

# Long Term Volunteering

*Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.*  
(Chinese proverb)



## Mengo Youth Development Link

*in Uganda, hosted by UPA Uganda*

<b>Theme:</b>	North-South solidarity
<b>Location</b>	Mengo area in Kampala and Nansana outside of Kampala
<b>Duration:</b>	minimum 1 month
<b>Application:</b>	The Volunteer will get a decision within 5 working days upon receipt of application form.
<b>Vacancies</b>	1
<b>Languages:</b>	
↔ <b>Project:</b>	English,Other
↔ <b>Local:</b>	English,Other

*If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>*

### **Project Description:**

Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL) is a nongovernment organization based in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. It was founded in 2001 as a slum youth initiative under the patronage of Mr. Pascal Lutaya. Following an early intervention approach, MYDEL focus their programs on the most vulnerable children and youths from the slum community, most of whom being school dropouts and orphans. MYDEL's mission is the empowerment of this target group through education, sensitization and skills development to contribute to a sustainable poverty reduction among these marginalized communities.

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**Work:** \* Teaching \* Organizing, teaching and supervising in the computer class \* Assisting in Counseling and psychosocial support \* Vocational training (if the volunteers brings the skills) \* Soccer program \* Music, dance and drama \* participating in community and home visits together with other staff, to see the life situation of the children living in the slums

Volunteers are supposed to be in the office at around 9.30am and work will finish at around 3.30pm (except during holidays). However, in some cases volunteers may be asked to work longer hours.

**Requirements:** MYDEL has different programs, it depends on the volunteer's skills and interest where to engage, there is room for new activities. Volunteers with social work skills but also other professions are very welcome, but no particular profession is required.

**Food:** Depending on the accommodation chosen, the volunteer will share and cook meals with the family or prepare their own meals at the guest house.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers can stay at UPA Guest house. Possibility to arrange for host family. Travel to and from project in Mengo by public transport costs about 10000 UGX and travel to the youth centre in Nansana about 2000 UGX.

**Pocket money:** None

**Insurance:** Not provided. Volunteer has to have his/her own insurance.

**Fees:** 500 EUR one time payment. Pick up from the airport/bus upon arrival in Uganda; orientation/training; accommodation; water; gas/electricity/charcoal; kitchen utensils; admin/communication; evaluation with host project. 500EUR for 1-3 months, 80EUR for each additional month.

**Visa:** A tourist visa must be applied online and it is purchased at the airports entry point. It costs 50 USD for up to three months.

**Others:** The placement at MYDEL can be interesting since it offers a volunteer an opportunity to be fully engaged in different activities ranging from children to community projects. It requires a volunteer who loves children and is flexible.