

# Long Term Volunteering

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



## Community Microfinance and Business Development

*in Kenya, hosted by Kipepeo*

<b>Theme:</b>	North-South solidarity
<b>Location</b>	Luanda Sub County in Vihiga County Western Kenya
<b>Duration:</b>	The volunteer should stay at least 1 month upto 12 months
<b>Application:</b>	The volunteer will get decision withing 3 days upon receipt of the application.
<b>Vacancies</b>	2
<b>Languages:</b>	
↔ <b>Project:</b>	English
↔ <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:**

Kipepeo Community Empowerment is a community base organization that was started in October 2009 to empower needy communities achieve quality livelihood and be self-sustainable. With a goal of improving the quality of life of these people. Our vision is to better their future and make them sustainable. Our mission is to create a total change in their lives and enable them meet their needs. And our values are to put them at the center of what we do, transparency and accountability.

**Notice:** *This is an Africa WG project. Please contact the SCI branch or partner organisation in your country for further information.*

**Work:** The work involves creation of microfinance groups, training using VSL methodology (Available at KCEP) monthly meetings monitoring and supervision, data collection during group meetings, assist in design and production of savings passbooks, updating computer database on every group performance, entrepreneurship training and business product development to members of the

groups and small scale businesses for women in the communities, business planning, sales strategies. The project takes place in Luanda and Emuhaya sub counties and it involves travelling from one place to another in the rural villages where community groups are located and carry their meetings. Other support services are done at KCEP office.

**Requirements:** Volunteers should be enthusiastic, reliable, flexible, creative and patient and strive to be good role models for the pupils and the entire community. Volunteers must also respect the locals and the host organizations, along with their rules and regulations. Should be self-driven and able to work under less supervision and minimum resources while taking the priorities of vulnerable children orphans at the school into consideration.

**Food:** Three meals per day are provided to the volunteers at the workplace or by host family ie Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Vegetarian meals will be available.

**Accommodation:** Volunteers will be hosted either by a host family or at Kipepeo Permaculture Learning Resource Centre. Volunteers have to choose what they prefer. Basic accommodation facilities will be provided, in some cases volunteers should expect to share rooms.

**Pocket money:** None

**Insurance:** Not provided. Volunteer needs to get his/her own insurance.

**Fees:** 250 EUR per month. 250 Euros per month which will cover for food, accommodation, administration, orientation, project preparation, certification & project support. With extra onetime airport pickup fee for Nairobi is 50 Euros or 35 Euros for Kisumu airport.

**Visa:** Required. You need to apply for tourist visa at Kenyan embassy or consulate in your country. You can also apply your visa online at: [www.ecitizen.go.ke](http://www.ecitizen.go.ke). KCEP will facilitate you with invitation letters to help you in the process.

**Others:** Volunteers should bring along the following: mosquito net, working shoes (boots), medication, flash light, games, musical Instruments, social/casual dresses, sandals and shoes for their personal use and toiletries. For leisure, volunteers will have the opportunity to do a safari at Maasai Mara National park, tour of the Hells Gate National park, hike on Mt. Longonot, and carry out a boat ride in Lake Victoria, visit Maasai market in Kisumu and do nature walks at Kakamega rainforest.