



Ikando Foundation – DIY Volunteer

Ikando was founded by two volunteers from the UK and Holland who had become exasperated at the difficulty and expense of volunteering despite the range of opportunities available. Our objective is to help more people gain the life changing, life affirming experiences that volunteering can give. We are committed to enabling skill transfer, enabling organisations in the developing world to access different skill sets and to helping volunteers realize the value they can add using the skills they hold.

Ikando's main aims are two-fold:

1. To provide organisations in Ghana with quality, dedicated and hard-working volunteers who will help the organisations with the work they do.
2. To provide volunteers with a quality volunteer placement and take back with them a good understanding of the needs of the developing world and how their own life impacts this. Africa has a lot of positive things going for it. In many ways Ghanaians are much richer than people in the West and we hope that our volunteers come to appreciate this.

At Ikando, we offer volunteers an opportunity to support organizations in the developing world by offering them needed skilled resource capacity. Volunteers who work directly for Ikando are also able to contribute firsthand to the process of supporting volunteers while in-country, promoting the work of Ikando's partner organisations, and offering the services of Ikando to a greater number of people.

Ikando has been successful mainly because of the wealth of knowledge and experience gathered working on the ground in Ghana, making it the premier destination for volunteers in need of an enriching beneficial experience.

Currently, Ikando houses volunteers in two separate accommodations, just around the corner from each other. Our main accommodation is large and spacious, a storey building with a spacious communal living area, dining area and kitchen. Upstairs there is a large balcony where volunteers sit out in the evening, a study area and bedrooms with two bathrooms.

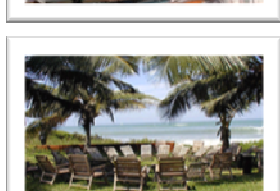
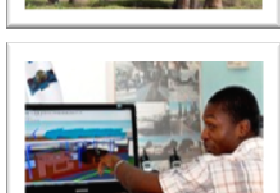
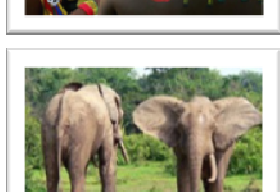
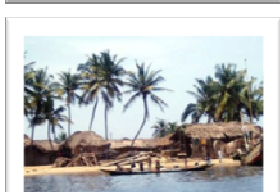
The second accommodation is a stone's throw from the main accommodation and office. It has a large terrace and roof top to sit out and enjoy the warm evenings. It has two large bedrooms, two en-suite bathrooms and a large kitchen and living area.

The Volunteer

Ikando requires a DIY volunteer to help keep both Ikando accommodations looking spic and span. Work will include painting, gardening, putting up shelves and making sure surroundings are attractive.

The role will include some or all of the following:

- Painting or touching up walls, doors and other surfaces at both accommodations;
- Tending to flower beds and planting new, attractive flowers to improve the general ambience;
- Performing minor repair of existing furniture and building new furniture for various rooms;
- Ensuring that all areas of the volunteer accommodation and its equipment are clean, hygienic and well maintained at all times;
- Ensuring that all problems with regard to accommodation are fixed without delay;
- Propagating plants by stem cuttings to create an inexpensive supply of plants.





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Requirements

You will need to have strong do-it-yourself skills. You must be hardworking and have a flair for solving problems. The ideal DIY volunteer will demonstrate a strong sense of initiative in their work. Although basic tools will be provided, we recommend volunteers bring along their own tools.

Placement Location

The main Ikando Foundation accommodation and office is located at Keta Close, near the Ring Road Central, Accra.

Accommodation

The individual will be living at the Ikando accommodation in central Accra. The house is clean and well furnished, with running water and electricity (most of the time). You may be required to share your room with other Ikando volunteers. There is 24-hour security at the house. A cleaner will be available a few times a week to clean the accommodation and wash and iron your clothes for you.

Extra Details

Project Duration	Min Duration - 2 weeks Max Duration – 26 weeks
Dates	You can volunteer at any time throughout the year
Pricing	FREE
Deposit	FREE
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.

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.

