

## Volunteering With KKEV Cambodia

1. **Why Volunteering With KKEV Cambodia:** KKEV Cambodia is an international, non-governmental, non-profit, and non-political organization that was established in Phnom Penh in 2006, by the German association Kinderhilfe Kambodscha e.V.

KKEV Cambodia's mission is to provide a dedicated & committed team to run & expand our orphanage social centre near Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We are a unique international organization who cares for four special target groups of children – orphan, abandoned, domestic violent and family with HIV affected children. Currently, we serve a maximum of 100 children in the children's village and a maximum of 120 children in the Street Children Program in the Sen Sok community.

Your volunteering at KKEV Cambodia will help improving the English speaking and communication skills of our children as well as providing a life-changing experience for them as they will learn from observing and interacting with people who are usually not living with them.

2. **Skills And Duration Needed:** We always look for help to improve especially on the quality of education for our children. If you are an enthusiastic individual with skills and expertise who can work directly with our staff to share, collaborate and empower, please don't hesitate to contact us. However, please bear in mind that the most skill we need in our Children's Village is in the education field – teaching English as a second language to our children. A part of teaching English during the daytime, coaching our children's football team in the evening is also a plus and an important skill needed as the children love to play football but lack tactics/strategy. Being sporty will also help you as the volunteer to develop relationships with the children.

To ensure a safe and consistent environment for our children, **volunteers must be able to commit to at least 6 months at KKEV**. We on our side are committed to always have 2 volunteers supporting us at the same time, so the volunteers already have another colleague going through the same experience of being a volunteer at KKEV Cambodia.

3. **Life In The Children's Village:** Our children have a regular schedule.

**Morning:** Life in our village starts early and the children get up at 5 AM, when temperatures are still moderate, and the children can exercise together for a bit and do some of their household duties prior to breakfast. After breakfast, the children help cleaning up after themselves and get organized for the day.

Part of the children travel to school for morning classes. The children that attend school during the afternoon stay in the village during their mornings and have time for their English, computer and Khmer supporting classes. Library visits and meditation take place about two to three times weekly. The children also can choose to do more sports in the

morning before they attend school. Life skills, such as cooking, gardening and mechanics are also taught in our village.

**Lunchtime:** After lunch, everyone takes a break, before students that have spent their morning in the village have to attend school and are brought to their afternoon classes.

The children that attend morning school classes arrive at our village, receive lunch and after their break time they receive the same lessons that the other children received in the morning.

**Evening:** Everyone is back at our village at 5:45PM and dinner is enjoyed together. After dinner the children retreat to their homes for homework and self-study. Our carers assist the children where needed before bedtime.

Twice a week, children enjoy a movie night in the village, whilst weekends are dominated by cultural studies in dance, sports, music classes and there is a focus on learning life skills as well as simply finding rest. At least once a week, the boys and the girls also enjoy the evening football at our football pitch.

Your life as a volunteer in our children's village will be just the same as it is for our children. You will be not treated as volunteer but will be part of our KKEV family. Mainly, you will help teaching the English classes to our children and besides will help in our garden or coaching our football teams in the evening if you can.

You will be provided 3 meals per day and accommodation in our children's village. However, you are required to share the cost of 30 USD per month for food and 120 USD per month for accommodation. The electricity cost is based on the amount of use and it costs 1KW = 0.375 USD.

- 4. How To Apply:** To apply for volunteering with KKEV Cambodia, please send your CV and cover letter describing your skill and interest to [claudia@suessmuth.me](mailto:claudia@suessmuth.me). Our staff will get back to you as soon as possible after receiving your application. We look very much forward to getting to know passionate volunteers who want to support the academic and social development of the children in our village.
- 5. Medical/Vaccination:** Prior to arrival, we recommend you to check with your doctor about the pre-travel vaccinations that are required for Cambodia. Opinions vary from country to country, doctor to doctor, so we have included a few general notes for you here.

**HEPATITIS A** is spread through contaminated water and food. The vaccine requires a booster at 6 to 12 months, but you can get that in Cambodia if you have not finished the course before you leave your home country.

**HEPATITIS B** is very common in Cambodia. The vaccine is a must before coming, especially if you plan to have any medical procedures or tattoos. It requires three injections over a 6-month period.

**TYPHOID** is spread through contaminated food and water, and is common in Cambodia. Though a serious illness, it is treatable. Nevertheless, vaccination is strongly recommended before your trip to Cambodia.

**JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS** is caused by a mosquito-borne virus. Cases do occur in rural Cambodia, and the vaccine is recommended for those who will be spending extended periods of time in rural areas. KKEV Cambodia is in the city, so it is not usually required for volunteers.

**RABIES** is spread by bites from rabid animals, and is fatal if untreated. If you plan to be anywhere where you will be more than 24 hours from a decent hospital, you should consider getting a rabies shot. Even if you get the vaccination though, you'll still need to seek medical care. If you do get bitten while in Phnom Penh, you must seek medical attention immediately.

**DENGUE** is a mosquito-borne illness that causes a severe flu-like fever, and can cause serious complications. There is no vaccine. It is common in Phnom Penh so you must protect yourself from mosquito bites. If you have dengue symptoms (headache, nausea, and fever), you should consult with KKEV Cambodia Management immediately.

**ANTI-MALARIA MEDICATION** You do not need to take anti-malarial medication in Cambodian cities. However, if you are travelling near forested areas, it is best to take them as a precaution and they can be purchased in Phnom Penh. Always practice good mosquito protection- long clothing and insect repellent- especially during the night.

**OTHER MEDICATIONS** it is also probably a good idea for you to bring all essential medications with you. There are pharmacies in Phnom Penh selling medicines, such as headache tablets, some contraceptives, skin creams and diarrhea medications. U-Care is one of the more popular pharmacy chains in Phnom Penh with imported medicines and English-speaking pharmacists. Most foreigners living in Cambodia take de-worming medication every six months as a precaution.

**6. Getting Visa:** KKEV Cambodia volunteers are required to arrange and pay for their own visas. Visas can easily be purchased on arrival at Cambodian airports or at border crossings.

**You'll need:**

- A passport valid for at least 6 months from the arrival date
- A completed application form, provided to you on the plane before you touch down
- If staying 2 months or less, at least 2 free pages in your passport (visas take up a whole page)
- One recent passport photograph (4 x 6)\*

\* At the Phnom Penh International Airport it is possible to have your passport photo scanned for use on your visa. There is a USD\$2 charge for this service.

If you're coming to visit for less than 2 months in total you should get a TOURIST VISA (Visa Type T). It is 30USD + 6USD (processing charge).

If you are coming for longer than 2 months in total you will need to get an ORDINARY VISA (Visa Type E). It is 35USD + 7USD (processing charge).

Provide the desk at the arrival gate with your form, passport, photo and exact payment in USD. Always check you get the right visa type. If there is a problem, respectfully & calmly discuss the mistake with the immigration officials. There is usually a way to fix it. For all visa types, you will always get an initial 1 month visa on arrival. You will then need to extend it when the initial month is coming to an end. These visas are single entry only. If you leave Cambodia you will need to gain another visa on re-entry.

For more information about getting Visa, please check this link: <https://www.evisa.gov.kh>

### **EXTENDING YOUR VISA**

Visas can easily be extended at many of the travel agents around town. You will need to provide your passport, a passport photo (4x6), the required fee, and an official letter from KKEV Cambodia detailing your volunteering position – please request this in advance from the KKEV Cambodia Management Team. It usually takes from 2 to 5 days to be processed and must be done before your visa expires otherwise it may cost you \$5 per day if you have overstayed.

Tourist Visas can be extended for 1 additional month. Ordinary Visas can be extended for 3, 6 or 12 months.

Fees:

- 1 month visa (TOURIST / ORDINARY) - not valid for re-entry once you exit Cambodia - \$50 - \$60
- 3 month visa (ORDINARY ONLY) - not valid for re-entry once you exit Cambodia - \$90
- 6 month visa (ORDINARY ONLY) - multiple entries - \$180-200
- 1 year visa (ORDINARY ONLY) - multiple entries - \$320-330

### **NOTE**

It may seem strange giving your passport to a stranger but it is the only way to be processed. We have never had any issues with passports not coming back or being misused. The KKEV Cambodia Management Team will be able to recommend trusted travel agents if you want them.