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Background information

Mafanikio Community Based Organization was started in 2003. The main reason for its inception was to offer a platform onto which various developmental issues could be addressed. The driving principles were the alleviation of poverty and suffering and fostering cross cultural understanding and tolerance. It is believed that if the aforementioned are achieved, the world shall be a better and safer place to live.

Globalization has made the world to be like a small village. In line with this phenomenon, the organization has made a deliberate attempt to champion international brotherhood and understanding. MCBO organizes cross cultural exchange programmes where people from all walks of life and nationalities come together to share experiences and work toward the achievement of common goals. Work camps provide this opportunity. These are usually organized in the rural regions of the country and last for 21 days with participants ranging from 10 – 20. These are drawn from all parts of the world and therefore have a chance to share aspects of their cultures with others. Volunteering is not limited to work camp; it extends to teaching in schools and working in health sectors in the rural part of the Kenya.

Work camps

Work camps are usually organized in rural settings and the participants are expected to integrate with the host communities without necessarily losing their identity.

Work camps serve the following purposes;

- Forging unity amongst diverse background
- Mobilizing both human and material resources necessary for solving various problems at a local level.
- Fostering and championing the spirit of self-initiative in the improvement of livelihoods.
- Facilitating cross-cultural interaction that is key in the promotion of peace throughout the country and the world.
- Providing a forum for experimental learning to supplement other modes of learning.

Work camp activities may include;

- Construction work, painting
- Agricultural activities, tree planting
- Teaching in schools e.t.c.

All work camp participants live by local standards and accommodation is very basic; usually school classrooms. Food is prepared by the participants based on locally available foodstuffs.

Why participate in a work camp?

- Accessing a chance to interact with the local communities at a very personal level
- Accessing a chance to tour the country and make discoveries that you would not have dreamt of before

Work camp fees

Our work camp fees is 350 Euros which caters for airport transfer, orientation, meals and accommodation on the first day in the city, transport to and from the project, meals and accommodation at the project, drinking water, administration fee and in part project materials.

Work camps are spiced up with several activities that are carried on once the volunteers arrive in the country. While doing the in-country orientation, the volunteers get to visit the Giraffe centre, slums, up town and the Kenya National Museum. They enjoy local entertainment, excursions and a stream of beautiful diverse cultures. Work camp involves construction works, team building training, campaigns against HIV/AIDS and environmental awareness.

Work camps are laden with fun! Join a work camp and help build a better world!!