



Additional Placement Information

Disabled Rehabilitation Centre

"If anyone has been looking for an ethical and professional NGO in Ghana, then I can personally recommend Ikando and its leadership."

Ralph Stone – November 2006.



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"Thanks so much for all your support during my stay, you went beyond the call of duty. It was an amazing experience."

Lorna Williams

The Accra Rehabilitation Centre (ARC) is an Institution established by the Government of Ghana under the auspices of the Ministry of Manpower Youth and Employment through the Department of Social Welfare. The prime objective of the Centre is to train all categories of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Employable Skills to enable them live independent and dignified lives in Society.

The Centre has been contributing positively towards National Development by harnessing the human resource potentials of a segment of Society that otherwise would have been marginalized. Since its inception in 1962, it has trained over eight hundred (800) persons with disabilities while training is ongoing.

In recent times, the focus of the Accra Rehabilitation Centre has been expanded to include Commercial Production and Marketing as a way of generating income to supplement government funding for the Centre and also to help market the products of trainees in order to increase their income levels.

However, unavailability of adequate resources posed a challenge to this Programme and therefore the situation does not enable the Centre to reach out to most disadvantaged Persons with Disabilities on the street of Accra and the surrounding communities.

Currently, there are thirty (30) trainees who are undergoing employable skills in the following trades:

- Carpentry / Joinery
- Tailoring / Designing
- Rural Craft
- Shoe Making
- Orientation / Mobility Training.

Their Aims are:

1. To train all categories of Persons with Disabilities to make fullest possible use of their capabilities.
2. To provide them with employable skills training to enable them live dignified lives and contribute to national development.
3. To provide them any additional daily living skills/ Medical care.
4. To minimize the incidence of begging for alms amongst the disabled.
5. To reduce the menace posed by street beggars to tourists and other road users.

The application process to gain entry to the centre is quite rigorous. Anybody with disability who intends to train at the Centre contacts the nearest social welfare office. The field officers will conduct an investigation into the person's background and write Social Investigation Report together with some other documents and forward it to the Regional Office. The Regional Office on the other hand will compile all the reports and then forward them to the Centre for admission. The Centre finally conducts an interview and admits only those who pass the interview for training.

The volunteer

They are looking for someone to help with the marketing & sales of their products. It is vital for the existence of the centre to generate revenue from their products. The volunteer will



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How to Apply

Please fill in the application form you have been sent and email it together with an up-to-date resume (CV) to: info@ikando.org. Don't forget to let us know which subject you would like to teach!

We will email you within 48 hours of receiving your completed application form and resume.



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explore avenues for the sale of the products of the centre. There are lots of potential schemes the centre could be tapping into and the right volunteer will both develop these relationships and also build and implement long-term, sustainable schemes for business development.

Accommodation Details

You will be staying at the Ikando accommodation in the centre of Accra. The house is clean and well-furnished, with running water and electricity. It has a large kitchen, dining and living room, two large bathrooms and four shared bedrooms. It is set in nice garden with lots of balconies to enjoy the sun setting over Accra.

Extra Details

Project Duration	Min Duration 4 weeks - Max Duration 52 weeks (can be extended in-country)
Dates	You can volunteer at any time from Feb to June and Sep to Dec.
Pricing	£ 655 for 4 weeks, £87 per week thereafter. For pricing in a different currency please check out www.oanda.com .
Deposit	£ 150 (included in total price)
Location	Accra
Airport to fly into	Accra Airport (ACC) - (also known as Kotoka International Airport)
In-country Budget	From \$50 on a tight budget to \$150 p/week if you wish to explore Ghana.

What's included in the project fees?

- Accommodation & fully furnished kitchen
- Welcome pack
- Airport pick-up
- 24/7 Emergency support.
- Introduction to life in Ghana.

What's not included?

- Flights & Visa
- Food
- Vaccinations (please speak to your local GP)
- Insurance (required)

We work hard to include as much information as possible online. Please check out the following links on www.ikando.org for further information regarding:

- Health & Safety: www.ikando.org/healthandsafety.html
- Accommodation: www.ikando.org/accommodation.html
- Organizing your flights: www.ikando.org/flights.html
- Organizing your visa: www.ikando.org/visa.html
- In-country Food: www.ikando.org/food.html
- Airport-Pick up: www.ikando.org/airport.html

If you have any further questions on this placement, please do not hesitate to contact us.