



Youth Association of Zambia

YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA (YAZ)  
INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS PROGRAMME FOR 2012

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### **1.0 Background Information on YAZ**

#### **A Brief Overview**

The Youth Association of Zambia was established in 1994 and was registered as an NGO with the registrar of Societies. It is a member of the Zambia National Youth Development Council.

#### **2.0 Physical location of YAZ headquarters**

YAZ is headquartered in the nation's capital, Lusaka, and is found in the city center. It is about 20km from Lusaka International airport. When you get to the airport in Lusaka you can get a taxi from there to YAZ offices. This should cost you about 30USD. If you are travelling overland (bus) call the following numbers when you get to Inter-city Bus terminus in Lusaka

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#### **4.0 WHEN DO WORKCAMPS TAKE PLACE**

The work camps run between set dates for two to three weeks in length. The work camp program for each year is available at the beginning of the year and it is given to all partner organization around the world.

#### **Who are work camp participants?**

An international work camp is made up of volunteers from different nationalities worldwide. We ensure that each camp has a simple network made up of participants attending that particular camp so that they know each other before they arrive. They are usually from partner organizations of YAZ around the world.

Skills of the individual volunteer

- Commitment of volunteers; Project or work camps are not just cheap holidays;

-Hard work and full participation is required.

-ENGLISH is the medium of communication in work camp.

-Participants who are not good in English are also accepted to participate as we believe in 'Unity in Diversity'

-Enthusiasm and flexible approach.

*Specific motivation may be required for some projects.*

## 5.0 International work camps Schedule

| CAMP CODES | DATES – YEAR  | CAMP TITLE                    | LOCATION    | PROJECT TYPE   |
|------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------|--|
| ZM-YAZ001  | 9 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June               | Madzibambera                  | Mfuwe       | Construction, art and culture  |
| ZM-YAZ002  | 7 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July               | Mnkhanya Community School     | Mfuwe       | Construction of one-by-three classroom block                                   |
| ZM-YAZ003  | 28 <sup>th</sup> July – 11 <sup>th</sup> August       | Patrimonto World Heritage     | Livingstone | Work at Victoria Falls and local community school?                             |
| ZM-YAZ004  | 12 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> August            | Kamatipa Community project    | Kitwe       | Plastering wall and floor of community school                                  |
| ZM-YAZ005  | 8 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> September          | Kyalalankuba Community School | Solwezi     | Construction of Community School   |
| ZM-YAZ006  | 29 <sup>th</sup> September – 13 <sup>th</sup> October | Blessed Hope                  | Rufunsa     | Construction of orphanage and awareness campaigns on Youth Reproductive Health |

***NB: Volunteers are at all times required to bring their own sleeping bags and mats when coming to the camps.***

## 6.0 TRAVEL TO ZAMBIA

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. We communicate with other partner organizations and with the person who wish to come either by telephone or email with regular update regarding the work camp. YAZ will arrange for participants to be picked up from the airport to YAZ offices if the volunteer expresses this wish before arriving. It is therefore important for volunteers to communicate their dates and times of arrival via email.

Volunteers should make sure to have our office and mobile numbers before traveling in order to call us in any inconveniences that might arise. They are listed above

## 7.0 COST OF PARTICIPATION IN A WORK CAMP

The work camp participation fee is **210 Euros** 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.

## PLEASE NOTE

***Travel expenses from Lusaka to work camp places and back are not covered in this 210 Euros camp fee.***

## **7.0 ORIENTATION**

The orientation for all camps is held on the day after arrival (in this case all orientation will be on Sundays). Participants therefore have to be at the camp on Saturday (every camp for 2012 starts on Sunday while arrival is on Saturday).

## **GOOD TO KNOW!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### **Banks**

The banks in Zambia are open on weekdays from 08:00 till 14:30 and are open on Saturdays at 08:30 till 11:30 and are not open on Sundays and public holidays. There are also some bureau De change which opens 08:30 16:30 during weekdays open at 08:30 13:30 on Saturdays. For people arriving at the airport they will find the bank there. Nearly all the big banks have ATMs country wide and so you can with draw money anywhere. We advise you to come with either a visa or visa master card if you intend to use ATMs.

### **Post offices**

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

### **Travelling around Zambia**

The main transport mode in Zambia is public transport. Unlike in other countries where train is used as the main transport, In Zambia buses are used for long distance trips. Minibuses and taxis are used for local short trips around towns and cities.

### **Important to know**

Local currency Kwacha  
and Ngwee. Zambian kwacha (ZMK)

### **Languages;**

English is the official language. However, there are seven major local languages which are widely spoken. The most common local language in the camp is Nyanja and the following are some of the common words:

Mwauka bwanji – Good morning

Uli/Muli bwanji? – How are you?

Nili/Tili bwino – I'm/ we are fine

Uyenda/ Muyenda kuti? – Where are you going?

Ni/Tiyenda ku.... I'm/we are going to.....

Nizingati – How much?

Zikomo – Thank you

Zikomo – Excuse me

## **CAMP DESCRIPTIONS**

### 1. MADZIBAMBERA YOUTH PROJECT 001 (9<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June)

**BACKGROUND:** Madzibamberra is a youth NGO that was started in 2001. Since then it has been a growing organization that has been addressing issues of HIV and AIDS in Mfuwe, Eastern Province. This organization is involved wood carvings, weaving, cloth works and they do performance arts as well.

**WORK:** In 2012 the project will undertake to construct a workshop for production and training centre. This workshop will help the organization have a storage place for their artifacts and also space for training young people within the district in carpentry, woodwork, ICT and metal work. The local project will organize for local professional builders whom the participants will support.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The participants will be accommodated by the local organization and there are adequate sanitation facilities at the campsite.

**LEISURE:** The host organization will arrange for leisure time. The organization is located near one of the biggest national parks and they'll try to secure a visit there. Participants will also get an opportunity to learn how to make artistic souvenirs that they can carry home with them.

### 2. MNKHANYA COMMUNITY SCHOOL 002 ( 7<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> July)

**BACKGROUND:** The school in Mnkhanya Community in Mfuwe was started in 2005 and while there has been progress, it hasn't been much. The school caters for the children within the community who have to walk long distances to reach the nearest school. Mnkhanya Community School is also located in Mfuwe.

**WORK:** IN 2012 the project will help the community in constructing a one-by-three classroom block. This will ensure that three different grades don't share the same classroom at the same time as is the case now.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The participants will be accommodated at the school. There are adequate sanitation facilities at the campsite. The participants will cook their own meals.

**LEISURE:** We hope that the Community Resource Board which looks after the school and the parks will organize a day trip to the South Luangwa National Park.

### 3. PATRIMONITO WORLD HERITAGE 003 (28<sup>th</sup> July – 11<sup>th</sup> August)

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009 the Victoria Falls (shared between Zambia and Zimbabwe) was celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary after being declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO. In commemoration of this event we hosted the first Patrimonito camp in Zambia celebrating the Victoria Falls and the area surrounding it. Next year we will work at the Victoria Falls educating tourists on the importance of maintaining the Heritage Area clean and sustainable. The project is hosted in the city of Livingstone

**WORK:** The project will place emphasis on educating tourists on the importance of respecting the Victoria Falls and maintaining its place as a World Heritage Site. The project will also help the local school paint its classes and have heritage lessons with the pupils.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The participants will be hosted at Palm groove Basic School, which is the local school where the other half of the project will take place. There are adequate sanitation facilities and the participants will prepare their own meals.

**LEISURE:** Since the project is done in partnership with the National heritage Conservation Commission, we look to them to provide alternative areas of interest we might go to. In 2011, they arranged for the participants to visit areas of interest and also organized a boat cruise, game viewing and a guaranteed visit to the Victoria Falls every day. Livingstone is the tourist capital of the country and there's no limit to what one can do in their free time.

### 4. KAMATIPA COOMUNITY PROJECT 004 (12<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August)

**BACKGROUND:** This camp is held on the Copperbelt Province of Zambia in partnership with Young Men Christian Association. Kamatipa is a community in which YMCA has a community school. The project was begun in 2011 and it focused at making desks for the pupils who didn't have chairs to sit on.

**WORK:** In 2012 the project will focus on plastering the wall and the floor of the community school. The participants will also help fixing the windows that got broken.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Participants will be hosted at the YMCA hostel in the city centre and will be provided with transport to and fro the campsite. Participants will prepare their own meals.

**LEISURE:** As mentioned above, we will let you know when they have come up with a programme for 2012. However, Kitwe is a big city and there's no shortage of activities to engage the participants on weekends and also during the week.

#### 5. KYALALANKUBA COMMUNITY SCHOOL 005 (8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September)

**BACKGROUND:** This community school was begun in 2007 and to date there's a one-by-three classroom block which is in use. The school is a fully community owned initiative.

**WORK:** The school board has not yet sat to discuss the work for the 2012 and as such we do not have information on what they wish to do next year. We will provide the information as soon as we meet with them.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The participants will be accommodated by the school in traditionally made huts. This offers a unique experience for the volunteers as they live traditionally for two weeks. There are adequate sanitation facilities and the participants prepare their own meals.

**LEISURE:** Though the board has not come up with a plan for 2012, Solwezi is a growing mining city with plenty activities going on all the time. It is home to a National Heritage site where can be found cave paintings of the early Stone Age dwellers.

#### 6. BLESSED HOPE 006 (29<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> October)

**BACKGROUND:** Blessed Hope is a foundation that runs an orphanage about 177 kilometers from Lusaka to the east. This project has been running since 2008 and to date a chicken run has been constructed as well as a hostel for the orphans.

**WORK:** The camp will help the community construct a work shop that will house a training centre for orphaned children in tailoring. In 2011 the community constructed another work shop for rearing chickens in.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The participants will be hosted at the camp site in traditionally made huts. There are adequate sanitation facilities and the participants will prepare their own meals.

**LEISURE:** Blessed Hope is located in a rural area and while it may be lacking in leisure activities it is surrounded by beautiful hills that are easy to climb and good for picnics.