

# Long Term Volunteering

*Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.*  
(Chinese proverb)



## Chengeston Home Care

*in Zimbabwe, hosted by ZWA Zimbabwe*

<b>Theme:</b>	North-South solidarity
<b>Location</b>	Gokwe
<b>Duration:</b>	Minimum 1 month up to 12 months.
<b>Application:</b>	The volunteer will get a decision within 2 weeks upon receipt of application form.
<b>Vacancies</b>	2
<b>Languages:</b>	
↪ <b>Project:</b>	English
↪ <b>Local:</b>	English, Other

*If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>*

### **Project Description:**

Chengeston Home Care is a safe house for abused and vulnerable children in Gokwe. Since its inception the orphanage has housed and saved many children who are dumped by their parents due to unwanted pregnancies. It currently shelters children of all ages. A reasonable number of the children are HIV/AIDS orphans who lost their parents from HIV/AIDS, some were deserted by their parents dumped in bushes, toilets among other places. The centre also acts as a drop-in centre where abused children are kept in good health and safety while investigations are pending by responsible authorities.

**Notice:** *This is an Africa WG project. Please contact the SCI branch or partner organisation in your country for further information.*

**Work:** Daily volunteer activities include playing with the children using those kinds of games that we take lightly when we are back home and think they are old fashioned, assist with school homework and generally ensuring that children are engaged at all times. Children usually wish to understand the volunteer, where they are from, what music they like, sporting activities, and including what sorts of social experiences they prefer engaging in. It is those kinds of things we take

for granted that they want to hear. There is an opportunity for endless intellectual capacity to what volunteers could do. Whatever it is that you can think of, just know that your initiatives have an astounding positive effect on the children something that they will not forget.

**Requirements:** Being a part of the orphanage triggers an extensive interest in volunteers and is an opportunity to discover ones hidden or unknown skills, patience, love, talents and even interests something which usually the volunteer themselves never recognized. It is a chance to discover the inner person. Our volunteers are given an opportunity to be as innovative as much as they could as they will simply have this time. There is therefore no particular skill required to participate in this program.

**Food:** Basic meals will be provided from what is locally available in the local community. Volunteers are therefore advised to be flexible and open minded. This will make it easy for them to negotiate their entry in to the community.

**Accommodation:** Accommodation is provided at the centre or either a host family. At a host family, volunteers have the opportunity to immerse themselves into the real Zimbabwean culture and day to day life as they live, eat and participate in host family activities.

**Pocket money:** None

**Insurance:** Not provided. Volunteer has to have his/her own insurance.

**Fees:** 250 EUR per month. Orientation, evaluation, monitoring, project set up, administrative expenses, supporting small community projects during the project, certificate of participation, accommodation, feeding and communication prior to, during and after the project.

**Visa:** Volunteers will arrange for the visa themselves.

**Others:** The participation fee does not include internal travels to and from the project station, refreshment outside the project air ticket, excursions, visa and insurance, ocal travel and personal effects. Volunteers are advised to reserve EUR50 for airport transfers, transport to and from the project venue.