



Sanyu Babies' Home

"Home of joy"

Hello,

Thank you for contacting Sanyu Babies' Home. The mission of the home is to provide Christ-like love to babies and children deprived of parental love, and to reintegrate them into the community through reuniting them with their families, fostering or adoption. Sanyu cares for children aged between 1 day and 4 years old and has the capacity to care for up to 50 children.

Sanyu is a charitable organisation that relies almost entirely on donations and on the support of volunteers like you, and general day to day visitors, to keep the home running successfully.



Volunteering Opportunities:

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities here at Sanyu, whatever your interests and prior experience. We welcome people who are trained in the fields of medicine, social work, construction and accounting, as well as general volunteers who can help within a variety of departments in the home. These include:

- Care Workers Department (feeding, changing and playing with the children)
- The Domestic Department (laundry and catering)
- The School
- Nursing Station
- Office & Administration
- General Compound

If you don't have any experience of handling babies, don't worry, we have staff on hand to assist you.

The children follow a regular timetable – during weekdays, the mornings are spent in class and afternoons are for playtime. At weekends, both the mornings and afternoons are for playtime. Volunteers are encouraged to help out in either mornings or afternoons or both, working alongside the Mamas.

Volunteer Working Hours:

Morning Shift – 7.30am – 1pm

Afternoon Shift – 3pm – 7pm

Volunteers are not expected to work full shifts every day. This is simply a guide as to when the children are awake and when there are tasks that need to be done around the home.

As you settle in, you may find that you work best starting at 9am and continuing to lunch time. Or you may find you prefer to do the early shift starting at 7.30am then have a mid-morning break before lunch time.

You will also work out as you settle in when you are most needed.

Household Chores:

Alongside assisting with the care of the children we would also like you to assist the staff by helping with general chores. With 50 children, there are always many chores to be done and help is much appreciated.

In the Laundry Department the work includes washing clothes by hand, hanging clothes out to dry, taking clothes off the lines, folding sheets and sorting clothes.

In the Catering Department the work includes sorting beans, sorting rice, peeling potatoes and matooke and washing up bottles, cups and plates after mealtimes.

In the Sanitation Department the work includes cleaning the dining room, classrooms and sleeping areas, and sweeping the compound.

Other tasks include sorting and cleaning shoes, cleaning toys and mats, and making beds.

Please ask the staff for further guidance and clarification.



Health:

Due to the number of children we take care of, there are often some with cold/flu like symptoms. Please practise good hand hygiene by washing hands often and using alcohol gel to prevent spread of infection as much as possible. Because of the close contact you will have with the children, you may well get flu at some point.

Some of our children are HIV Positive, so please wear gloves when changing nappies or coming into contact with any bodily fluids if you have an open wound on your hand. Their conditions are managed very well by our nurses, but please speak to the Nurse or the Director if you have any concerns.

Donating Items:

If you would like to donate items to the home, we are especially interested in

- baby formula milk (for babies 0-6 months old)
- disposable nappies
- baby wipes
- Milton sterilizing tablets
- disposable gloves
- plastic toys
- durable books
- shoes for the toddlers

Every donation, however big or small, helps to change the lives of the children, so thank you in anticipation.



Useful information

- When you arrive please read the Welcome Pack as it includes lots of useful information.
- It is useful to bring hand sanitizer and disposable gloves for your own use.
- Each time you come to volunteer you will need to sign in and out using the volunteer book located at the main gate.
- You are welcome to join the staff for their 10am tea break and/or lunch between 1-2pm. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

You will need to fill in the Volunteer Application Form and return it to us with a copy of your Passport/ National ID and Certificate of Good Conduct. You will also need to provide a copy of your Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate as we require all volunteers to be fully vaccinated.