

Why Volunteer with IGACU

What You Gain

- Learning Opportunities ; hands-on exposure to grassroots community development in Uganda.
- Leadership Development: Real responsibility, often with visible impact within weeks.
- Cultural Exchange: immersion in Ugandan community life, values and craft traditions (for in-person volunteers).
- Professional Networking : connections with a growing community of partners, donors and fellow volunteers.
- Meaningful Engagement: the chance to be part of a story of transformation, not just a spectator to it.

Our Impact

IGACU is a young, growing movement rooted in Kamuli District. Our work is community-driven and word-of-mouth has already generated strong demand for our training and products, a sign of the trust we have built and the need we are meeting.

Snapshot

- Young women and teenage mothers actively engaged in mentorship and crochet training.
- Products created and sold, generating income for participants.
- A growing base of community partnerships across Kamuli District.
- A dedicated core team spanning finance, communications and vocational training.
- 200+ young women skilled, 2000+ items crafted in the past 3 years

Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome volunteers with a wide range of skills, whether you can join us in Kamuli or support us remotely. Below are our current priority roles if your skill set isn't listed, reach out anyway; we're always glad to explore a good fit.

Role	What You'll Do	Time Commitment	Format
Grant Writer	Research funding opportunities and help draft proposals for donors and impact investors.	3–5 hrs/wk	Remote
Fundraising Officer	Develop fundraising campaigns and donor relationships.	3–5 hrs/wk	Remote/Hybrid
Social Media Manager	Plan and create content celebrating our programs, products and community stories.	2–4 hrs/wk	Remote
Website Developer	Maintain and improve igacuganda.org, including the online shop.	Project-based	Remote
Photographer / Videographer	Document training sessions, products and community events.	Flexible	In-person

Role	What You'll Do	Time Commitment	Format
Graphic Designer	Design materials such as brochures, packaging and social content.	Project-based	Remote
Business Mentor	Coach participants launching small crochet and craft enterprises.	2–3 hrs/wk	Remote
Crochet Trainer	Teach and refine crochet techniques with participants.	Flexible	In-person
Tailoring Trainer	Share tailoring and sewing skills as part of vocational training.	Flexible	In-person
Monitoring & Evaluation Volunteer	Help design simple tools to track program outcomes and impact.	Project-based	Remote
Research Assistant	Support market research, funding research, or impact studies.	Flexible	Remote
Communications Officer	Support storytelling, newsletters and donor communications.	2–4 hrs/wk	Remote
Marketing Volunteer	Support product marketing and shop growth strategies.	Flexible	Remote

Information for International Volunteers

Who Can Apply

We welcome applicants aged 18 and above from any country. No specific professional background is required for most roles; what matters most is commitment, respect for our community and a genuine willingness to learn.

Visa Considerations

International volunteers travelling to Uganda are responsible for arranging their own visa. Uganda offers tourist and volunteer visa categories; requirements vary by nationality, so please check with the Ugandan embassy or consulate in your home country, or the official Uganda immigration portal, well ahead of travel.

Accommodation

IGACU can advise on guesthouse and homestay options in and around Kamuli District and neighbouring Jinja City. Volunteers are responsible for their own accommodation and living costs unless otherwise agreed in writing, considering available space.

Cultural Expectations

- Dress modestly, particularly when visiting community and training sites.
- Greet elders and community leaders respectfully; greetings matter in Ugandan culture.
- Ask before photographing participants, especially children and teenage mothers.
- Approach our beneficiaries' stories with sensitivity, many have experienced trauma.

Safety

Kamuli District is generally safe, but as with any travel, volunteers should take standard precautions: secure valuables, use trusted transport and stay in touch with the IGACU team during their placement. IGACU will provide a local point of contact for the duration of your visit.

Local Transportation

Boda-bodas (motorcycle taxis) and shared taxis are the common means of local transport. IGACU staff can help arrange safe, trusted transport for volunteers.

Living in Uganda

Kamuli District is a warm, community-oriented area in Eastern Uganda, near Jinja City. Expect a relatively rural setting, warm hospitality and a slower pace of life than in major cities.

Suggested Packing List

- Modest, breathable clothing suitable for warm weather
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes for community visits
- Sun protection (hat, sunscreen) and insect repellent
- Basic first-aid kit and any personal medication
- Reusable water bottle
- Power adapter (Uganda uses Type G plugs, 240V)
- A small gift or craft supply to share, if desired optional

Your Volunteer Journey

Here is what to expect, from your first application to receiving your certificate of service:

1. Application — Submit the online application form and your CV.
2. Interview — A short conversation (in person or by video call) to understand your interests and skills.
3. Acceptance — You'll receive confirmation and next steps by email.
4. Orientation — An introduction to IGACU's mission, safeguarding policies and your specific role.
5. Assignment — You begin your placement, remote or in-person, with clear goals.
6. Supervision — Regular check-ins with your IGACU point of contact throughout your placement.
7. Completion — A wrap-up conversation to reflect on your contribution and impact.
8. Certificate — You receive an official IGACU Certificate of Volunteer Service.

Code of Conduct

All IGACU volunteers agree to uphold the following standards, which protect the children, young women, and communities we serve:

Child & Youth Safeguarding

- Never be alone with a minor without another adult present.
- Never photograph or share images of program participants without explicit consent.
- Report any safeguarding concern immediately to the IGACU leadership team.

Professionalism

- Arrive on time and honour your committed hours.
- Communicate openly with your IGACU supervisor about challenges or changes.

Confidentiality

- Protect the personal stories and information of participants and staff.
- Do not share beneficiary stories publicly without permission.

Respect & Inclusion

- Treat every participant, colleague, and community member with dignity.
- Engage across differences of culture, faith, and background without judgment.

Accountability & Anti-Discrimination

- Use any resources, funds, or equipment entrusted to you responsibly.
- IGACU does not tolerate discrimination on the basis of gender, tribe, religion, disability, or any other status.

Ethical Fundraising

- Never solicit funds on IGACU's behalf without written authorization.
- Be transparent and honest in all fundraising communications.

Social Media Policy

- Represent IGACU accurately and positively on personal social media.
- Seek approval before posting photos or details from training sessions or community visits.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is volunteering paid?

No. IGACU volunteer positions are unpaid. Some roles may include support such as local transport or a meal during in-person placements, to be agreed in advance.

Can I volunteer remotely?

Yes. Many of our roles, including grant writing, design, communications, and marketing are fully remote.

How many hours are expected?

This varies by role, typically 2–5 hours per week for remote roles, or a set schedule for in-person placements. We agree on a schedule together before you begin.

Do you provide accommodation?

IGACU can advise on local accommodation options, but volunteers are responsible for arranging and covering their own accommodation, with exception of few cases

Can I complete an internship with IGACU?

Yes. We welcome students seeking internship placements; please mention this in your application so we can align the experience with your academic requirements.

Will I receive a certificate?

Yes. All volunteers who complete their agreed term receive an official IGACU Certificate of Volunteer Service.

Can I fundraise for IGACU?

Yes, with written authorization from our team so we can support and verify your campaign.

How to Apply

Ready to join us? Here's how to get started:

9. Complete the online application form: <https://forms.gle/9S23dc7Lt1DioGqPA>
10. Submit your CV or a short summary of your skills and experience.
11. Attend a short interview (where applicable).
12. Receive your orientation materials.
13. Begin volunteering with IGACU!

Apply online: <https://forms.gle/9S23dc7Lt1DioGqPA>

Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you. Reach out with any questions about volunteering with IGACU.

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“Every young woman deserves the opportunity to discover her potential.”

By volunteering with IGACU, you become part of a movement that equips teenage mothers, out-of-school girls and young women with the skills, confidence and opportunities to build independent and fulfilling lives.

Together, we are proving that every girl is great and capable.

I AM GREAT AND CAPABLE

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