

Volunteering in the LISO Watoto Home

Are you interested to get to know our lovely country and the Tanzanian life with all the Tanzanian culture very close?

Have socially disadvantaged children your heart and have you always dreamed of doing some kind of social work?

Are you looking for new experiences and do you like to meet all sorts of people?

Then you are on the right track with applying for a voluntary work at the LISO Watoto Home in Dareda/ Tanzania!

As a volunteer at the LISO Watoto Home you will not only work with us in our orphanage, you will also be an important connector to our german financier „LISO Tanzania e.V.“. Of course your period of stay can be arranged individually, but your residence should be for at least 3 months.

If you are interested and need further information please contact us **by email:**

liso.tanzania@gmail.com.

(Please let us know what period you would like to volunteer at LISO and please send us your CV with a picture.)



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Frequently asked questions:

1. Where will I stay?

As a volunteer of the non-profit organisation LISO Tanzania in Dareda you can stay in the LISO Watoto Home, that is funded through the German LISO Tanzania e.V. .

Of course in the LISO Watoto Home you will get a free accommodation. It is possible to stay in a guesthouse in Dareda as well, but these costs have to be borne by yourself.

2. What kind of visa will I need?

For a voluntary stay at the LISO Watoto Home there is a work permit needed. The costs of a work permit of a 3 month stay are about USD 200 – these costs have to be borne by the volunteer. What kind of documents are needed and how to get these work permit will be discussed by conclusion of the working contract with the non-profit organisation LISO Tanzania in Dareda.

3. How will I reach the LISO Watoto Home in Dareda?

After your arrival at the KIA Airport near Arusha you will be picked up by the manager of the LISO Watoto Home. Both of you will travel to Arusha by taxi (1,5h drive) and then take a bus from Arusha to Dareda (another 4h drive).

If your arrival is really late at the airport you will stay a night in the Arusha Backpackers before driving to Dareda. It will be organized by the manager of the LISO Watoto Home.

4. How can I pay in Tanzania?

Usually you have to pay cash all kind of staff. Our advice is to take USD or EUROS with you for a start to change these into Tanzanian Shilling in Arusha. There are exchange offices all over. Of course it is possible to withdraw money with a credit or debit card at an ATM as well, but it should be noted that the next ATM near Dareda is in Babati (1h bus drive from Dareda).

Please be aware it is not allowed to bring Tanzanian Shilling into the country from Germany.

5. Do I need an international health insurance for my stay abroad?

Yes. A good international health insurance with a possible return transport in case of emergency as well as an international accident insurance is required to work as a volunteer for the LISO Watoto Home. They have to be demonstrated until departure and the costs for these insurances have to be borne by the volunteer.

6. What kind of immunizations will I need?

For a stay in Tanzania there are different immunizations needed as well as a malaria prophylaxis. A consultation of a doctor of tropical medicine in your country is recommended.

Please ask your health insurance about an assumption of these costs. The most will at least pay a part of these costs.

7. Is there any medical care in Dareda?

In Dareda there is a well-appointed hospital. In some emergency cases it is possible to get a transfer of the flying doctors to a hospital in Arusha as well.

8. How safe is Tanzania?

Tanzania is one of the safest countries of Africa. Nevertheless you have to be careful, especially in the cities of Tanzania where thievery is very common. Beside of this be aware that travelling shouldn't be throughout the night.

9. What language is spoken in Tanzania?

In Tanzania there are more than a hundred spoken languages. The common language in Tanzania is suaheli and english. But right in the bushes of Tanzania, like in Dareda, there are just a few people that are able to speak english as well. But what has to be proved to be true in the past, living with children talking suaheli all day long, you will learn the language very quick.

10. What costs do I have to pay?

The organisation will pay everything for your transfer from the KIA airport near Arusha to the LISO Watoto Home in Dareda. Board and lodging is for free during your stay in the LISO Watoto Home. Only special required food and drinks have to be paid by the volunteer.

The costs for your flight, your work permit and the necessary international health and accident insurance have to be paid by yourself.

11. How can I keep in touch with my family?

The LISO Watoto Home is equipped with a laptop with an internet connection. Of course you can use the laptop anytime you want to keep in touch with your family and friends.

Beside of this we advise you to buy a tanzanian sim card for your mobile phone. This is really cheap and the best way to stay in contact with your friends and your family (for example by WhatsApp).

12. What do I have to take with me from Germany?

- torch and batteries
- sunscreen
- enough sanitray products
- a good first aid kit
- simple and quick-drying clothes
- money belt or something like this for important documents and money
- good shoes (maybe hiking shoes)
- at least 1 good sweater for cold morning and evening times
- pocketknife
- music/books
- mobile phone
- language guide
- passport
- pass of immunizations
- copies of all important documents