



"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.



Got more questions?
Request a call back. Email call@ikando.org including your name and telephone number and we will call you back.



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

Lorna Williams

CWC Children's Village has its headquarters in Accra-Ghana, West Africa and registered with the Ghana Government as a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) and non profit making. The Children's Village was founded by Rev. Hansen Mettle and his wife Mrs. Juliana Mettle in 1999. It mobilizes financial and material support to meet the needs of the under privileged and orphaned children in Africa.

The organization feeds, clothes, provides shelter and educates abandoned children. The children are housed with a "House Mother" who is a trained Social Welfare Officer. The Children's Village has two homes. There are two House Mothers who take care of roughly 30 orphans. The organization also provides material support to rural women to help them set up small businesses.

Education in Ghana

Sometimes we forget how fortunate we are. It goes without saying that children in the developed world go to school every day. In many countries this is not the case. In Ghana around 1 million children are denied daily education because their parents cannot afford it.

One of the millennium goals of the United Nations is that every child in the world can go to school every day by 2015. According to Ghanaian law primary education is for free, and education is compulsory for children until 16 years of age. However, not only is this not always the case, for many parents it is impossible to provide for the costs of a uniform, books and school supplies. Moreover, the distance to the nearest public school is often impossible to cover, either financially or physically. For many children it is financially impossible to go to senior secondary school, which reduces the opportunity of a job and a better future. The Children's Village would like to contribute to some of these children and give them a chance of a better future.

The educational system in Ghana is different from that found in most developed countries. Only some children are privileged enough to go to nursery school. Primary education starts at the age of 6, when children go to primary school for 6 years. After primary school they attend Junior Secondary School for 3 years. Three years of Senior Secondary School, Technical School or Vocational School starts at the age of 16, and are only for those who can afford the school fees. Statistics show that an average of only 83% of the children attend Primary School, and only 42,5 % attend Secondary School.

The volunteer

A Health Care Volunteer is required to inform the orphans on health issues such as hygiene, sanitation and STDs. Particular focus will be on HIV/AIDS issues. HIV/Aids and healthcare education is of utmost importance in Ghana, where the virus is of growing concern. The ideal volunteer will have a strong understanding of healthcare issues and ideally also be able to teach basic first aid.

The volunteer's tasks could include some or all of the following:

- To review, develop and/or implement the project aims, objectives and strategy;
- Implement necessary changes to the project;
- Help set up workshops and seminars for the project and take an active part in these workshops;

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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- Monitor and report on the progress of the project to school staff;

What kind of skills you need to go on this placement

Volunteers must have a strong interest in and commitment to helping disadvantaged children. You will need to be flexible and tolerant, show initiative and enthusiasm to face the many hurdles and challenges that you will encounter. We are only looking for positive, flexible and proactive people!

You will have to be able to cope with simple living and working conditions. Volunteers should be aware that early starts will be required.

Accommodation Details

As early starts are required and due to the time it will take to commute, we recommend volunteers stay at the orphanage during the week and spend the weekends in our Accra accommodation. If volunteers don't mind early starts and the commute, you can stay at our Accra accommodation the entire period.

Extra Details

Project Duration	Min Duration 2 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	£ 481 for 2 weeks, £87 per week thereafter. For pricing in a different currency please check out www.oanda.com .
Deposit	£ 150 (included in total price)
Location	On the outskirts of 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
- 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