




ABOUT

Project TEN is an international development program that operates volunteer centers in developing areas. We bring together young Jewish adults from all over the world, to a program that combines volunteer work with local communities and service-learning in the fields of international development, culture, identity, and Jewish activism.



PEARL OF AFRICA

The TEN Center in Namulanda, Uganda opened in September 2016. The center is located in the small town situated between the capital Kampala and the city of Entebbe. The volunteers home is a walking distance to the education center where hundreds of children and youth of the community gather.

BOOKS & THINGS EDUCATIONAL CENTER

In the heart of the village, a Books & Things Educational Center has been established, which provides enrichment hours to schools during school hours until late in the afternoon. The Center was established with the encouragement of school principals in recognition of the added value these enrichment hours provide the children.

Project Ten, along with local organizations, develop an enriching and innovative learning environment, which supplements the formal education taking place in the schools in Namulanda.

All this happens at Books & Things—an Educational Center that is a home (similar to a community center or learning center), in which children and youth from Namulanda acquire tools and skills that are relevant for the 21st century.

WHO WE ARE

Young people in their twenties from Israel and the Diaspora volunteer at the TEN Uganda Center. Volunteers will engage in informal education activities on a daily basis in order to enrich the local children's learning experience.

WHAT WE DO

Volunteers will work at our Educational Center as well as enrichment rooms in local classrooms executing a variety of experiential and empowering content in the fields of art, movement, social and thinking games, science, ODT and more. The emphasis is on experiential learning and is adapted to the various learning abilities of the children and youth. The learning promotes the development of personal skills and abilities that children require as they grow up.



Working with CHILDREN, YOUTH AND TEACHING STAFF in the Pearl of Africa

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Volunteers undergo training before and after arrival at the Center. The training is designed to prepare participants for group life, the volunteering experience, and it enables a connection to the wider global context in which Project TEN operates. The delegation opens with a week of orientation of in-depth familiarity with the Center. During this week, the volunteers meet the local staff, get to deeply know the work, visit volunteering locations and are exposed to the local culture and lifestyle.

During the three months of volunteering, there are regular weekly meetings led by the Center's Directors and Coordinators and in collaboration with local professionals. The meetings cover various topics such as international development, education and community, Shabbat and holiday activities, Luganda lessons and group time. The purpose of the meetings is to process the volunteering and group life experiences, to provide tools for the professional implementation of Project TEN's educational and ethical model, to expose the volunteers to the culture and lifestyle of the community in which they live alongside their own identity as Jews, as Israelis and citizens of the world.

*Every second weekend, participants are free to go and travel around the country. The program welcomes religious and secular participants. All activities on Saturdays and Jewish holidays are suitable for traditional observers. However, every participant is free to keep the Shabbat as they see fit.



ACCOMMODATIONS:

Volunteers share a communal house on the banks of Lake Victoria. The living area is secure with clean water, is equipped with a vegetarian kitchen and dining room, toilets, showers, an activity room and a communal yard.

COST: \$1,350

Includes: Accommodation, three nutritious vegetarian meals a day, clean water, professional staff in the field, basic Wi-Fi and security.

Not Included: Flights, health insurance, vaccines, visas and free weekends.

VOLUNTEER 2020

- January Cohort
- May Cohort
- September Cohort

For more details on dates and other centers check out our website!

