi: [www.friendlygecko.com/guesthouse/malawi/activities](http://www.friendlygecko.com/guesthouse/malawi/activities)





## ACCOMMODATION

We offer nice and comfortable accommodation at the Friendly Gecko Guesthouses. For more information have a look at [www.friendlygecko.com](http://www.friendlygecko.com).

In Tanzania we have 3 dorm rooms (a 4-bed and two 6-bed dormitories). Standard dorms have fans and a shared bathroom whilst superior dorms have air conditioning and private bathroom. In Malawi we have two 6-bed dorm rooms that share a bathroom. All rooms are equipped with mosquito nets.

At the Gecko in Malawi and Tanzania we offer wireless internet. In Malawi we offer internet vouchers of 200MB for less than 3 USD pay as you go. In Tanzania the cost of internet is 35 USD per month (a little over 1 USD a day) unlimited. We have a number of bicycles volunteers can use to travel to the projects in Tanzania (10-15min ride away), and in Malawi you can reach all of the projects within a 10-15 minute walk.

We have an agreement with a high-class safari tour operator in Tanzania that offers beautiful safaris in the Northern part of Tanzania (Serengeti, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and more). In Malawi we also have a partnership with a local tour operator, offering trips and excursions that include Cape McClear Nature Reserve and Mulanje Mountain Reserve. They both offer special rates exclusively for our volunteers and guests.





## COSTS

### TANZANIA

Length of stay	All dorms	Superior dorm
30 days or more	USD 175 per week	USD 210 per week
21 – 29 days	USD 210 per week	USD 250 per week
14 – 20 days	USD 280 per week	USD 340 per week

### MALAWI

Length of stay	All dorms
30 days or more	USD 140 per week
21 – 29 days	USD 175 per week
14 – 20 days	USD 210 per week

The cost includes accommodation in one of our dormitories (4-6 people), most meals, room cleaning, in-country support, administration and security. Our international management team on-site will always be present and take care of you 24/7. Travels costs, visa, permits and insurance are at the expense of the volunteers. If you would like, we can arrange a pick-up at the airport for USD 30 in Tanzania and for USD 100 in Malawi.

There are also private rooms available at the Friendly Gecko Guesthouses (with air-conditioning in Tanzania). If you wish to stay in a private room we can give you a specific quote on request (depending on availability and season).

Meals: Breakfast is provided 7 days per week, dinner, Monday to Friday in Tanzania and lunch from Monday to Friday in Malawi. Our volunteers love the food prepared by our chefs Martha and Annette! During the weekends the volunteers are responsible for their own meals.

We ask volunteers to pay a non-refundable deposit of USD 300 in advance before their arrival in Dar es Salaam or Lilongwe, in order to secure their volunteer place. It can be paid either by bank transfer or credit card according to the following instructions: [www.friendlygecko.com/guesthouse/tanzania/payment-information](http://www.friendlygecko.com/guesthouse/tanzania/payment-information).



## APPLICATIONS

Please fill out the online form on the following website and we will get in touch with you shortly with additional information: [www.help2kids.org/orphanage/volunteering/application](http://www.help2kids.org/orphanage/volunteering/application)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us by e-mail at [volunteer@help2kids.org](mailto:volunteer@help2kids.org). You may send us your questions in English or German.

You may also call us by phone. Please find contact information here: [www.help2kids.org/orphanage/contact](http://www.help2kids.org/orphanage/contact)