

HOUT BAY KIDS PROGRAMME



VOLUNTEERING
FACTSHEET



ABOUT

PROJECT ONLY AVAILABLE FOR FEMALE VOLUNTEERS

Imizamo Yethu township has a population of roughly 45,000 residents, who are mainly of Xhosa-speaking origin from the Eastern Cape, together with immigrants from the rest of Africa. The informal settlement was established in the early 1990s when 450 families who had been living in shacks around Hout Bay were relocated to a new area on the side of the mountain overlooking the Hout Bay harbour.

At Hout Bay Kids, our vision is to create a daycare facility for the people of Imizamo Yethu where children are cared for in a loving environment. They are taught Christian values, simple life skills and are prepared for formal schooling. The project employs people from the community and empowers them to become excellent career educators.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- Welcoming the children and assisting with getting ready for their day
- Breakfast – laying and clearing of tables, supervise eating (breakfast, snack & lunchtime)
- Brushing of teeth – assist with toothpaste, supervise brushing of teeth
- Hygiene awareness - washing of hands and toilet routine during and between lessons
- Assist the programme coordinators in daily activities
- Before morning break – prepare fruit and hand out to the children. Water/tea to be served to each child
- Outside play – you assist the coordinators, supervising and playing with the children, i.e. games
- Music ring – singing and dancing
- Sleeping time –preparing the classroom for resting time and floor cleaning

FIND YOUR VOICE



- Assist in the kitchen with food service
- Assist with art, music and other lessons during class times
- Assist children that need special attention with English, writing, drawing, maths or general schoolwork. The volunteer coordinators will advise as to where your assistance is needed
- Tutoring

WHAT TO WEAR?

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes suitable for the season, such as jeans, shorts, skirts, t-shirts and comfortable shoes. Hot pants or short shorts are not to be worn.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

You can book accommodation with EC Cape Town or arrange your own accommodation close to the project.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- You should not pick up older children, carry them around, allow them to cling to your legs or to play with your hair
- You may never use physical punishment or degrading remarks to discipline any child
- You should treat all children equally (no favourites)
- You should always liaise with the class teacher before planning something different to the existing programme
- You need to speak directly to the principal should any problem arise

MINIMUM AGE

- 18

MINIMUM LEVEL OF ENGLISH REQUIRED

- **INTERMEDIATE:** a strong understanding of English at a conversational level is required





SKILLS/PERSONALITY TRAITS REQUIRED

- Genuine love for and interest in children
- Patience, tolerance and respect towards children
- A fun and light attitude without complications
- Agility and energy to engage in physical child play
- Willingness to work closely with the class teacher – remembering that the teacher is in charge and you are assisting her. The teacher is ultimately responsible for the children in her care.
- Able to cope with stress

APPLICATION

- Provide a Police Clearance Certificate
- Write a motivational letter
- Complete the application form

ARRIVAL

- Arrival at Cape Town International Airport

WHICH TRANSFERS ARE INCLUDED?

- Arrival transfer if accommodation is booked with EC Cape Town.
- You will need to make your own way to the project each day.
The most convenient form of transport is to either rent a car or use an e-hailing service such as Uber for daily transport to and from the project.

WHAT TO BRING?

- Please bring your own snacks or food daily. Tea is provided daily.

VACCINATIONS

- Consult your local doctor/travel clinic



WHERE IS THE PROJECT BASED?

- **Country:** South Africa
- **City:** Hout Bay, Cape Town

WORKING DAYS AND HOURS?

- **Minimum duration:** 4 weeks
- **Maximum duration:** 12 weeks
- **Daily hours:** Monday – Friday, from 09h00 - 13h00
- The school is open from 1 February to 30 November
- No volunteers during December and January



COSTS?

- Project placement fee: **€400** (non-refundable)
- No weekly participation costs

PROBATION?

- All volunteers are subject to a two-week probation period.

SICK DAYS?

- The project must be notified by 08h00 if you are going to be absent due to illness.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Project placement and all correspondence with the project
- Arrival transfer if accommodation is booked with EC Cape Town
- Arrival orientation
- Support services from both the project and EC Cape Town
- Access to all EC Cape Town student activities
(Charges may apply for these activities, e.g. transport costs/entry fees, etc.)
- 24/7 assistance on EC Cape Town's emergency phone for the duration of your stay

WHAT IS EXCLUDED?

- Visa application fees
- Travel insurance (available at €20 per week if booked with EC)
- Flights
- Spending money
- Local transport to and from the project
- Laundry
- Accommodation

TERMS AND CONDITIONS?

- Standard EC Terms and Conditions apply.