



Teaching Assistant

Malawi, Mangochi

Quick Overview

Play a pivotal role in driving transformation by becoming a Teaching Assistant in Mangochi, Malawi!

Your responsibilities will include partnering with educators to bolster students' abilities in reading, math, language, science, and other subjects. Beyond academics, participate in lively extracurricular initiatives to nurture creativity and overall growth.

Program Description

Join us on a life-changing experience through our Teaching Assistant initiative in Mangochi, Malawi. Tailored to uplift underprivileged communities, this program is dedicated to supporting local educators in schools serving children from disadvantaged backgrounds. As a Teaching Assistant, you'll collaborate closely with teachers, offering crucial support in subjects like Math, English, History, Science, and more, aiming to bolster students' literacy, numeracy, and communication skills.

Your role goes beyond conventional teaching methods, fostering an environment that encourages creativity and comprehensive development. In addition to aiding in classrooms, you'll participate in extracurricular activities such as art, music, sports, and drama, enhancing the educational journey for these enthusiastic learners. Embrace this opportunity to leave a lasting impact by providing guidance, motivation, and fresh perspectives to students eager for knowledge and progress.

This program isn't solely about teaching; it's an invitation for cultural immersion and personal advancement. Your journey commences with an orientation, delving into Malawian culture, history, and essential insights. Once settled, your weekdays will involve assisting in classrooms, preparing lessons, and actively engaging in school activities, offering you a fulfilling experience while positively shaping the lives of these resilient young individuals.

Your Role - Other Information

As a Teaching Assistant in Mangochi, Malawi, you'll play a pivotal role in supporting local educators and uplifting underprivileged communities. Beyond traditional teaching responsibilities, your role encompasses a diverse array of impactful duties and experiences:

- **Collaborative Support:** Work closely with local teachers to assist in classroom activities and lesson planning. Your collaborative efforts will reinforce subjects like Math, English, History, Science, and more, aiming to enhance students' literacy, numeracy, and communication skills.

- **Holistic Development:** Embrace a comprehensive approach to education by engaging in extracurricular activities such as art, music, sports, and drama. These initiatives are vital in nurturing creativity, teamwork, and overall personal growth among the students.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Immerse yourself in the rich culture of Malawi through an orientation that provides essential insights into its history, traditions, and values. This cultural immersion will not only enhance your experience but also enable you to connect more meaningfully with the local community.
- **Guidance and Motivation:** Provide guidance, motivation, and fresh perspectives to enthusiastic learners. Your presence and dedication will positively impact the lives of resilient young individuals, empowering them to strive for knowledge and progress.
- **Personal Growth:** Beyond the classroom, this opportunity is a journey of personal growth. Engage in this transformative experience that allows you to broaden your horizons, embrace new perspectives, and contribute meaningfully to the development of future generations.
- **Weekday Engagements:** if you wish, your weekdays will be filled with actively assisting in classrooms, preparing engaging lessons, and participating in school activities. This hands-on approach ensures a fulfilling experience while positively shaping the lives of the students

Add-on: +Learning

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

Aims & Objectives

- **Educational Empowerment:** The primary aim is to support local educators in underprivileged communities. This involves assisting in various subjects to enhance literacy, numeracy, and communication skills among students.
- **Holistic Development:** Objectives extend beyond academics, focusing on extracurricular activities such as art, music, sports, and drama. These activities nurture creativity, teamwork, and overall personal growth among the students.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Another objective is to immerse participants in Malawian culture through orientation, fostering a deeper understanding of history, traditions, and values. This cultural immersion aims to create meaningful connections within the local community.
- **Guidance and Motivation:** Participants are encouraged to provide guidance, motivation, and fresh perspectives to eager learners. This helps positively influence the lives of young individuals, empowering them to seek knowledge and progress.
- **Personal Growth:** Beyond the classroom, the program emphasizes personal growth for participants, broadening their horizons, introducing new perspectives, and enabling them to contribute meaningfully to the development of future generations.

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 to Friday

This schedule will be followed throughout your continued stay from Mondays to Fridays after your first week.

- 0630hrs Breakfast at the accommodation
- 0700hrs – 1200hrs Join a teacher meeting to plan for the day and teaching Assistant program
- 1200hrs – 1245hrs Lunch break (at accommodation)
- 1245hrs – 1630hrs Cont. on the Teaching Assistant program and prepare lessons or activities for the following day
- 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: 16

Maximum age: -

Minimum English level: Intermediate

CRB required: On Signup

Passport copy required: No

Resume copy required: No

Required qualification: None

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, color pencils, chalk, rulers, etc
 - Pictures from your country, family and friends
 - Other small cultural objects from your country of origin
- 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 walking shoes
- Hand sanitizer and wet wipes for personal hygiene
- Modest and comfortable clothing suitable for cultural interactions
- Personal toiletries for your convenience