



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Trip Name: APP Education Project

Country: Uganda

Partner: African Prisons Project

Dates: Ongoing Opportunities (minimum 4 months)

Cost: From £2950 for 4 Months plus flights and visa costs.

COUNTRY INFORMATION:

Uganda is a fertile country lying across the Equator in East Africa. Most of the country consists of a plateau at three to six thousand feet, with much swamp and open water.

Since the late 1980s Uganda has rebounded from the abyss of civil war and economic catastrophe to become relatively peaceful, stable and prosperous.

Uganda has won praise for its vigorous campaign against HIV/Aids. This has helped to reduce the prevalence of the virus - which reached 30% in the 1990s - to single-digit figures.



PROJECT INFORMATION:

African Prisons Project (APP) was founded in 2004 by Alexander McLean, then aged 18, on a gap year before university. Whilst volunteering in a hospital in Kampala, he met a group of prisoners from Luzira Upper Prison. One memorable prisoner was in a deep coma, lying in his own waste, handcuffed to the bed, with the guard nowhere to be seen. Other patients refused food and drink to avoid soiling themselves as there were no bedpans or commodes. This prompted Alexander to visit their prison. The maximum security prison, built by the British in 1927 to hold 600, now holds four times as many. Typically, a 6' x 10' cell might hold seven inmates sleeping on the floor.

Disturbed by the prison conditions, Alexander returned a few weeks later to renovate the prison's infirmary. He provided the materials and the prisoners used their skills to do the work. It was named after his grandmother Aileen Lilly Chapple who had given him a great deal of inspiration and vision.

On completion of the project, Alexander asked the prisoners if there was anything else they needed. The resounding response was 'education'. Once back in the UK Alexander collected books and money donated by residents of his local area in Southwest London. He quickly collected enough resources to go back to Uganda and develop the library that the prisoners had asked for.

There was clearly a real need for health and education within prisons that was not being properly addressed by charities or non-governmental organisations. Alexander inspired his family, friends and volunteers to

this cause, and APP was born. These young volunteers have since undertaken a number of projects in Africa that have made a significant impact to restoring dignity and improving the conditions for prisoners.

Building on this momentum, in 2007 APP was incorporated as a charitable company. Later that year they received registered charity status in the UK. From 2008, APP has set up a permanent base in Kampala, Uganda as their African headquarters to enable them to plan for the future.

TRIP INFORMATION:

The volunteers will support the work of APP's education team, which is led by our librarian Glorias Asiimwe and currently consists of a teacher, a counsellor and enterprise trainer and a story teller. The volunteers will contribute to education activities by assisting with or conducting: sports, music, drama, literature, teaching, storytelling or other similar activities which contribute to the rehabilitation of inmates through providing them with skills and increased self esteem.

The volunteers will be expected to commit to a period of at least 4 months. They will stay at the APP base in Kampala. They will pay £500 each per month which will contribute towards their food, accommodation, laundry, internet, airport transport, local transport and project costs.

Requirements: The volunteer should have a particular skill to offer and experience in providing the type of services mentioned above. They should be patient, self motivated, hard working, an excellent communicator and self confident.

***COST & FURTHER INFORMATION**

The cost (excluding flights, visa and immunisations) will be £2950 for 4 months. This is inclusive of all costs in Uganda, Insurance, preparation and a Tearfund admin fee.

The cost for trips of 6 months or longer can be discussed with APP.

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