

AFFPIN VOLUNTEER PROJECTS AND DONOR OPPORTUNITIES



Affpin Mission Statement

The African Foundation for People In Need's (AFFPIN) mission statement as a non-profit organization is to combat and reduce poverty in Uganda. Our priority is to serve the needs of the rural, impoverished, communities that receive little-to-no access to basic services, as well as little-to-no national, or foreign aid. We hope to accomplish our goals through the following:

- Ø Ensure access to essential services such as proper nutrition, education, health care, and psychological support
- Ø Promote improved agricultural and farming skills, and community development for adults through our Coffee and Tree Growing Programs
- Ø Eradicate excessive poverty in the homes of rural people in affected communities by instilling a community-based approach through our Community Development Programs
- Ø Reduce education marginalization among rural children, particularly orphans and other vulnerable children, through our Family Sponsorship Program
- Ø Promote awareness of HIV/AIDS to create a supportive environment and prevent future infection

Volunteering

AFFPIN views volunteers as a blessing, and recognizes our volunteers as an integral part of working towards our mission statement. We offer volunteer opportunities to everyone, regardless of race or gender, and in most cases, age. We welcome individuals and groups with varying levels of expertise in numerous sectors. If you have experience, or even just a desire to serve in areas such as primary and secondary education, carpentry, medicine and healthcare, construction, sports training and coaching, agriculture, and other areas, we could certainly use your assistance!

**VOLUNTEER
PROJECTS**

1. Erinah Manjeri School Project

The Erinah Manjeri School Project is a primary school for orphans and needy children under the care of poor widows and old grandmothers who otherwise cannot afford to send them to school. The school was founded in early 2006 by AFFPIN to provide education to orphans and children from the poorest people in Buikwe sub-county. The school's name, "Erinah Manjeri" was chosen after an elderly, blind, Christian woman donated a large amount of money to purchase land and construct a school for the needy. Erinah Manjeri loved orphans and wanted all children to have an education. As a sign of appreciation and recognition for her great love and contribution, the school was named after her. Sadly, she died on January 28, 2013 at the age of 94, and was buried in Bwaza village. However, her dream lives on.

Erinah Manjeri Mixed Primary School is in Nantwala village, a poor community three hours drive south of the Ugandan capital, Kampala. Many of the school's students are orphans whose parents' lives have been taken by HIV/AIDS. The school has 267 students at the moment, and relies on charging fees in order to operate. Most families of children coming to Erinah Manjeri School struggle to pay these fees and the majority of students need external assistance and sponsors from overseas in order to continue to further their education. Some donors don't believe they can keep paying for these students year after year, but if there is no outside support, then how will these children receive education and how will Uganda move forward?

Ps. Bbumba Mark, AFFPIN's director, along with the school's headmaster, have a clear picture of the school they want to run. They don't want to exclude a child just because they can't pay. They also want every child that comes to the school to leave with something more than an examination certificate. Their goal is for the children to gain business and educational skills that complement the regular academic education, thus transforming the next generation into 'rural entrepreneurs;' individuals with the skills, drive, and knowledge to start improving their own lives and the livelihood of their communities.

The school has employed six qualified teachers, four with so much teaching experience though without teaching academic qualifications, and one cook. The school is situated on 2 ½ acres of land and currently consists of 2 permanent classroom blocks, 2 clean pit latrine, an administration block, and a chicken house. Support is needed to finish the construction of more classrooms and school furniture. Additionally, provisions for adequate school supplies and electricity are also needed. In order to perfectly finish the existing classroom blocks, construct additional classroom blocks, and construct teacher housing, AFFPIN estimates it will cost around \$28,200 USD to complete these items, as well as purchase 100 classroom desks for students and desks for teachers. These costs include, but are not limited to: all building materials (bricks, timber, paint, sand, cement, etc.), costs for transporting materials to building site, and any labor which cannot be performed by volunteers, or AFFPIN staff.

1.1 Volunteers interested in building and construction can help Erinah Manjeri Mixed Primary School and Buikwe sub-county with the following activities:

- Ø Plastering classrooms
- Ø Painting and decorating classrooms
- Ø Mixing and casting concrete
- Ø Constructing concrete walls
- Ø Making classroom desks
- Ø Building additional classrooms
- Ø Constructing steel bunk beds
- Ø Building book shelves and teacher's desks
- Ø Building and renovating spring wells in Buikwe sub-county

1.2.1 Volunteers interested in teaching can help Erinah Manjeri Mixed Primary School with the following activities:

- § Teach six to twelve year old students English, Mathematics, and/or Science
- § Instruct and coach children in games, sports, and other athletics
- § Plan and organize sports events and inter-school competitions
- § Identify individual student needs and work to improve these areas

2. Erinah Manjeri Chicken Farm

AFFPIN constructed a chicken farm at Erinah Manjeri Primary School with the purpose of raising broiler chickens whose meat can be sold to generate some income and provide sustainability for the school. With the help of two volunteers Nick Harrington and James Paterson, we have constructed one chicken house to accommodate 2,000 broiler birds. Once the project is fully established we hope it will be able to generate enough revenue to operate the school, thus making it possible to take-in more orphans and needy children in Buikwe. We currently need US\$ 6,000 USD to kick-start the project. We estimate that this amount will provide enough feed for at least 3 rounds of slaughter, vaccines and medications for the chickens, feeders and water suppliers, additional supplies to maintain the chicken house, and fuel and charcoal to keep the brooder room warm during the first two weeks of brooding.

2.1 Volunteers with interest to work at the expansion of the Manjeri poultry project will be involved in the following activities:

- § Plan and organizing fundraising
- § Train local chicken farmers
- § Participate in the construction of the second chicken house
- § Research and Develop a detailed document about common causes of chicken disease or poor chicken farming practices in Buikwe and Uganda and how much value can be added to generate more profits

3. Bwaza Community Coffee Nursery Project

AFFPIN desires to establish a program which facilitates and provides support to local Buikwe farmers in the sector of coffee bean production. Coffee bean farming is a very important resource in Uganda and unlimited access to coffee seedlings will provide a sustainable source of income for widows and old grandmothers who are caring for needy children. People in Buikwe once depended on small, individual coffee farms as a source of income. Each poor family in rural areas, who were living on an average of 3 acres of land, had a small coffee farm which could generate enough income to provide for the needs of their family. AFFPIN hopes to restore this dynamic to the Buikwe people.

The Community Coffee Nursery Project is projected to generate a significant amount of revenue for the poor demographic in Buikwe through coffee bean production. These revenues can be used to provide needy children with books, school supplies, school uniforms, school lunches, basic medical care, and other necessary items. We are looking for \$15,000 USD to establish a community coffee nursery bed which will provide existing and potential farmers coffee plant seedlings. These seedlings are a means for the farmers to provide for themselves and their families. We will use donations to secure the following: all necessary materials to construct a sound, structural shelter to grow, house, and nurture seedlings, seedlings used in beginning stages, soil and nutrients, tools (hoes, rakes, watering cans, etc.), etc.

3.1 Volunteers interested in improving agriculture and infrastructure can help AFFPIN's Bwaza Community Coffee Nursery project with the following:

- Building coffee nursery shelters
- Watering seedlings in the nursery bed
- Packing soil in plastic Sackets
- Placing seedlings in Sackets
- Mobilizing small coffee farmers
- Helping farmers to understand their role

4. Building & Renovating Water Sources

AFFPIN focuses on the renovation and rebuilding of water sources and spring wells in order to improve health and sanitation, and as a result, provides the poor with the tools they need to overcome extreme poverty. At AFFPIN, we recognize that rural communities require installation of protected wells, springs, and gravity flow schemes in order to obtain safe drinking water. Many rural communities do not have access to clean drinking water, and waste disposal is very poor.

4.1 Volunteers interested in improving the quality of water in rural communities can help AFFPIN with the following:

- Ø Search for fresh water sources with assistance from locals
- Ø Make necessary repairs to preexisting wells and gravity flow schemes
- Ø Construct new wells and utilize springs for safe drinking water
- Ø Assist in improving sanitary conditions in the absence of western toilets and proper plumbing

Contact Information

To volunteer with us contact Ms. Irene Georgina Nakimera: Volunteer Coordinator

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- Ø **Physical Address:** 65km East of Kampala, Nantwala village, Lweru Parish, Buikwe Town Council – Buikwe District.
- Ø **Location:** Room No. 1, Mayanja Building, Market Street, Lugazi – Town Council
- Ø **Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 0830-1700 (local time)
- Ø **Emergency contact:** for onsite volunteers needing to speak with a fluent English speaker: +256-756-769-196

Volunteer Details

- a) The maximum amount of time a volunteer can stay is 12 months. We also ask that volunteers stay a minimum of two weeks as to maximize their service.
- b) Teaching volunteers are accepted only during specific timeframes. All other volunteers coming to work on other projects are accepted year round.

- c) Volunteers with specific qualifications and skills are of great advantage and will be highly utilized for special and specific cases. However, even volunteers without any professional or academic qualifications, but with a big heart to help, are still put to good use.
- d) We accept requests of more than one volunteer at the same time
- e) We accept couples (married or unmarried)
- f) Volunteers are provided lodging at a rate of \$30/week. Placement is generally provided at our volunteer lodging with other volunteers. However, on certain occasions a volunteer will be placed to stay with a host family so that the volunteer can learn about local culture, local food, learn the local language, or help a child in the family learn conversational English. Lodging is very basic, but the following items are provided:
 - Ø A bed with mattress and bedding
 - Ø Electricity (Voltage in Uganda is 220-240 volts)
 - Ø Internet access
- g) Available local facilities and services include:
 - Post to send and receive parcels
 - Medication is available 5 km away
 - English speaking doctors and medical staff
- h) Please be advised that there is no tap water available, nor is there a phone line at the house.
- i) Local food is provided, but volunteers must contribute \$40/week. If volunteers do not wish to do so, they may cook their own food with cooking and storage facilities provided. The estimated cost for breakfast at a local restaurant is about \$4 and lunch/dinner is \$6.
- j) We provide transport from the airport to the job site, which is a couple of hours away. We charge US\$150 for 1-3 volunteers, \$350 for 4-10 volunteers, and \$700 for 11-20. This price is not per individual, but for the total group. Volunteers will be met on arrival at Entebbe International Airport. Please contact us via phone at least 48 hours prior to your arrival to discuss meeting arrangements (Please see contact information bellow). The best time to call is Monday-Saturday from 08.00-21.00 local time. AFFPIN does not provide transport, or fare for the volunteer to get to the job sites from their lodging. The cost of fare each day is around \$1 USD.
- k) We advise volunteers to visit their local doctor prior to visiting so that they may receive proper vaccinations. Preventative malaria medication is recommended, but not required.
- l) Volunteers are advised to bring with them wear boots for personal use when working, sun block, a torch (flashlight), light clothes as it is very hot in Uganda, and a camera. Other items can be chosen at the volunteer's discretion.

To volunteer at any of our projects please contact;

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