

Long Term Volunteering

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



Faith Memorial Medical Centre UPA/MLTV/03

in Uganda, hosted by UPA Uganda

Theme:	North-South solidarity
Location	Nabweru village bordering with Bwaise slum Wakiso district, 5 km from the capital Kampala
Duration:	minimum 1 month
Application:	The Volunteer will get a decision within 5 working days upon receipt of application form.
Vacancies	2
Languages:	
↔ Project:	English
↔ Local:	English

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:

Faith Memorial Medical Centre (FMMC) was started up in 2012 in the outskirts of Nabweru village bordering with Bwaise slum Wakiso district, 5 km from the capital Kampala. It is a health arm of Faith Memorial Initiative (FAMI), a community Based Organisation. FMMC establishment was due to lack of a one-stop centre health services provider in Nabweru county yet many people in the area are less fortunate with minimal chances of accessing basic quality health care. FMMC currently has a capacity of 10 inpatient beds and is registered by the Medical board council of Uganda with a practicing License.

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Work: Helping on-medical personnel basing on skills possessed by volunteer Engage in patient home visits Provide hand in immunization Ensuring patient care is maintained Helping during community health sensitization Represent hospital in seminars and trainings Helping during HIV and Aids counseling and testing HIV sensitization and awareness in schools Participate and coordinate

village Outreaches Registration and assessment of new beneficiaries Follow up over different activities Administrative/office work Proposal and report writing The volunteers are required to be at the medical centre at 08.00 and work will finish at 16.00 from Monday to Friday but community outreaches may be conducted on weekends for agreed times.

Requirements: Volunteers should be emotionally strong, motivated and open minded. We are especially looking for volunteers with medical background and administrative skills.

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. From UPA Guesthouse/Nansana to project it is 3 km and it costs 3,000 UGX (one way) by a hired motorcycle (Boda Boda), or 2,000 UGX (one way) by public means.

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 month, 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: This is a new project that is worth a try as it seems to provide a good experience to the volunteer. The medical center is well equipped and has the potential to engage a volunteer.

The medium of communication amongst staff, volunteers and administrators at Faith Memorial Medical Centre is in English. Though majority of the clients speak little English and can only ably express themselves in local languages. A translator will always be available.