



# SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMME

IN

# Uganda

APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
12:00NN, 16 JAN 2024

INTERVIEW:  
16-23 FEB 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT:  
26 FEB 2024

FROM 24 MAY TO 7 JUN 2024



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# Serve to Learn Learn to Serve

## THE TRIP INCLUDES:



### **Visiting Watoto Village and Talking to its Graduates**

It's the most direct way to learn how orphans learn, live and live out their dreams with a loving family environment in the Watoto village!



### **Service: Taking care of babies and Painting the walls of villagers' homes or building a toy library(Tentative)**

You can help take care for abandoned babies at the Baby Watoto and learn about the problem in Uganda and how Watoto can help. Besides, you will help to paint villagers' home and build a toy library.



### **Visiting the Community Development and Training Center**

Women are often the most disadvantaged group in Africa. You will visit them in the slums and understand the difficulties they encounter and the difference Watoto has made for them.



### **Seeing African Wildlife**

You will join a trip to explore various African wildlife on an endless grassland such as giraffes, elephants, hippos and so on.



# Tentative Itinerary

**24 May 2024**      **Friday**

Gather at Hong Kong Airport at 9 PM and board a flight to Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

**25 May 2024**      **Saturday**

Arrive at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, buy a SIM card and exchange local currency, then go to the hotel in Kampala.

Meal included: Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**26 May 2024**      **Sunday**

Visit Watoto Suubi Village, try traditional Ugandan cuisine, play with children and visit a goat farm.

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**27 May 2024**      **Monday**

Take care of babies in Baby Watoto and visit the Worship Academies for cultural exchanges.

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**28 May 2024**      **Tuesday**

Visit the Community Development and Training Centre to make African handicrafts and care for women in slums.

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**29 May 2024**      **Wednesday**

Join volunteer teaching activities and outreach programme as well as attend cultural performances.

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**30 May 2024**      **Thursday**

Build Toy Library in Bbira Village

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**31 May 2024**      **Friday**

Build Toy Library in Bbira Village

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**1 June 2023**      **Saturday**

Build Toy Library in Bbira Village

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**2 June 2024**      **Sunday**

Go to Gulu, a town experienced internal conflict and witness community rebuilding efforts.

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**3 June 2024**      **Monday**

Travel to Murchison Falls National Park and board a tour bus and enjoy wildlife viewing on the vast plains of Africa.

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**4 June 2024**      **Tuesday**

Enjoy wildlife sightings and the natural beauty of the White Nile River.

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**5 June 2024**      **Wednesday**

Return to Kampala and visit an African handicraft market.

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

**6 June 2024**      **Thursday**

Go to Airport and depart from Uganda

Meal included: Breakfast

Meal at your own expense: Lunch and Dinner

**7 June 2024**      **Friday**

Arrive in Hong Kong

# Testimonial



LEE Sum Laam  
English Studies and English  
Language Education

The service allows me to understand the value of our volunteering and the possible impact we can bring, which motivates me to continue reaching out to other countries in the future.



HUI Chun Chi  
Geography and Resource  
Management

The service learning programme had a significant impact on my personal development, teaching me valuable lessons about people and cultures there, and the importance of always being thankful for what I have.



SO Tsz Wai  
Biology

The power of one individual may seem hopeless in changing the situation, but with perseverance and faith, I believe I can help at least a person, if not people.



CHENG Leyi  
Pharmacy

I highly treasured this experience, not only to expand my knowledge and understanding towards a new country and culture, but also to immerse in an environment to interact with the locals and feel their hearts.



LEE Tsz Wing  
Natural Sciences

The trip to Uganda was a transformative experience for me. I learned the importance of empathy and compassion, and how small actions can make a big difference in someone's life.



# MORE INFORMATION

## FEE

### Programme Fee

**HK\$36,500 per person\***

The fee includes: round-trip air tickets, fuel surcharges and airport taxes, local accommodation, local transportation, meals mentioned in the itinerary, daily bottled water, relevant administration fees

The fee does not include: meals at your own expense, entry visa fees, vaccinations and related medicines for health protection.



## POINTS TO NOTE



Basic English communication skills are sufficient.



Participants are required to apply for a Ugandan visa online. The visa fee (approximately USD50) is borne by the participant. Documentary proof and itinerary can be provided by the cooperating partner to the participants for visa application. Due to the epidemic, the Ugandan government may change the entry visa policy at any time. Participants must hold valid travel documents and visas, which must be valid for six months or more from the date of departure.



Activity planning is involved so participants are required to attend **a pre-trip briefing and have regular meetings** before departure.



Participants are required to be vaccinated against yellow fever and other vaccinations, and take preventive medicines against malaria. Participants must make an appointment with the Travel Health Center of the Department of Health for relevant vaccinations and purchase of medicines.

**ONLY** the Travel Health Center of the Department of Health provides service of yellow fever vaccination. The daily consultation quota of the center is limited, please call the Travel Health Center to make an appointment for vaccinations after accepting offers.

If the participant cannot join this trip due to failure to get vaccinated, he/she will be required to pay full programme fee to the College

## OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS

- Students should be cooperative and take initiative in liaising with the Dean of Students' Office, United College.
- Students are obliged to participate in official functions organised by the Dean of Students' Office and receiving NGO and organisation, eg pre-trip briefing session, preparation meetings, review session, post-trip follow-up activities etc.
- Selected students are required to submit a learning journal & photos **OR** video clip upon the completion of programme for publication/future promotion of the programme.
- Updated information will be disseminated via email and applicants should check their **CUHK email address** frequently.



## APPLICATION




Fill in the online application form and submit an essay within 500 words in English on "What do you expect to gain in the Service Learning Programme" **by 12:00nn, 16 Jan 2024**

## FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

- Participants will be insured under the University's Group Travel Insurance package. He / She may consider taking out additional insurance as deemed appropriate.
- All selected students will shoulder their own direct expenses eg. visa application, vaccination, etc.
- The basic programme fee is **HK\$36,500\***. Upon Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the programme, students will be eligible for consideration of the "GOAL Programme Non-local Service Learning Scholarship" supported by the College Endowment Fund. The maximum amount per student is **HK\$17,000**.

## REMARKS

 A student will not be granted more than one award per year under the United GOAL Programme series, between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024, except those located in Mainland China and Taiwan.

## ENQUIRIES



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**\*Exact programme fees and schedule will be confirmed later.**