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# **Child's Life Foundation Uganda**

## **Volunteer Role Description**

Hello and thank you for your interest in joining our foundation in the Pearl of Africa, Uganda! The Child's Life Foundation Uganda (hereafter CLFU) is a registered charity (Charity no. 0416) dedicated to providing support and care for vulnerable children and families in Mbale, Uganda. Managed by a volunteer Trustee Board, CLFU is committed to enhancing the lives of vulnerable children and families (in Mbale, Uganda) through a variety of services and initiatives. Your interest in this opportunity could greatly contribute to our ongoing efforts in making a positive difference in the community of Mbale, Uganda. Kindly find outlined below the description of the role as volunteer within our organisation

## **About the Child's Life Foundation Uganda**

### **The Challenge:**

With the upheaval caused by HIV/AIDS, family disputes, and other unfortunate circumstances, these vulnerable children are left without care, support, or security. Their lives often lead them to rag picking, pickpocketing, and engagement in anti-social and criminal activities, pushing them further into the margins of society.

### **Child's Life Foundation Uganda:**

Here's where Child's Life Foundation Uganda steps in. We operate as a foundation with the primary goal of reuniting families or preventing their separation through counselling and community visits. For instances where reuniting families isn't feasible, we provide care, love, education, and housing to the children. This involves placing them under the care of our trusted caretakers, who are spread across various locations in Mbale City. Through our organisation, we ensure these children's needs are met. A significant portion of our young children reside in a rural village further up the mountain in Mbale, where they attend primary school, assist with farming, and enjoy a secure environment.

As these children grow older, the need for high school education arises, which is not accessible in their village. To address this, we aim to relocate these children closer to Mbale City, where they can attend high school with our financial support. However, our current resources are becoming strained due to the scattered placement of additional children with our caretakers throughout the city.

This situation necessitates the establishment of a central community hub in Mbale City, where the kids can reside safely and continue their high school education. We've already taken the first step in this direction by acquiring a piece of land for the proposed community centre. Additionally, our vision extends to constructing the foundation's headquarters in the village itself. Presently, the living conditions for our team are not ideal. We aim to provide a secure and supportive environment, serving as a safe haven for most of our kids.

## **Your responsibilities:**

Your involvement as a volunteer with CLFU can be tailored to match your skills and preferences. Given that our organisation is still in its early stages, a great variety of tasks can be done, including:

- Helping with caring for the children under the care of the foundation.
- Teaching at a local school collaborating with CLFU.
- Shaping the organisation's strategies.
- Providing financial advice.
- Come up with new projects to help us find a stable source of income.
- Conducting counselling sessions.
- Help come up with solutions for underprivileged communities (e.g. installing water pumps where there is no access to water, supporting small business setups, etc.).
- Assisting with farming activities.
- Aiding in proposal writing and administrative work

## **What we offer**

- The opportunity to directly impact a child's life, creating a lasting difference.
- The opportunity to develop and apply your skills to positively influence the lives of orphans and other vulnerable families.
- For those who want to combine volunteering with travel, we arrange tours on the weekends accessible destinations by car (E.g. Sipi falls, Tororo rock, Mt. Elgon etc.).
- A true Uganda experience, our volunteering program is focused on giving the visitor an authentic introduction to Ugandan culture.
- Assistance in arranging travel activities for remote destinations not accessible by car.
- The opportunity to become a lasting member of our foundation in case of a positive evaluation.

## **Time Requirements**

No matter the duration of your stay, everyone is welcome. Previous volunteers have joined us for periods ranging from a day, 1-2 weeks, to 6 months. Your commitment, regardless of its length, is sincerely valued.

## **How to join?**

If interested, please send us a short description of yourself, your interests and skills together with a short motivation of why you want to join the Child's Life Foundation.

Warm regards,

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