

International work camps Schedule

WORKCAMPS PROGRAMME 2011

CAMP CODE	DATES-YEAR 2011	LOCATION	PROJECT TYPE
BWAO1SOS	10 RD Jan -22 nd Jan 2011	Save Our Soul (SOS) Tlokweng village	Social/ psychological counseling & Education
BWA02 KRS	10 th Jan-22 nd Jan 2011	Khama Rhino Sanctuary	Environmental Care, Management & Conservation Work
BWA03 MOK	17 th Jan-29 th Jan 2011	Mokolodi Nature Reserve	Environmental Care, Management & Conservation Work
BWA04 SOS	7 th Feb-19 th Feb 2011	Save Our Soul (SOS)	Social/ psychological counseling & Education
BWA05 TAC	14 th Feb-26 th Feb 2010	Tachila Nature Reserve- Francistown	Environmental Care, Management , Renovation & Conservation Work
BWA06 TRC	16 th May-28 st May 2011	Tshimologo Rehabilitation Centre (Francistown)	Social/ psychological, counseling & Education
BWA07 TSH	23 rd May -4 th June 2011	Tshidilo Rehabilitation Centre(Serowe)	Social & physiology counseling & Education
BWA08 MOK	23 rd May -4 th June 2011	Mokolodi Nature Reserve	Environmental Care, Management & Conservation Work
BWAO9 CCT	6 th June-18 th June 2011	Camphill Community Trust	Social & physiology counseling & Education
BWA10MAU	6 th June-18 th June 2011	Maun Educational Park	Environmental Care, Management & Conservation Work
BWA11 MOT	20 th June-2 nd July 2011	Motswedi Rehabilitation Centre	Social & physiology counseling & Education
BWA12 KRS	20 th June-2 nd July	Khama Rhino	Environmental Care,

	2011	Sanctuary	Management & Conservation Work
BWA13MOK	27 th June– 9 th July 2011	Mokolodi Nature Reserve	Environmental Care, Management & Conservation Work
BWA14TAC/SAWC1	4 th July– 16 th July 2011	Tachila Nature Reserve- Francistown	Environmental Care, Management , Renovation & Conservation Work
BWA15TRC	4 th July – 16 th July 2011	Tshimologo Rehabilitation Centre (Francistown)	Social/ psychological, counseling & Education
BWA16 KRS	11 th July – 23 rd July 2011	Khama Rhino Sanctuary	Environmental Care, Management & Conservation Work
BWA18SOS	18 th July – 30 th July 2011	Save Our Soul(SOS) Tlokweng Village	Social/ psychological, counseling & Education
BWA19KRS	05 th – 17 th September 2011	Khama Rhino Sanctuary	Environmental/Nature care/conservation & Construction
BWA20MOK	05 th - 17 th December- 2011	Mokolodi Nature Reserve	Environmental/Nature care/conservation & Construction
BWA21SOS	05 th - 17 th December- 2011	Save Our Soul (SOS) Tlokweng	Social/ psychological counseling & Education
BWA22KRS	07 th - 22 th December- 2011	Khama Rhino Sanctuary	Environmental/Nature care/conservation & Construction
SAWC2	10 th -21 st December 2010	Hosted by Malawi/ Lesotho/ Mozambique (still to be confirmed)	Place still to be confirmed

CAMP INFORMATION

Camp code:

BWA2KRS

BWA12KRS

BWA19KRS

BWA22KRS

1. LOCATION: Khama Rhino Sanctuary

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT KHAMA RHINO SANCTUARY

Khama Rhino Sanctuary is located around 25km north of Serowe and 320 km North West from Gaborone, capital city of the Republic of Botswana. It is defined by Kalahari Desert sands and quite range of vegetation. Khama Rhino Sanctuary is a conservation park for the endangered animals, mainly white and black rhinos. It also hosts a wide range of animals including kudus, impalas, gemsboks, giraffes, and a variety of small animals and birds.

Volunteers at the nature reserve can enjoy day and evening game drives and some educational lectures on some days. Volunteers can also arrange to join the rangers for their animals counting exercises and patrols along the park fences.

The Khama Rhino Sanctuary is having an active working partnership with BWA. BWA had committed itself by assisting to sustain the ecosystem of the reserve.

WORKCAMP WORK:

The volunteers will assist in the maintenance of the footpaths, park fence, fire breaks and trails and helping in day to day business maintenance of the park. The volunteers will participate as a team in the whole duration of the camp. Volunteers can share and exchange different cultural forms during the work camp. The orientation for the work camp is scheduled at BWA head offices for the day before the work camp start at Khama Rhino Sanctuary.

ACCOMMODATION:

Khama Rhino Sanctuary provides accommodation in camping sites. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tents. Internet, supermarkets and banking are available in Serowe town which is 20 minutes drive from the sanctuary.

2. LOCATION: Mokolodi Nature Reserve

Camp code:

BWA3MOK

BWA8MOK

BWA13MOK

BWA20MOK

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT MOKOLODI

Mokolodi Nature Reserve is located around 15km south of Gaborone, capital city of the Republic of Botswana. It is defined by hilly terrains and quite range of vegetation. Mokolodi hosts a wide range of animals including white rhinos, elephants, leopards, giraffes, elephants and a variety of small animals and birds.

Visitors to the nature reserve can enjoy day and evening game drives and some educational lectures. It also has numerous camping sites. There are self catering chalets available for visitors of the Nature reserve.

The Mokolodi Nature Reserve is having an active working partnership with BWA. BWA had committed itself by assisting to sustain the ecosystem of the reserve.

For more information check their website at: www.mokolodi.com

WORKCAMP WORK:

The volunteers will assist in the maintenance of the footpaths and trails and helping in day to day business maintenance of the park. The volunteers will participate as a team in the whole duration of the camp. Volunteers can share and exchange different cultural forms during the work camp. The Nature Reserve is around 40 minutes drive from BWA head offices.

ACCOMMODATION:

Mokolodi provides accommodation in camping sites. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tents.

3. LOCATION: SOS Children's` Village (TLOKWENG & FRANCISTOWN)

Camp Code:

BWA1SOS

BWA4SOS

BWA18SOS

BWA21SOS.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT SOS CHILDRENS` VILLAGE-TLOKWENG & FRANCISTOWN

Tlokweng SOS Children's village is located ~10km south east of the centre of Gaborone, capital city of the Republic of Botswana. There is also a SOS centre based in Francistown-the second mining city of Botswana which is 450 km North from capital city of Gaborone. SOS Centre is a home to close to three hundred kids affected by different social ills. These include being homeless after being dumped by their mothers mainly immediately after birth and chased away from home due to in fights in some households. Some of the kids fell to lack of guardianship due to imprisonment of mothers, very poor households living under a dollar daily.

The kids at the SOS centre stays in some family like format headed by mothers volunteering at the centre. The family models are done so as to give the kids an opportunity to grow in a family set up like other person.

The kids are taught during the day depending on their standards of learning. The centre mainly offers pre-school/kindergarten and primary schooling for free.

The SOS centre is having an active working partnership with BWA. BWA had committed itself by assisting in developing a psychological and social development set up at the centre.

For more information check their website at: www.SOSinternational Botswana.com

WORKCAMP WORK:

The volunteers will assist in the daily education of the kids, gardening, sports coaching & mentoring and general counseling of the kids. Moreover, volunteers can assist the centre on some renovation work that arises and maintain kids` library. Spare time is usually meant for interaction with kids on their music practice sessions. Volunteers can share and exchange different cultural forms during the work camp.

ACCOMMODATION:

SOS Centre provides accommodation in their shared hostels/ houses. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tents for their privacy. Hot showers and bathrooms/toilets with running water are available.

4. MAUN EDUCATIONAL PARK (NEAR OKAVANGO DELTA, NORTH WEST BOTSWANA).

The village of Maun is around 927km North West of the capital city Gaborone. Maun Educational Park is a wildlife conservation area which is managed by the Department of Wildlife and National Parks. It was established as a warm-up for tourist as they move further into the Okavango. Its wild residents include giraffes, wild beast, baboons, warthogs and other species of small animals and birds.

WORK

Renovation of the camping sites, improving nature trails and any other work that may be assigned by the park management.

ACCOMMODATION

Volunteers are accommodated at the camp site. Showers and toilets are available at the camping site. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their tents for the work camps at Maun Educational Park.

5. TACHILA NATURE RESERVE (CITY OF FRANCISTOWN-NORTH BOTSWANA)

Camp Code: BWA5TAC
BWA14TAC

Tachila Nature Reserve

Project Location: North East District, [Botswana](#)

Type of Project: [Habitat & Wildlife Conservation](#), [Environmental Education](#)

Endangered species: Cheetah, Leopard

Land under protection: 80 sq km

No. local people benefiting from project: Open to all people around Francistown

No. local people employed by project: 15

Background

The Republic of Botswana covers an area the size of France in the heart of Southern Africa and is home to some of the world's remaining wild and unspoilt areas – the inland delta of the Okavango, the Kalahari Desert, the palm-studded Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, and the pristine bush areas of the north, that is teeming with wildlife including elephant, lion and buffalo amongst others.

With independence and the discovery of diamonds in the sixties the country saw rapid growth in terms of business, infrastructure and population. As worldwide demand for minerals and metals increases the development in Botswana continues. In and around Francistown, in the northeast of the country, the growth of the city is having a major effect on the natural environment. Unlike the other major cities and towns in Botswana, Francistown and the surrounding northeast district lacks preserved areas that facilitate recreation and environmental education, and places that provide its people with an opportunity to experience their natural heritage first hand. Francistown is the second largest administrative centre in Botswana, serving as the regional headquarters for most Central Government Ministries and Departments

The Tachila Nature Reserve has been established on 8,000 hectares of donated just under 5km from the city boundary. The aim is to preserve part of the natural and historical heritage of Francistown in order to provide a practical environmental education and recreational facility for its peoples, promote wildlife and other natural resource conservation, and increase local eco-tourism potential and employment opportunities. The reserve is ideally located and will be accessible to all.

Employment opportunities will be increased directly through the reserve, as well as improving opportunities for spin-off businesses relating to tourism and conservation. The fence is currently being erected and game guards employed, funded by Tusk.

Game species that have disappeared from the area will be re-introduced to re-establish their historical range and, generally, sustain the areas biodiversity. Some

endangered and rare species of game will be introduced to increase their conservation status and range in Botswana, e.g. rhino, roan and sable antelope. By creating environmental awareness through a proposed environmental education centre Tachila will help promote long-term conservation of biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources.

WORK

Environmental work and rehabilitation work. Volunteers will be working with the reserve management in the day to day activities, managing the ecosystem and assisting in the renovation of the nature reserve.

This is a regional work camp which involves volunteers from other Southern Africa Workcamps Cooperation (SAWC) members thus, Lesotho, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi.

ACCOMODATION

Volunteers will be accommodated in rooms/ tents. Those with their own tents must bring them with to the camp for their privacy.

6. Camphill Trust Botswana Camp Code: BWA9CCT

Camphill was opened by **Camphill Community Trust** Botswana in 1990. It was opened to try and meet the long term needs of some adults with disabilities by offering vocational training, employment, and, where necessary, accommodation and social support. It is situated next to Camphill Rankoromane School in Otse.

(a) Camphill has the following main objectives:

- to offer a range of working environments and levels of social support so that people with mental and/or physical disabilities can find a working role that suits them;
- to be self-supporting through the operation of income generating workshops;
- to offer services and goods that help to maintain relevancy and integration within the wider community.

Camphill is a member of The Botswana Council for the Disabled, an umbrella N.G.O. which coordinates, facilitates and lobbies on behalf of N.G.O organizations working within the field of disability.

WORK:

Camphill benefits greatly from the work of volunteers. As the community expands the tendency and intention is to employ local people to fill administrative and management roles; however, at present, volunteers remain at the core of coordination and decision making within Camphill.

The volunteers will assist in the daily physiotherapy sessions and education of the kids, gardening, sports coaching & mentoring and general counseling of the kids. Moreover, volunteers can assist the centre on some renovation work that arises and maintain kids` library. Spare time is usually meant for interaction with kids on their music practice sessions. Volunteers can share and exchange different cultural forms during the work camp.

ACCOMMODATION:

Camphill Community Trust provides accommodation in their allocated houses. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tents for their privacy. Hot showers and bathrooms/toilets with running water are available.

7. LOCATION: Tshidilo Rehabilitation Centre (SEROWE-CENTRAL BOTSWANA)

**Camp Code: BWA6TRC
BWA15TRC**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tshidilo Rehabilitation Centre is situated in Serowe, 300 km north of capital city, Gaborone in the Republic of Botswana. Serowe is the largest traditional village in Botswana. The centre is an NGO which was formed in 1989 by the community Service Trust of Catholic Church; however the Catholic Church has left the trust to the community and does not financially assist the centre.

The Tshidilo Centre is a home to over two hundred kids affected by different physiological and social problems. The centre provides rehabilitation services in form of physiotherapy and social support to the kids.

The kids are taught during the day depending on their standards of learning. The SOS centre is having an active working partnership with BWA. BWA had committed itself by assisting in developing physiotherapy and social development set up at the centre.

WORKCAMP WORK:

The volunteers will assist in the daily physiotherapy sessions and education of the kids, gardening, sports coaching & mentoring and general counseling of the kids. Moreover, volunteers can assist the centre on some renovation work that arises and maintain kids` library. Spare time is usually meant for interaction with kids on their music practice sessions. Volunteers can share and exchange different cultural forms during the work camp. The Khama Rhino Sanctuary is only 10 minutes drive from the centre and therefore can provide the much needed excursion during the work camp.

ACCOMMODATION:

Tshidilo Rehabilitation Centre provides accommodation in their allocated

houses. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tents for their privacy. Hot showers and bathrooms/toilets with running water are available.

8. LOCATION: Mochudi

Camp Code: BWA11MOT

Motswedi Centre is situated on plot measuring 200x200 square metres on western part of Mochudi village. It is in a new area however in close proximity to Primary School, Secondary School and a Clinic. It is linked by tarred road from Gaborone and the centre of the village.

HISTORY OF OUR ORGANISATION

Motswedi (means a fountain) Community Based Rehabilitation is a Church related non-profit making welfare project initiated by the Mothers Union of the Dutch Reformed Church in Mochudi Botswana, which is a member of Botswana Council of Churches (BCC). The Mother's Union besides meeting for Spiritual nourishment has since its inception been involved in Welfare and Community Development. The services are anchored on the premise that "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me". During the course of Mothers Union's work in the community most people with disabilities were found lying around their homes without any provision for rehabilitation, welfare and educational needs. Volunteers mainly Mothers Union members participate in Outreach. The reasons for involving non-professional is to train them to identify people with disabilities in the community, teach and demonstrate prescribed physical exercises at basic level. One other important reason is to give the community a feeling of ownership - and sustain continuity of the programme.

Botswana Council of Churches had a pivotal role in providing spiritual, moral, capacity building and financial support within its means. Some of the services are been supported from the Horticulture and Poultry projects, which have provided employment to the special youths both males and females, capacity building by co-funding staff scholarships and partly funded one of the classroom blocks.

WORK CAMP

The volunteers will assist in the daily education of the kids, gardening, sports coaching & mentoring and general counseling of the kids. Moreover, volunteers can assist the centre on some renovation work that arises and maintain kids` library. Volunteers will also help at Horticulture and Poultry, which have provided employment to the special youths both males and females, capacity building by co-funding staff scholarships. Spare time is usually meant for interaction with kids on their music practice sessions. Volunteers can share and exchange different cultural forms during the work camp.

ACCOMMODATION:

The Centre provides accommodation in their shared hostels/ houses. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring their own tents for their privacy. Hot showers and bathrooms/toilets with running water are available.

NB: Volunteers are at all times required to bring their own sleeping bags when coming to the camps. It is necessary to bring tents when coming for work camps in Game Parks & Reserves. The accommodation is provided in camp sites with hot showers, clean drinking water and ablution blocks.

NOTE: Volunteers should be prepared to tolerate with the local cultures and traditions in Botswana and should have made some basic and trustworthy researches about the host country.

Any late cancellations for the applied work camps will result in the volunteer compensating BWA for inconveniences caused in terms of funds.

6.0. TRAVEL TO BOTSWANA

Volunteers are responsible for their own travel arrangements organizing their own transport and passports. It is usually advisable to check out travel prices before deciding on a particular placement. BWA is not a travel agency, but will help where possible. We communicate with other partner organizations and with the person who wish to come either by fax, telephone or e-mail with regular update regarding the work camp.

When using South African route, participants can take an Intercape bus from Johannesburg in South Africa to Gaborone, Botswana or they can also take the Air Botswana flight and/or South African Airline.

The website for Intercape Bus: www.intercape.co.za.

BWA is keen to arrange transport and to take participants from the arrival place in Gaborone, Botswana depending on the communicated destination. Volunteer should make sure to have our office and mobile numbers before traveling in order to call us in any inconveniences that might arise.

Our Office number **(+ 267) 574 8610** or any of the following mobile numbers:

(+267) 72266445: Mr. Phokontsi Letsholo (Chairperson)

(+267)71795306: Mr. Kagiso Moatshe (Secretary)

(+267)71898265: Mr. Baboloki Otisitswe (Treasurer)

Emergency numbers:

Police- 999

Ambulance- 998

Fire Brigade- 997

BTC help line-121

7.0 FEES

7.1 COST OF PARTICIPATION IN A WORK CAMP

The work camp participation fee is US \$200 per participant, which covers simple work camp meals, arrangements for the whole work camp preparation in terms of communication, electronic mailing and transport for meeting with different stakeholders.

BWA organizes transport for participants from the airport in Gaborone to Mochudi (BWA office) **ONLY**.

PLEASE NOTE:

AIRPORT & BUS PICK UP: Participants should know that they will pay for their transport from their arrival places to the BWA office in Mochudi. In this case BWA will arrange reliable transport for the volunteer upon the communication with the volunteer of which at the end the participant will pay the fares there after.

Pick up transport cost from the Gaborone Airport or from the Intercape Bus stop in Gaborone Central to the orientation venue which BWA Administration offices is U\$25.00.

Travel expenses from BWA office after the orientation to work camp places and back are not covered in this U\$ 200 camp fee. Participants are therefore advised to spare a small amount, which is around U\$ 50 for traveling to and from work camp place.

8.0 ORIENTATION

An orientation is normally organized a day before the start of the work camp with the intentions of briefing participants about BWA as an organization, Botswana`s socio-economic background, cultural issues etc. As a matter of fact the orientations shall be held on Sundays before departure to the work camp sites and the participants must arrive on the Fridays or Saturdays to have rest time and also to get to know each other, as well to get knowledge of the host village before the orientation. Participants will also have a chance to go the city, Gaborone from Mochudi to do their necessary travel and camp logistics before they depart for the camp.

9.0 IMPORTANT NOTES

To view the map of Botswana
http://encarta.msn.com/map_701511258/Botswana.html

GOOD TO KNOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

Banks

The banks in Botswana are open on weekdays from **08:30hrs till 15:30hrs** and are open on Saturdays at **08:30hrs till 11:30hrs** and are not open on Sundays and public holidays. There are also some money changing areas which open **08:30hrs-16:30hrs** during weekdays open at **08:30hrs -13:30hrs** on Saturdays. For people arriving at the airport they will find the bank there open at all times.

Post offices

Post offices are open weekdays from **07:30hrs till 16:30hrs** and from **08:30hrs till 13:30hrs** on Saturdays.

Shopping

In villages, towns and cities there are shops open from Monday to Friday others with lunch break while others operate with no lunch break. Grocery shops are open even on Sundays while other stores like clothing stores are not open/ or only a few are open. On the other hand you will find most of the shops open especially at the big shopping complex like Game city and River Walk malls in Gaborone.

Travelling around Botswana

The main transport mode in Botswana is public transport. Unlike in other countries where train is used as the main transport, In Botswana buses are used for long distance trips e.g. from Gaborone to Mochudi. Mini-buses and taxies are used for local short trips around towns and cities.

Transport cost:

Buses: charges are different as per trip distance.

Mini-buses cost BWP3.00 per trip.

Taxi cost BWP3.50 per trip on normal line service or BWP18.00 on door to door trip/ special trip.

NB: Taxi price is subject to change depending on the distance within the areas.

Important to know

Local currency- **Pulas** and **Thebes** ::: (BWP) Botswana Pula

Languages;

Apart from English and Setswana which are official, there are some other languages which are spoken tribally .e.g. Sekalaka, Seherero, sekgalalagadi etc.

Climate

It is very important to know that Botswana is the semi-desert country and has four seasons; spring, summer, autumn and winter. Spring (August, September, and October), summer (November, December, January,) and autumn (February, March, April) are hot seasons and cold season is winter (May, June, July).

Volunteers are therefore reminded to bring required materials as per season, e.g. sun block creams for hot seasons and warmer clothes for winter times.

Important Setswana words to know:

Dumela-: **Good morning/ Good afternoon/ Good evening.**

Le Kae? -: **How are you?**
Ke/ Re teng: **I/ we are fine.**
O ya kae? -: **Where are you going?**
Ke/ Re ya... -: **I/ We are going to.**
Ke/ Re ya kwa -: **I/ we are going to...**
Ke bokae? -: **How much do I pay?**
Ke a leboga -: **Thank you**
Tswee-tswee -: **Please**
Go siame -: **Bye**
Tsamaya sentle -: **Go well**
Sala sentle -: **Stay well**
Robala sentle -: **Sleep well**
Ka moso -: **Tomorrow**
Bosigo -: **Night**
Nako -: **Time**
Madi -: **money**