



# Mafanikio

Community based organisation

## Volunteer in Kenya

### About us

Mafanikio Community Based Organisation is a non-government organisation registered under the Kenyan Ministry of Culture and Social Services set up in 2003 to fight poverty in the marginalised regions of Kenya. Kenya as a developing country is facing a myriad of developmental problems with many Kenyans living below the poverty line, surviving on less than a dollar a day. Mafanikio is at the forefront of offering solutions to poverty stricken communities.

#### Our objectives

- To mobilize all purpose resources to assist in the improvement of livelihoods in the needy communities.
- To empower women and girl child
- To provide an opportunity for experimental learning.
- To create awareness on topical issues such as environmental conservation, girl child education, civic education.
- To foster exchange of useful ideas both locally and internationally through exchange programmes.
- To provide youth development and empowerment.
- To lobby and advocate for peaceful intervention in conflicts.

#### How we achieve our objectives

- Establishment of communal farms that serve as a means of livelihoods.
- Establishment of an educational fund to assist the bright but needy students.
- Organizing training workshops to enhance capacity building within the local community.
- Organizing exchange programmes and sporting events in the bid to tap and develop talent.
- Organizing workcamps to serve as a platform through which meaningful cross cultural exchange can take place.

### Work Camps

Mafanikio organizes international workcamps to bring together local and international volunteers to assist a community with a project and share experiences.

A workcamp is a place where people of all nationalities and ideologies live and work together with the community for 3 weeks on a project to combine energies and expertise in addressing the problems on a local level. The workcamps aims to foster the spirit of self initiative in improving the living conditions of the local population.

Work camp activities may include construction work, classroom painting, renovations, environmental clean up agricultural activities e.t.c. However, it is perhaps the interaction with the local community and opportunity to experience a different way of life that is most rewarding.

All participants live by local standards with basic accomodation and food is prepared by the group based on locally available. Camps promote equitable decision making, problem solving and developing a sense of group identity.

Work camps are self financing projects and the fee for the international volunteer is 350 euros which caters for airport tranfers, meals and accomodation, administration costs, transport from Nairobi to work camp venues, meals and drinking water, volunteer clearance fee and project materials respectively.

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## Dates

Dates	Location	Project description
7th - 28th May 2009	Serafuongo Primary School Western province	constructing classrooms campaign against HIV/AIDS
6th - 27th June 2009	Kiukuni Primary School Eastern Province	campaign against HIV/AIDS construction work youth empowerment
6th - 27th July 2009	Serafuongo Primary School Western Province	campaign against HIV/AIDS constructing classrooms
4th - 25th Aug 2009	Uyawi Secondary School Western Province	constructing headmasters office campaign against HIV/AIDS tutoring English
7th - 28th Sept 2009	Uyawi Secondary School Western province	construction headmasters office campaign against HIV/AIDS tutoring English
1st - 22nd Nov 2009	Mitingani Primary School	Women empowerment
1st - 22nd Dec 2009	Utaati Primary School Eastern Province	Construction work youth empowerment



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