

# Reach-Out Africa



## Volunteer-Service Programs And Field Research

### General Terms and Conditions

#### A. Our Mission

The mission of Women's Global Connection is to promote the learning and leadership capacity of women locally and globally, particularly in less advantaged regions and countries.

#### Our Vision

Women's Global Connection will build a social network where women can strengthen their capacity to create a more just global community.

Women's Global Connection (WGC) is an interactive virtual space for women to share their wisdom, experiences and personal values. We strive to create peaceful and sustainable communities, while providing opportunities for education and research.

Our immersion trips are planned in collaboration with the University of the Incarnate Word Mission Office, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word Mission Committee, volunteer Faculty and Students from UIW, along with other persons in the community. The group communicates with grassroots women's cooperatives to plan workshops in their areas of interest or need. These 14-16 day mission trips include one week workshops for grassroots women, teachers, health workers, caregivers, and students.

#### B. Selection

Persons who would like to volunteer are invited to apply and should submit the [application form](https://www.womensglobalconnection.org/application-form) to [ROAfrica@womensglobalconnection.org](mailto:ROAfrica@womensglobalconnection.org).

Selection is based on the following criteria:

- a) Availability;
- b) Commitment to the Reach Out Africa (ROA) mission;
- c) Willingness to work as a team and with team members in preparation plans;

- d) Ability to finance their mission trips, and
- e) Capacity to handle difficult travel and unpredictable circumstances.

Each application is considered and confirmed individually with a letter of commitment.

### **C. Cross-Cultural Training and Preparation**

Volunteers are expected to engage in group preparation (face-to-face and/or Internet) for 6 months prior to the trip. They should demonstrate ability to work as a team. During this time the group plans and prepares the workshop and their materials. Another essential aspect of this preparation is an emphasis in developing cross-cultural sensitivity.

### **D. Transportation and Travel Arrangements**

Once accepted, participation must be confirmed through payment-in-full of airplane tickets at a set date. Volunteers are expected to finance their travel expenses, including international and domestic airplane tickets or bus tickets to and from the immersion site. Volunteers are also responsible for Visa costs, necessary vaccinations, medical/travel insurance, and room and board.

A WGC staff member investigates and assures missionary rates for the volunteers. The total cost for this trip is generally around US\$ 4500. There is a US\$ 300 non-refundable fee in case of flight cancellation.

Please provide your passport name for ticketing purposes.

### **E. Passport and Visa**

All volunteers must secure a valid passport and necessary visa documentation for the designated country.

If you are a U.S. citizen and do not have a valid passport, you can apply at your local post office or at a U.S. Government Passport Office. Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for obtaining the necessary and required documentation for their home country and the country or countries they are visiting.

For more information visit: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first\\_832.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_832.html)

To download visa forms and regulations go to:

<http://www.zambiaembassy.org/visa.html> (Zambia)

<http://www.tanzaniaembassy-us.org/tzevisa.html> (Tanzania)

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2419 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20008  
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## **F. Safety**

Pre-visits to each site have been conducted by WGC staff. WGC makes every effort to procure safe and adequate accommodations in the mission locations.

*Tanzania & Zambia* – Information on safety and security can be found in the US Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs web site at:

<http://travel.state.gov/travel/zambia.html> (Zambia)

<http://travel.state.gov/travel/tanzania.html> (Tanzania)

## **G. Responsibility and Liability Waiver**

This [waiver](#) will be provided by WGC staff and should be signed prior to departure.

## **H. Medical and Health Issues**

Volunteers are responsible for receiving the required immunizations for their particular site. Documentation of this must be included with Passport and Visa.

Ask your doctor or check the CDC web sites for more information about how to protect yourself against diseases that occur in Central and East Africa.

For more information visit the websites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationZambia.aspx> (Central Africa ~ Zambia)

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationTanzania.aspx> (East Africa ~ Tanzania)

## **I. Medical Insurance**

Please consult with your medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and whether it will cover emergency expenses such as medical evacuation.

Each person is requested to purchase and show evidence of an International Health Insurance Plan for this trip. If you are Faculty or student at the University of the Incarnate Word, you may apply for this coverage from the University. Please contact Tere Dresner-Salinas at phone: (210) 832-3208 or at [tere.wgc@gmail.com](mailto:tere.wgc@gmail.com).

## **J. Letter of Support**

A [letter of support](#) can be provided to assist the volunteers with fundraising for their trip.

## **K. Follow-up**

Upon returning from the mission trip, volunteers are invited and encouraged to remain involved in the program. Opportunities are offered for reflection and sharing with others. The significance of a cross-culture encounter is the impact it has on one's daily life.

This can also serve as an inspiration to other potential volunteer.

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