



Kindergarten Teaching

Mangochi, Malawi

Quick Overview

Embark on a transformative journey as a Kindergarten Teaching Assistant.

Join teacher meetings, plan themed activities, and contribute to health and hygiene initiatives. This program promises not just a role but a chance to make a lasting impact in the lives of nursery children and the community. Are you ready to ignite curiosity and creativity in the heart of Malawi?

Program Description

Immerse yourself in an extraordinary journey as a Kindergarten Teaching Assistant in the enchanting landscapes of Mangochi, Malawi. Our program offers a unique blend of cultural immersion, educational innovation, and community engagement, providing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to delve into the heart of Malawian life. From sunrise breakfasts enriched with cultural insights to collaborative teacher meetings, each day is an adventure in learning and teaching. Embrace the vibrant local culture as you craft toys from recycled materials, plan themed activities, and share knowledge on health and hygiene practices, fostering a dynamic and impactful experience within the nursery and the wider community. Come, be a catalyst for change, and shape the future of young minds in this beautiful corner of Africa.

This program isn't just about being a teaching assistant; it's an invitation to immerse yourself in a rich tapestry of experiences, from exploring Malawian traditions to co-creating innovative learning activities. It's a chance to weave your expertise into the fabric of everyday life, contributing to the growth and development of both children and the community. Join us on this remarkable journey and leave an indelible mark of positivity and empowerment in the lives of these young learners and the nurturing community of Mangochi.

Your Role - General Information

As a participant in our Kindergarten Teaching Assistant Program, you play a crucial role in nurturing and educating young minds while immersing yourself in a culturally rich environment. Below are key points outlining your responsibilities and contributions during this impactful journey:

Teaching Assistantship and Collaborative Planning:

- Regularly attend teacher meetings to strategize and plan daily teaching activities, ensuring alignment with the curriculum and nursery objectives.
- Actively assist in implementing the Kindergarten teaching assistant program, supporting teachers in class, and fostering an engaging learning environment for the children.

Innovative Activities and Creative Engagement:

- Contribute to the conceptualization and execution of themed days and special activities by brainstorming ideas, gathering necessary materials, and facilitating engaging sessions aligned with the chosen themes.
- Collaborate with local teachers and community members to create educational toys from recycled materials, ensuring they meet safety standards and align with the nursery's educational goals.

Community Involvement and Health Initiatives:

- Engage in knowledge-sharing meetings with nursery teachers, exchanging cultural insights, and experiences, and introducing innovative teaching practices from diverse backgrounds.
- Research health and hygiene topics relevant to the nursery environment and organize educational sessions or activities to impart knowledge among children and staff.

Maintenance and Compliance Responsibilities:

- Inspect and evaluate the nursery block and its surroundings for maintenance needs, actively participating in tasks such as painting, gardening, cleaning, or setting up facilities to enhance the learning environment.
- Assist participants in understanding and complying with organizational policies and guidelines, aiding in handling and explaining necessary documents throughout their stay.

Cultural Integration and Orientation:

- Participate in an extensive orientation meeting introducing the program's objectives, house rules, safety guidelines, and essential documents like the Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.
- Engage in comprehensive sessions delving into Malawian history, cultural norms, language basics, and local do's and don'ts to facilitate seamless integration into the community.

Aims & Objectives

The Kindergarten & Childcare Program aims to provide a nurturing and safe environment for young children under the supervision of trained childcare providers.

Add-on: +Learning

There is no +Learning add-on available for this program.

Schedule

Monday

- Breakfast at the accommodation – 0700hrs to 0800hrs

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice and explaining & handling of documents (Code of Conduct, Child Protection Policy, Media Consent, Etc...)
- Malawian brief history, Lessons in Malawian Culture, Do's and Don'ts and Basic Malawian Language Lessons.
- Lunch at the accommodation – 1200hrs to 1300hrs
- To ensure participants are well-acquainted with the surroundings, the coordinator will guide the participants to key spots like supermarkets, ATMs, and currency exchange centers and assist in obtaining a local SIM card with data (Airtel Network) for seamless communication during their stay.
- Malawian "Nsima" Cooking lesson.
- Dinner at the accommodation – 1900hrs to 2000hrs

Tuesday

- 0630hrs Breakfast at the accommodation
- 0700hrs – Join a teacher meeting to plan for the day followed by the Kindergarten teaching assistant program
- 1200hrs – Lunch break (at accommodation)
- 1300hrs – 1600hrs participants select a theme for an upcoming special day.
 - Discuss the chosen theme with teachers for approval and brainstorm ideas.
 - Develop a comprehensive activity program that aligns with the chosen theme.
 - Collect or create materials and decorations required for the theme day activities.
 - Example: Planning a sports-themed day involving reading about different sports, singing and dancing to an alphabet song, collecting and sorting bottle caps for color learning, engaging in various sports activities, and ending the day with a self-made medal ceremony.
- 1900hrs – Dinner at the accommodation

Wednesday

- 0630hrs Breakfast at the accommodation
- 0700hrs – Join a teacher meeting to plan for the day followed by the Kindergarten teaching assistant program
- 1200hrs – Lunch break (at accommodation)
- 1300hrs – 1600hrs Collaborate with teachers or locals to craft toys from recycled materials or locally available resources.
 - Ensure the created toys are suitable and safe for nursery use.

- Discuss potential uses of these toys within the nursery.
- 1900hrs – Dinner at the accommodation

Thursday

- 0630hrs Breakfast at the accommodation
- 0700hrs – Join a teacher meeting to plan for the day followed by the Kindergarten teaching assistant program
- 1200hrs – Lunch break (at accommodation)
- 1300hrs – 1600hrs
 - Option 1: Preparing a Creative, Sportive, or Musical Activity for the next day Morning:
 - Plan and organize an engaging activity related to creativity, sports, or music for the nursery children in the morning session.
 - Option 2: Meeting with Teachers to Share Knowledge and Experiences:
 - Engage in a meeting with nursery teachers to exchange ideas, share experiences, and introduce any new knowledge or practices brought from different cultural backgrounds..
- 1900hrs – Dinner at the accommodation

Friday

- 0630hrs Breakfast at the accommodation
- 0700hrs – Join a teacher meeting to plan for the day followed by the Kindergarten teaching assistant program
- 1200hrs – Lunch break (at accommodation)
- 1300hrs – 1600hrs
 - Option 1: Research Health and Personal Hygiene and organize Meeting/Activity:
 - Research health and personal hygiene topics relevant to the nursery environment.
 - Organize a meeting or activity focusing on educating children or staff about health and hygiene practices.
 - Option 2: Check-Up and Construction/Service of Nursery Block/Environment:
 - Inspect and assess the nursery block and surrounding environment for maintenance or servicing needs.
 - Perform necessary tasks such as painting walls, working in the garden, cleaning, or setting up various amenities.
- 1900hrs – Dinner at the accommodation

***** This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances *****

Starting Dates

During 2024

This program starts every week.

During 2025

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Standard Requirements

Minimum age: 18

Maximum age: 65

Minimum English level: Basic

CRB required: On Signup

Passport copy required: No

Resume copy required: No

Required qualification: -

Additional Requirements

- Participants above 60 must secure medical clearance. For those under 18, a signed parental consent form is mandatory.
- It's mandatory to have a yellow fever vaccination and obtain a valid certificate. It is required upon entry into Malawi. Lack of this certificate could result in entry refusal.
- Other recommended vaccines include diphtheria, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal meningitis, rabies, and typhoid. For individuals at the highest risk, selective vaccines like Cholera might be advised for consideration.

Additional Equipment

Teaching materials such as (optional):

- Games, books, colored pencils, chalk, rulers, etc.
- Pictures from your country, family and friends.
- Other small cultural objects from your country of origin.

Others:

- Modest or business casual attire is required while on the school grounds and when interacting in the village. It must be covering the knees and shoulders, (nothing

revealing, tight fitting, sheer, low cut, or with any offensive/inappropriate displayed on it).

- Insect repellent.
- Reusable water bottle & hydration packs.
- Personal medication / Personal first aid kit.
- Sunscreen, sunhat, and sunglasses for sun protection
- Comfortable working shoes
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes for personal hygiene
- Modest and comfortable clothing suitable for cultural interactions
- Personal toiletries for your convenience
- Daypack or backpack