



BeadforLife

Eradicating Poverty One Bead at a Time

Internships and Volunteer Opportunities at BeadforLife Uganda

- BeadforLife appreciates the spirit of volunteerism and the critical need for participation and education in the fight to eradicate poverty.
- We would like to accommodate people with a desire to come and make a difference, meet our Ugandan members, and contribute to our efforts.
- Volunteer opportunities must be mutually helpful to BeadforLife and the volunteer.

Policies for volunteering at the Uganda BeadforLife office:

1. Volunteers need to have specific responsibilities that do not require ongoing immediate supervision. These tasks are often office-based including writing projects, website updating, data entry, and sorting beads. Limited opportunities also exist for teachers and nurses to work in collaborating organizations.
2. Skills we can use include writing, computer literacy in word and excel, data entry, artistic creativity, and graphic artists. We can occasionally use manual labor, group facilitation, health information, women's empowerment, business skills, teaching, and product development skills among others.
3. All volunteers participate in the weekly tasks with the beadworkers including buying and shipping beads. Volunteers have an opportunity to meet the women, dance with them, sing together, and to go on home visits.
4. We have found that in order to provide a meaningful experience and to integrate into our staff that it is necessary to come for an extended period of time. Our minimum commitment is three months. Please DO NOT apply if your stay will be any less than 3 months. We recommend 3-6 months.
5. We are unable to accommodate more than one or two volunteers at a time. Ours is a small office without much desk space. We are also sensitive to not having too many non-Ugandan staff at any one time.
6. All prospective volunteers need to be interviewed by phone with a member of the Uganda staff, usually the person who will be providing the direct supervision, or the country coordinator. Expense for this call will be the responsibility of BeadforLife. It is also possible to do this with one of our North American staff members.
7. Volunteers are expected to pay for their own expenses including their visas and health insurance. We are not able to pay a stipend.
8. If it becomes apparent that the placement is not working out the volunteer agreement can be amicably terminated with two weeks notice from either party.

**If you feel you meet these criteria, please contact Korri at Korri@beadforlife.org for an application.

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