

Administrator / Fundraiser or Medical Personnel
to assist the Nomadic Communities Trust (NCT)
and Community Health Africa Trust (CHAT)
Mobile Clinics
Laikipia, Isiolo and Samburu - Kenya



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Fundraising and Administrative or Medical Personnel assistance to Mobile Clinics Trust in Kenyan wilderness areas

Project Location: Your base is in the Laikipia and Samburu Regions on the vast plateau North West of Mt. Kenya, straddling the equator at the heart of Kenya's Rift Valley Province.

Note: This programme is aimed at those who wish to support the NCT & CHAT EITHER in an administrative or/and fundraising capacity. Volunteers with medical skills are also welcome but must be prepared to do administrative work.

How an Administrator/Fundraiser can be of assistance – Your basic job description:

The Mobile Clinic's founder and chief facilitator, Shanni Wreford-Smith, is desperately in need of assistance in her tasks of heading up the formidable force that these clinics are and the impact that they have on the local communities. Shanni is seeking administrators and fundraisers to assist her with the following tasks:

- Documenting information on the clinics
- Preparing proposals to present to potential donors
- Preparing reports for current donors
- Taking video footage to record events at the clinics and to be made into promotional documentaries and for use as fundraising tools
- Possibly edit previously gathered footage
- Preparing write-ups and descriptions of both the Nomadic Communities Trust (NCT), and the Community Health Africa Trust (CHAT) 4x4 vehicle and camel mobile clinics for their respective websites
- From time to time you will need to travel out and camp for 5 – 7 days at a time into the field with the mobile clinics to gather data and prepare reports

Mr Rex Taylor (based in Canada) is assisting Shanni with the management of volunteers while they are out with CHAT & NCT.

How trained Medical Staff can be of assistance:

Experienced and qualified medical staff who are able to travel out into the field will be a great help to the teams on the ground:

- Documenting information on the clinics
- Documenting progress reports on the medical teams and statistics from the field
- Supporting the trained NCT/CHAT medical staff in their various duties and tasks at base and in the field

For doctor volunteers we have recently decided that the most efficient way for them to work with the communities, so that there is an immediate benefit for all, would be that we employ a locum nurse to work with them as interpreting takes a lot of time and this allows them time to get used to the environment they will be working in. Many of the stations are busy and they only get the benefit of the mobile services once a month, so by having this extra nurse for the volunteer means that no one is hindered in their jobs and this leaves the usual NCT & CHAT staff to get on with the jobs undeterred. The locum nurse's salary for the month will cost the volunteer an additional USD\$250 per month.

Please be advised that in order to use your skills in Kenya we may need to get "special permission" for you to work as a doctor in Kenya. This will cost you an additional USD\$170 on top of your project fee.



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Ideally we ask volunteers to spend at least 3 months on the project. A situation that most volunteers would not be aware of is that just as they are leaving the project they take immense experience with them, but this can leave the communities behind having not gained much from their experience.

Special note: The candidates for this placement should bear in mind that a very active social life will not be available to them whilst in Kenya. Much time will be out in the field and in Laikipia researching, gathering data, preparing reports etc. and individuals who are comfortable leading a fairly quiet life for a few months are more suitable to this position. This is not to say your life will be dull, as travelling through Maasai and Samburu villages, and experiencing the amazing wildlife in the Laikipia region will be an amazing experience. African Impact staff have travelled through the region recently, and found it to be one of the most fascinating and enthralling corners of Africa that they have had the privilege of exploring. Shanni and her team are completely dedicated and inspiring in their brave drive towards providing health services and education for the remote communities in which they work.

Project Age Limit: Older/ more mature candidates are preferable for this placement. Computer and administrative skills are also an added bonus.

Project Highlights:

- Travel and camping with the Mobile Clinics either by vehicle or with camels, to visit remote communities
- Offer choices to communities lacking access to health resources through Reproductive Health that includes family planning, HIV/AIDS services, curative health care and immunization
- Gain experience in the medical field by working closely with nurses out in the field
- Experience the phenomenon that is the wildlife-filled plains of Laikipia, Kenya whilst you travel
- Learn some of the fascinating intricacies of the Maasai, Samburu and other rural Kenyan cultures

Further Information on the Kenya NCT & CHAT Projects:

The mobile clinics offer choices to communities lacking access to health resources through family planning and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS awareness, and information about female circumcision, curative health care, and immunization.

The Mpala Mobile Clinic provides Reproductive Health/family planning, HIV/AIDS education, immunizations and basic health care to the people living in central and northern Laikipia Isiolo and Samburu, Kenya.

Founded in 1999, the Mpala Mobile Clinic successfully treats and educates thousands of Kenyans annually. Consisting of nurses, health workers, a driver and a couple of Land Rovers, the Mpala Mobile Clinic visits a different community and school each day of the month, revisiting each site every month of the year to provide continuing and follow-up reproductive health care, immunization and education. The Nomadic Communities Trust is a further service that has recently been introduced in early 2006 and both Trusts can also use camels for transport to reach even more remote communities.

This project has its base in the Laikipia wildlife area. First settlers arrived in the area in 1907 to find a few Maasai manyattas (villages) and a great deal of game. The nearby town of Nanyuki (about 40km away) in Laikipia, was established as a trading centre and continues to have a country atmosphere. There is another base in Samburu – in the frontier town of Maralal (of Wilfred Thesinger fame), which is only 2 kms from the Maralal Safari Lodge – where a very small temporary office is based.



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Laikipia is home to fascinating and ethnically diverse communities, including the Maasai, who live side-by-side with Kikuyu, Europeans, Turkana and Samburu. Despite being a non-protected area, wildlife in Laikipia is abundant and total numbers are higher than any of Kenya’s protected areas, except the Maasai Mara. It has the highest diversity of large mammals in Kenya, including significant populations of all major predators and the infamous ‘Big 5’.

This is the enthralling scene that is the backdrop to the Nomadic Communities Trust & Community Health Africa Trust (integrated mobile clinics including using 4x4 vehicles for transport) that are managed and facilitated by a local Kenyan, Shanni Wreford-Smith.

The Challenge

People living in the areas served are faced with ever compounding issues such as: Famine; lack of clean water; land degradation; uncontrolled population growth; lack of adequate education facilities; unemployment; spreading HIV/AIDS; insufficient medical facilities and insecurity.

Project Costs:

	US\$ - Placements in 2011 / 2012
3 month placement (minimum)	\$5489
Additional fee for Qualified Medical Professionals	\$250 per month for doctor’s nurse + \$170 for permission to be a doctor in Kenya.
Per month thereafter	\$1269

Please note: we have attempted to keep costs for this programme to a minimum. Your payment for participation in this programme will relieve the extra financial strain that the Nomadic Communities Trust (NCT) & CHAT Trust would otherwise incur by having to provide for your specific needs. Within this budget we have provided more than adequately for your food, accommodation and support needs, and have included a project fee, which will be spent directly in developing the programme. Being able to provide the NCT & CHAT with both manpower and limited funding is our privilege, and a vital part in the Trusts being able to develop and grow unhindered.

Project Cost Includes:

- Project Fee: this entails financing that goes directly back into the project that you are involved with. This project fee facilitates funding for items such as clinical supplies, salaries for nursing staff etc.
- Opportunities to explore local Maasai markets and villages en route with the mobile clinics
- Transfers from Nairobi to Nanyuki, and from Nanyuki to your project base in Laikipia
- All daily transfers to and from your projects during your stay
- Full board and lodging which includes supplies for 3 meals a day, which we ask that you prepare yourself (self-catering)
- Weekly laundry and domestic assistance during your stay
- Assistance in your projects by various African Impact staff and volunteer coordinators. Full support from African Impact and your coordinator throughout your time on your Kenyan placement



**Project Cost Excludes:**

- Personal travel insurance for the duration of your placement, which should include cover for repatriation
- All transport by air to Nairobi
- All items of a personal nature, such as curios, gifts, clothing (work and other)
- Email/Internet and telephone calls
- Soft drinks, wines and spirits
- All visas for border crossings
- Any pre or post placement excursions over and above your planned itinerary in Kenya e.g. visit to the Maasai Mara, etc.

Project Orientation:

Before your arrival at the project you will receive further information relating to your programme, as well as hints on cultural aspects to be aware of and final pre-departure information.

Upon your arrival in the Laikipia area you will be briefed more extensively by Rex and/or Shanni and her team, with reference to a basic understanding of local cultures; specifics of your project and it's daily life; etc

It is important to remember that Africa has an unpredictable environment – so plans do not always happen and if they do, it is not always in the way expected! Your flexibility, sense of humour and having an open mind will be vital to your enjoyment and fulfilment in this programme.

Project Support:

Throughout your stay in Kenya you will have the support and guidance of Shanni Wreford-Smith and her experienced team. They are part of our greater African Impact support team, which will provide you with competent 24-hour field support and assistance.

Project Accommodation:

You will be comfortably accommodated in a self-contained cottage overlooking the plains of Laikipia on Shanni's family property, which borders on the Laikipia Conservation area. It is also likely that you will spend time out in the field with the Mobile clinic, in which case you will be camping.

Project Meals:

Volunteers will cater for their own meals. There will be transport to Nanyuki approximately once a week (every ten days) to attend to grocery shopping etc. Your fee includes a generous food allowance, however if you wish to exceed this amount with your own luxuries we ask that you do so at your own expense. If you are out in the field you will take your meals with the mobile clinic team.

Project Getting There:

The most direct route is to fly in to Nairobi, where you will be met by one of our representatives, and then transfer by taxi to Shanni's house, 34 kms beyond Nanyuki where you will be met by Shanni or one of her team members.



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Meet your Destination Manager for this project! Kylie will guide you through the whole pre-arrival procedure for this placement and you will receive comprehensive information throughout to ensure you are fully prepared for your project placement with us.



Kylie was born and raised in Zimbabwe. In 2001 she went to work, travel and study in the United Kingdom until she decided to come back and live in Africa at the beginning of 2008. Kylie is really excited to be back in Africa and to be involved with all the wonderful African Impact community projects based in and around East Africa.

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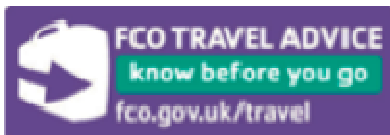


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