

# VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN THE ASIKUMA COMMUNITY IN DUAKWA TOWN/GHANA

## THE PROJECT

Join the Humanitarian Aid project with **ICYE Ghana**, an **ESC initiative**, in the heart of Asikuma, a community nestled in the Duakwa town area of the Central Region of Ghana.

Here, amidst a backdrop of rich cultural heritage and a strong sense of community, you'll find opportunities to leave a lasting impact during a **voluntary service that lasts six months**.

Your presence in Asikuma will not only contribute to immediate relief and recovery efforts but also foster long-term resilience and inclusive development. Through your dedication, you'll empower local communities, enhance healthcare and education, and promote cultural exchange. Your impact extends beyond Asikuma, influencing the wider region by improving quality of life, fostering community engagement, and nurturing sustainable development.



**JOIN US**

## YOU WANT TO...

...**make a meaningful impact, immerse yourself in an new culture, and support community-driven initiatives?**

...**experience intercultural exchange, gain lasting experiences and get insights into Humanitarian Aid?**

...**join a dynamic team dedicated to creating positive change?**



## THE VISION

Your journey as a volunteer in Asikuma may encompass a diverse range of activities: As a volunteer, you'll support a variety of community-focused activities, ranging from education with teaching and tutoring, youth work to sustainability, supporting community development, research, basic support services or assisting with healthcare. Your tasks will be tailored to both the needs of the community and your own skills and strengths, ensuring that your contribution is meaningful and beneficial for local development.

The Asikuma community addresses a wide range of topics:

- share your knowledge and skills as you assist local teachers
- Contribute to infrastructure projects, sustainable agriculture, and environmental conservation efforts, laying the groundwork for long-term growth
- Bridge communication barriers by teaching English or facilitating translations, ensuring essential information reaches the community
- Engage in after-school activities, summer camps, and mentorship programs, fostering positive role models and promoting healthy development
- Apply your research expertise to gain insights into community challenges, guiding future development initiatives.
- Utilize your medical or healthcare expertise to provide much-needed care and health education to the local community, alongside local professionals.

# ICYE GHANA

The **host organisation IYCE Ghana** is an international youth organisation specialising in cultural exchange and volunteer programmes. It provides opportunities for young people to engage in various social projects, including education, community development and health support. Its programmes aim to promote cross-cultural understanding and empower local communities.

ICYE Ghana's focus on cultural exchange and volunteer programmes provides a strong foundation for humanitarian aid activities since it selects projects that address specific needs in education and skill development, health and medical support, community development, advocacy and awareness, and emotional support and counselling. By combining these areas, ICYE Ghana strives to create comprehensive projects that truly empower and uplift communities.



# ICJA

The **coordinating organization CJA Freiwilligenaustausch weltweit** is dedicated to fostering intercultural understanding and global solidarity through various meaningful international volunteer programs. For more than 70 years, ICJA has offered young people opportunities to explore new cultures, engage in community-based work, and grow through hands-on learning experiences, reflection and a commitment to social justice.

As the coordinating organisation for the Humanitarian Aid Volunteering Service in Vietnam, ICJA accompanies volunteers throughout every stage of their journey: ICJA provides pre-departure preparation, continuous guidance during the placement, and close collaboration with Vietnamese partner organisations who implement impactful humanitarian and social projects.



# REQUIREMENTS

- You are between 18 and 35 years old
- You live in an EU Member State or an associated non-EU country
- You are available for the full six-month period
- You have completed the face-to-face training before starting the voluntary service
- Commitment to youth development, education, healthcare, and inclusivity
- Strong belief in equal access to education and the value of skills development
- Supportive attitude toward breaking gender stereotypes and creating safe environments
- Motivation to support Ghanaian youth, especially girls and marginalized communities



work in the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Centre in Duakwa



making orthopedic footwear



support at the hospital



assisting social workers



# EXEMPLARY TASKS

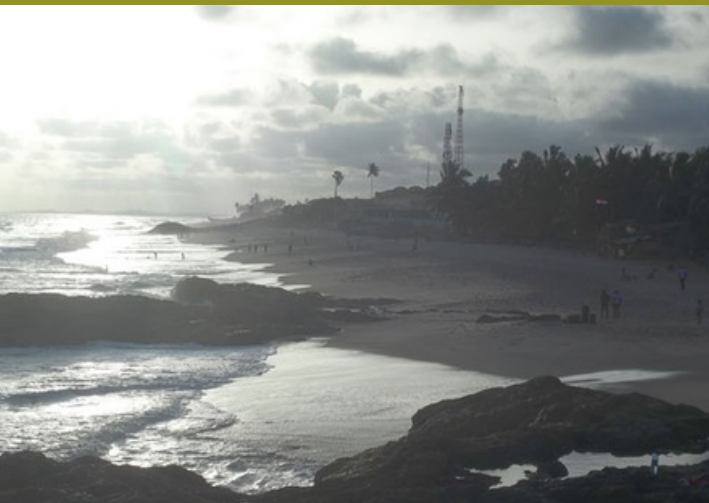
- working with children with special needs, for example at the orphanage school and in physiotherapy sessions
- joining social workers at home visits
- observing mental health counseling
- helping to create prostheses, orthopedic footwear etc.
- working in the rehabilitation center and in the hospital e.g. conducting therapy sessions
- teaching children in school

teaching and supporting at school



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Travel to and from the project, accommodation, meals for the duration of the project
- monthly pocket money
- Additional insurance
- Preparation and support before, during, and after the volunteer service
- Support services, for example for language courses
- In the case of special needs (e.g. disability), associated costs may also be covered



# IMPRESSIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS

“When I finally arrived at the project location I was welcomed by the most wonderful host family. At first, it was incredibly scary to live in a completely unfamiliar country, surrounded by people I had never met before. But now, I cannot imagine a better way to experience Ghana’s everyday life, culture, and traditions so authentically.”

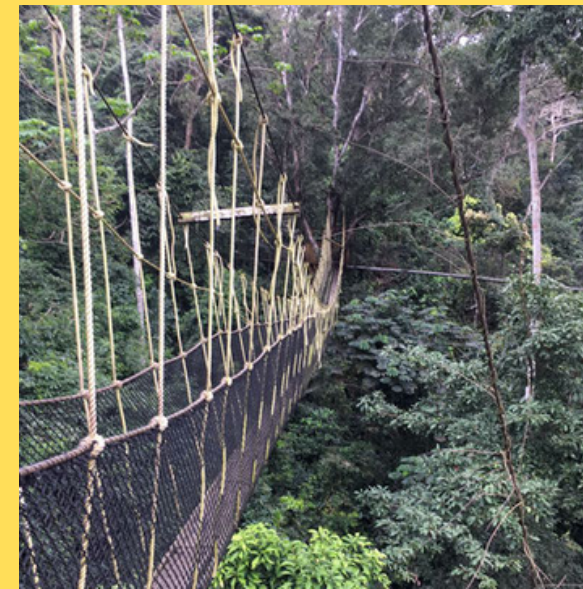


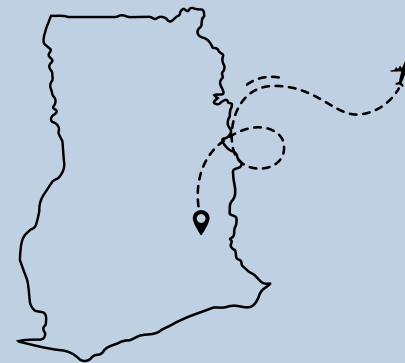
“I often find myself surprised by how much this experience has already opened me up as a person and changed the way I think. Starting life almost from scratch in a foreign country, among unfamiliar people, has taught me an incredible amount about myself and the world.”

“One of the most intense parts of the experience was adapting to daily life in the village. From taking bucket showers to living without gas for months, every day taught us a lesson. Life in Ghana runs in a different way: things are slower, and schedules are different and flexible.”

“In my free time, I spend it with my host family. They have supported me in every possible way, and without them, adapting to life here would have been far more difficult. I truly feel that they have become my second family - my Ghanaian family”

“I have traveled with other volunteers, mostly exploring Ghana’s coastal towns. My first larger trip was to the fishing town of Winneba. We also visited Cape Coast and Elmina, where we explored historic castles and Kakum National Park.”

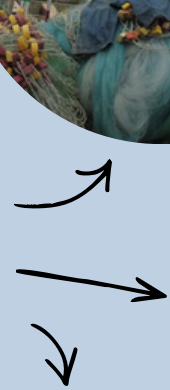




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THE ASIKUMA  
COMMUNITY**



**QUESTIONS?**



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